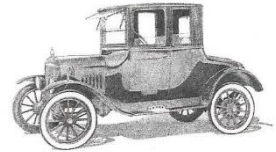


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40th Annual Texas T Party

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For those of you that do not know of the Texas T Party, it's an event that happens once a year for a 4 or 5-day weekend, depending on how you want to look at it!! Members from all over the country come down to Texas and drive their Model T's through back roads and along the way we have several stops to stretch out and visit some historic areas. This year we were stationed in Kerrville TX; our host was the Space City T's of Houston TX. Many thanks to them for such a wonderful tour; without them this would not be possible.

Our first tour was around 70 miles and on this day, we visited the Avery's Jewelry Store which was of interest for the ladies, the gentlemen were out visiting and looking at the T's. We then drove to the city of Harper TX to eat a wonderful BBQ lunch by local vender at the Harper Community Park and Pioneer Memorial Museum. This site was first settled by the Matthew Taylor and Eli McDonald families in 1863. A historical marker shows the site of the McDonald massacre of August 1864, in which two members of the McDonald family were killed by the Kiowa Indians, a young mother and four children were captured, and the elderly Aunt Hannah escaped. After lunch we proceeded to Stonehenge II, this is the Texas Hill Country's version of the Neolithic Britons assembled on Salisbury, England. After this stop, we all went back to the hotel to get some rest before our dinner. Luckily, we only had one member that had to be vultured back to the hotel.

On our second tour, which was about 65 miles, we took the back roads to Fredericksburg TX. On the way there however, we had one member that broke down, luckily the vulture wagon was passing by. Once we got to our destination, we had to form a line to get our pictured taken at the Pioneer Museum. This took some time since we had over 100 Model T's that they had to photograph.

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