

was covered with ice, and as the vehicle came around the turn, the driver was traveling too fast for conditions.

Notice I did not say he was speeding, because in my estimation, speed indicates he is traveling faster than the posted limit. But this man made the mistake of traveling a little too fast on this icy surface around the curve, so we have a driver error.



As he came around the curve, he slid off and went into the ditch along the road edge.

Notice here there is no shoulder to this roadway, and notice the very deep drainage ditch along the road edge.

The ironic part of this thing is the fact that this is a nonfunctional drainage ditch, its function having been lost by a subdivision that is to the left, and in the background with service drives, making this ditch just a deep ditch.

He went off into the ditch as you can see, and struck with the left front fender in that area, causing the door to pop open. He was ejected and was killed.

Now, we have a problem with automotive design in that the car door opened; but the important thing is that had this been a relatively flat area, he could have made his mistake—I am not making any excuse for the vehicle, but even with his mistake, he could have survived this accident.

The other mistake that he made is that there was a seat belt available in the car. He did not wear it this day.