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ANOTHER GREAT TOUR—BUG TUSSLE TREK



The beautiful courthouse at Bonham, Texas was the first stop on our annual tour. This year we were asked to park around the courthouse and it seemed like we were at a car show. Local classic cars were also displayed and many Bonham area residents came out to view the cars. Our start was rather “iffy” back in Farmersville as a sudden rain downpour had us scrambling to get our literature under the gazebo roof and the convertible car owners were scrambling to get their tops up! Well, we needed the rain, and an added benefit was cooler weather for the morning run.



A highlight on the tour was Holly Roper driving the family 1931 Chevrolet, chauffeuring two of her college friends on the Trek. Holly spent several hours learning to drive the antique so she could make the Trek. Left is Lainy Kittrell, Holly, and Alvia McLwen, all Texas A & M seniors. Sure was nice seeing the young people on the trek. Following the girls was dad, Joel Roper, in the Metropolitan. He related the only time they lagged was driving behind a slow moving truck hauling hay. “There isn’t any passing gear in the old Chevrolet”!

Bug Tussle Trek Continued

Our next stop was at Honey Grove, a change since we usually made the Bug Tussle stop before lunch. As in past years, Honey Grove allowed our group to use their Learning Center for lunch. They received both money and food goods from the tour folks. Some trekkers brought their own food, others had ordered from the caterer. The caterer was late getting his food orders ready for the influx of people, but once received, it was very good. Sue and I had BBQ brisket which was very good. After lunch, the local police escorted the caravan out to the bustling “crossroads” of Bug Tussle and the cheerleaders strutted their stuff.



Top left: George Smith is either holding up the porch roof or it is holding him up. It was hot by this time and everyone was busy fanning away with the blue fans that we gave away. Left: Doug and Susie Siminoe doing some “veteran” yelling as they have been on many Bug Tussle treks.

After the celebration the tour left for Paris. The hospitality was in the Holiday Inn and opened soon after we arrived. Snacks and drinks were available. After the banquet, the hospitality offered watermelon margarita’s, courtesy of Cole and Kathy Clayton.



About 6:30 PM those trekkers attending the banquet left for Heritage Hall for a dinner and festivities. The Lamar County Historical Museum was opened just for our group and most everyone paid a visit. It is a great museum and although many had visited it before, it has so many things to see, it is always fun to revisit. The banquet hall was beautifully decorated and thanks go to Susie Siminoe, Martha Smith, Holly Roper and her two college friends, and Nichole’s friend a Trekker, Rebecca Lowe.

Bug Tussle Trek Continued

The banquet was a jovial time, the attendees were visiting and enjoying congratulating the winners of the various categories. i.e., the oldest driver, youngest driver, driver who came the most distance, and the hard luck recipient.



Pictured above are Nichole and Charlie Gambulos II. They have led the Bug Tussle Trek for many years and again, led a successful trek this year.

Sunday morning found the tour on some nice country roads on the way to Ladonia for some ice cold watermelon and shopping at Granny's Christmas Store and next door, Granny's Place. Seemed like everyone was coming out of her two stores carrying packages. Our last stop was in Farmersville for a Mexican lunch at the Civic Center.

GREAT TOUR!!

Article Submitted by Carey Frisby

Fall Tour

Dates: November 3-5, 2022

Hotel: Comfort Suites
131 RVG Boulevard
Waxahachie, TX 75165
469 517 1600

\$110 plus taxes for either double queen or King if 10 rooms are reserved. 20 rooms are blocked. \$20 plus taxes per pet charge per night. Cutoff for these rates is 11:59 pm October 20
If 20 rooms are reserved the meeting room is free November 3 and 4. Otherwise it is \$150, both nights included.

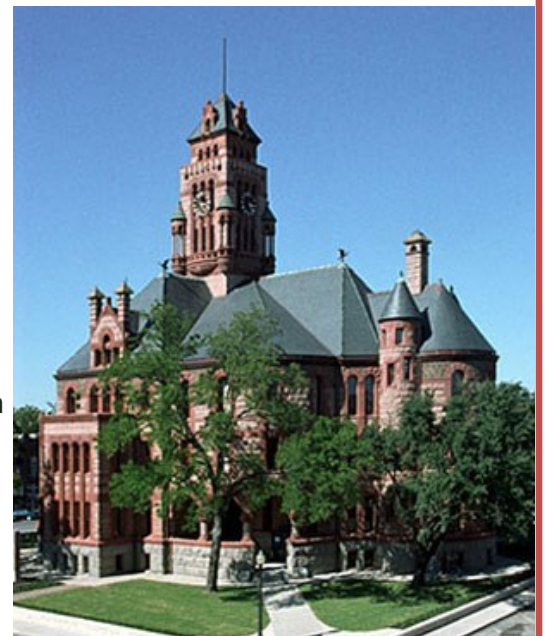
Tour route about 75 miles on November 4 is mostly Ellis County with some in Dallas county.

There will be an afternoon tour about 2pm on November 3 to visit the Dome homes and about 10am Victorian home tour November 5.

There will be route maps available each day.

Click [HERE](#) to indicate your intention to participate in the tour.

Tour Director: Larry & Pat Kollie



Ellis County Courthouse in Waxahachie, TX

From the teacher's desk...

Greetings members!

It is hard to imagine that the Bug Tussle has ended for another year! I was looking back at photos from the first one I worked on with Charlie as one week old newlyweds in 2015. We definitely were bright eyed and bushy tailed back then. We have changed a few things here and there such as the tour book, yearly themes, mirror hang tags, swag, etc. With that being said, I look forward to your feedback. I've heard from a few people on what they liked and did not like. I hope that you will let me know your ideas for next year. Bug Tussle has only been over for 48 hours and I've already been bouncing ideas off of Becky with Paris Tourism this morning on how to make next year unique. Our city partners might change, but the heart and soul of Bug Tussle is something I want to make sure we keep.



Bug Tussle is a fun event to get out the old cars and meet new people. It's been called a recruiting tool, too. Some of us join the club almost instantly afterwards (like me) or sometimes it takes attending 29 tours before joining. Yes, I'm talking about spider covered Nash Metropolitan driver Brent Herling here. I've been after him for years and I'm sure Joel Roper has as well. He FINALLY joined up. This guy even met me in the parking lot of Market Hall for flyers to advertise the event. What fanatic does that? Why did he keep coming back? He had fun. That's what it's all about. I hope we don't lose sight of the fun - and the people over the years who have influenced it that are no longer with us such as Mary Ann Denman, Glen Reznicek, and Bob and Patsy Tarpenting are just ones I remember most recently. Forgive me if I am missing a favorite person of yours as I've only been around the Trek for 15.09% of its 53 years.

The Trek would never have lasted this long if it hadn't been for those volunteers who work to help the Wagon Master and myself. John and Denise Velde are my go to people for the tour book and registration. Every year, John saddles up to that binding machine like a long lost friend. Well, that's how I like to picture it anyway. At registration, they are always the first people to show up, every year. They (and the Frisby's) were calm and collected while I was low key panicking about the books getting rained on during the morning deluge. Sandy Clayton always comes and helps with fans or name tags on work day, dressed in her signature Betsy Johnson rhinestone lady bug jewelry. Carey and Sue Frisby were absolute ROCKSTARS at the event all day long for us. I cannot thank them enough for helping with meal check in (and much needed feedback), registration, and advice. Carey - your buddy Charles wants to know what happened to your friend Freddie the Flea? Joel Roper, Holly and her friends came and helped set up table decor and made sure to check in with every banquet attendee for shirts and dash plaques. Those girls could sell ice to an Eskimo! Susie Siminoe helped with table decor and checking in with me to make sure I was still standing. Cole and Kathy Clayton brought their amazing watermelon margaritas along with Phillip Clayton IV, for his Bug Tussle debut. He was quickly roped into helping with margarita duty. I heard that the drinks were only watermelon in color and could strip paint off a car. I only recall them being delicious! Finn-Erik and Karen Juliussenn along with Brady and Vickie Richards helped me with the setup of hospitality while Unni Juliussenn and Charles played with the strings of pennants I had brought for decoration. They must have ran a mile in that hospitality room - not an ipad or tablet in sight, just pure glee!

Probably the most surprising help of all came from my homegirl, quilting BFF, and former teaching colleague Rebecca Lowe who doesn't even own an old car. She came out to Farmersville when Charles was 10 weeks old to help me that morning, and ever since has started to ask me about Bug Tussle and what we are up to (and of course, offering feedback).. She has come on the Trek for the last three years. This year, she hauled the coolers for us roundtrip the entire time. She did skip out on the cheers though so that she could make it to the Paris quilt shop before they closed. We were still driving back from cheering when she began texting photos of all the things I was missing at the quilt shop. (They closed before we made it back. Guess I'll have to go next year!).

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All this is to say, invite everyone you know and post often on our social media. We have over 560 people who follow the Bug Tussle page now! You never know what might happen. This year, we were even joined by Pete Phillips. Mr. Phillips owns United Motors and has shops in Leonard and Bonham. You might have visited one of them the last couple of years during our stops. I had no idea he was even thinking of coming until I saw his registration. He drove his gorgeous 1965 Buick Wildcat. It was such an awesome surprise.

Keep your tank filled, your heart full, and thinking the good thoughts!.

In service,
Nichole

P.S. If you see a small black Tuscon driving around North Garland with three years worth of Bug Tussle Magnets, quilting window stickers, and a random Star Trek quote, honk because it's Rebecca and she needs to know how to get back to Bug Tussle, Texas!

P.P.S. We raised \$326 cash and donated many canned goods for the Honey Grove Food Pantry!

Job postings:
Spotlight Editor
September meeting host

Annual Christmas Party/Dinner

Saturday, December 17 2:00-4:00

Hideaway Clubhouse in Hideaway, TX



Please plan to join us for our annual end-of-year shindig, hosted by Martha & George Smith. Take a drive into scenic East Texas and enjoy the surroundings of Hideaway, Texas. Martha and George have hosted our Christmas Party there in the past, so expect good food and a good time!

The election of 2023 officers will take place at this meeting.

Click [HERE](#) to reserve a spot at the table!! (RSVPs are required as Hideaway is a gated community)

From the editor...

It's been two and a half years of upheaval due to Covid-19 and all the issues related to that, but it seems to me that our club is back on track. We've had monthly meetings most months this year, and we have more planned. Tours seem to be getting back on track—the recently completed annual Bug Tussle Trek was a great success and even though I wasn't able to make it this year I've heard various reports about it and I think it was well received. Our bank balance is improving due to the success of the Pate Swap meet this year, and the outlook for next year is great! Kudos to Joel for leading us through the first two years of this upheaval and to Nichole for continuing that process this year. Elections will be coming up at the December meeting (Christmas Party) and the nominating committee will be filling the slate over the next few months. Consider serving on the board—we need a constant influx of new folks on our board. It keeps the club energized.

I am in my third year as the editor of The Spotlight. I have enjoyed being in this role, but I have a number of irons in the fire in other areas beyond my classic cars, and so it is time for me to step down. I will continue through the end of this year, so 3 more editions after this one. We really, really need someone to step up and fill this role. The Spotlight has been around a long time—let's not let it fall by the wayside!!

We have numerous events planned through the rest of the year. I will list them here, along with their respective RSVP link. The RSVP process is very important. It helps the event host to prepare for the event and when our event is in a gated community (e.g., Lake Kiowa and Hideaway) it provides us a list to use to get gate clearance for those attending.

September Meeting - At this time we do not have a host, but Nichole is working on it and if it comes about I will send out an email with information as well as an RSVP link.

October Meeting - The October meeting will be in Keller at the Hester's Car Barn, Oct 16th. It is a nice central location and is usually well attended. Please click [HERE](#) to RSVP. Thanks to Ira & Nuris for hosting!

Fall Tour - The Fall Tour is centered in Waxahachie and will take place November 3-5. Please see the article about this on page 3. Click [HERE](#) (or on page 3) to RSVP. I've been on several tours in the past planned by Larry Kollie—he does a great job and this is sure to be a good tour!

November Meeting - The November meeting (Nov 20) will be in Palmer at the Palmer ISD Administration Building, where we have met numerous times in the past. It's only 25 miles south on I45 from the interchange with I20. There will be an RSVP link to this in the October Spotlight. Thanks to Judy for hosting this!

December Meeting / Christmas Party - Our annual Christmas Party, which includes election of 2023 officers, will be Saturday, December 17th. See page 5 for details; directions and more details will be in subsequent issues of The Spotlight. Click [HERE](#) (or on page 5) to RSVP. Thanks to George & Martha for hosting!

Roger Dennison

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2022 CALENDAR

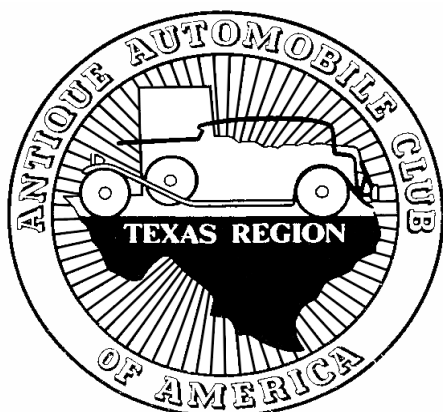
September 18—Monthly Meeting
TBD (Looking for a host!!!)

October 16—Monthly Meeting at
Hester's Car Barn in Keller (Ira &
Nuris Hester)

November 20—Monthly Meeting at
Palmer ISD Admin Bldg (Judy Kerr-
Guysinger)

Dec 17—Annual Christmas Party/
Dinner at Hideaway Clubhouse
(Hosted by George & Martha Smith)

2023—Events and Dates to be
announced. Be watching "The
Spotlight" each month.



Spotlight Classifieds



4 Moon Dish Wheel Covers for
14" Wheels. \$50

Also a radiator from a 1959 Ford
Fairlane (fits many Fords). It
has a modern core and does not
leak. \$150



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