

<b>Texas Plains Trail Region Caravan 2019</b>				Barbara Brannon mobile (806) 252-6554		
July 29-31, 2019      update 7/27/19				* Indicates stops invited to join for meals		

The Caravan route will travel counterclockwise from Lubbock, ending up in the same place three days later. Stops are limited, with a few featuring brief programs. For full registrants, lodging and meals are included, as well as tickets to the TEXAS Outdoor Musical on July 30.

WAYPOINT	MILES TO	DRIVE TIME	VISIT TIME	NOTES & EVENTS	HISTORY / SOCIAL MEDIA FOCUS	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
<b>MONDAY, JULY 29</b>							
Lubbock	0	0	45	<b>Breakfast at Lubbock Lake Landmark</b> , 2401 Landmark Dr. Lubbock city council member Randy Christian; County Judge Curtis Parrish on hand. Carl C. Williams, retired Brewster County sheriff who escorted Gov. John Connally on the original 1968 Texas Mountain Trail Caravan, will also be participating on Monday. Brief talk by Deborah Bigness or Elieen Johnson.	To kick off our 3-day tour of the The Llano Estacado -- the world's largest flat land area - we'll gather at the Lubbock Lake National Historic Landmark. This "ancient watering hole" is the only one in North America to preservs a complete record of nearly 12,000 years of human history located in one place, and uncovered by scientists. We'll have a quick bite of breakfast, a talk by Landmark staff, and a well-wishing sendoff by local officials.	8:00 AM	8:45 AM
Lubbock	10	15	0	FOLLOW LUBBOCK MAP PROVIDED. Drive down Indiana Ave. and turn east to pass MOTTU, NRHC, Tech campus; on to LHUCA district and turn south on Ave. J then east on Broadway; on to Canyon Lakes, drive through Bayer Museum of Agriculture to see cottage and Underwood car, and on through Windmill Musuem grounds.	Stories of ranching, agriculture, performing arts	8:45 AM	9:00 AM

<b>Lubbock</b>	2	2	30	Travel via MLK Jr. Blvd. to City Cemetery (2011 E. 31st St, Lubbock, TX 79404, Buddy Holly grave)	Buddy Holly life, music career, death	9:00 AM	9:30 AM
<b>Ransom Canyon</b>	18	20	10	Travel out to Southwest Drive and FM 835	Yellowhouse Canyon, "Rescate"	9:50 AM	10:00 AM
<b>Slaton</b>	11	15	10	Travel back out to FM 835, then E to TX 400; south past Texas Air Museum (12102 FM 400, Slaton, TX). At US 84, bear left onto Railroad Ave., go by Harvey House (400 Railroad Ave.). Go back to downtown Slaton square; then continue S on TX 400 to Wilson.	Railroad history; Slaton Bakery, a Texas Treasure Business Award winner, recently reopened after fire next door. Restored Harvey House; Slaton as division point on Santa Fe Railroad	10:15 AM	10:25 AM
<b>Wilson/Draw</b>	43	45	0	In downtown Wilson, turn L on TX 211, then S on 1054. Continue S on 1054 (crossing dogleg on US 380) to US 180, turning L into Gail.	Tahoka Lake; "Draw Texas!"	11:10 AM	11:10 AM
<b>Gail</b>	28	35	65	<b>Lunch at Coyote Store</b> , 100 West Wasson Rd., Gail; walk over to Dorward Drug	Gail Mountain; Mushaque Peak, Quanah Parker	11:45 AM	12:50 PM
			10	Take FM 660 N out of Gail to Post	Drive into Dennis Ranch; bone art work	12:50 PM	1:00 PM
<b>Post</b>	32	30	45	Brief visit, Garza County Historical Museum (119 North Ave. N, Post). At intersection with US 380 in Post, continue straight past courthouse, then turn 1 block N to museum	C. W. Post planned city; mill town; rodeo history	1:30 PM	2:15 PM

<b>Crosbyton</b>	38	40	35	Depart Post via Main St.; cross US 84 through downtown, across railroad tracks past Santa Fe Depot on R; turn N on FM 651. Follow it through broken country across Brazos River and up caprock, stopping at US 82 at Crosby County Pioneer Museum (101 West Main St.) •Afternoon coffee/refreshment break	Blanco Canyon; Agricultural history: irrigation, cotton	2:55 PM	3:30 PM
<b>Roaring Springs</b>	39	45	30	Follow US 82 E across Blanco Canyon; turn L on FM 264, which makes several small turns on its way into McAdoo. There, pick up FM 193 until it ends at TX 70; turn N and continue to FM 3203; proceed 1 mile and stop at entrance to Roaring Springs Ranch Club (1991 FM 3203). Visit Roaring Springs pool, springs. Afterward, exit Ranch Club and turn L on FM 3203, traveling N into downtown Roaring Springs and viewing Depot and Tabernacle before returning to TX 70 north to Matador.	Springs along the caprock; Indian metates; park and recreation for Matador cowboys; tabernacle; small-town industry	4:15 PM	4:45 PM
<b>Matador</b>	10	15	30	Arriving at traffic signal at TX 70 and US 62 at Bob's Oil Well, turn R into downtown Matador, then 1 block N on Main St. to Hotel Matador for check-in.		5:00 PM	5:30 PM
	0	0	45	Visit Old Motley County Jail	Cattle ranches; frontier; Old Motley County Jail; what small towns can do with "cowboy ingenuity"	5:30 PM	6:15 PM

	0	0	60	Dinner at Main Street Café (1023 Main St., Matador, TX 79244)		6:15 PM	7:15 PM
<b>Matador</b>	0	0	60	Overnight at historic Hotel Matador (1115 Main St., Matador)	Those who wish can watch 70-minute independent film, "A Line in the Sand," in the hotel parlor after dinner.	7:30 PM	
<b>DAY 1 MILES</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>4.37</b>	<b>7.92</b>	<b>Hours</b>			

TUESDAY, JULY 30

WAYPOINT	MILES TO	DRIVE TIME	VISIT TIME	NOTES & EVENTS	HISTORY / SOCIAL MEDIA FOCUS	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
<b>Matador</b>	0	0	60	<b>Breakfast at Hotel Matador</b>	Delicious home-cooked meal!	8:00 AM	9:00 AM
<b>Turkey</b>				Return to Bob's Oil Well and follow TX 70 N through Whiteflat to Turkey; turn W (left) on TX 86 to Quitaque	Western swing music: home of Bob Wills (of the Texas Playboys fame); Church of Western Swing. Drive by Gem Theatre; Hotel Turkey		
<b>Quitaque</b>	38	45	45	At light in Quitaque, turn N to Caprock Canyons State Park (850 Caprock Canyon Park Road, Quitaque, TX 79255)	Program on bison history; QA&P Railroad, clarity tunnel	9:45 AM	10:20 AM
<b>Silverton</b>	20	25	0	Coming back to Quitaque, turn W toward Silverton on TX 86/256, to Old Briscoe County Jail (415 Main St.)	Stop at historic jail/courthouse; QPT arrow	10:45 AM	11:10 AM
<b>Hamblen Drive Overlook</b>	26	30	30	Just W of Silverton, turn N on TX 207; travel to Hamblen Drive Overlook on S end of canyon, up steep hill on R	Stop for Vicki Hamblen talk at Hamblen Drive scenic overlook	11:30 AM	12:00 PM
<b>Claude</b>	26	30	0	Arrive in Claude; before intersection of TX 207 and US 287, turn R on W 2nd St.; go to courthouse square. Turn L on Trice St. and cross US 287 (BUSY HIGHWAY!) to Gem Theater and Armstrong County Museum. Turn around and go back to US 287; turn L onto US 287 E/S toward Goodnight. 12 miles to GHC. Slow down and watch for house and sign on R.	Drive by historic square; Armstrong County Museum; Gem Theater.	12:30 PM	12:30 PM

<b>Goodnight</b>	24	30	30	Lunch at Cattalo Building, Goodnight Historical Center	Goodnight House and visitor center tour; Buffalo Gold Herd Wear visit. Joined by members of ACM/GHC board	1:00 PM	2:15 PM
<b>Amarillo</b>	46	45	30	Depart GHC via TX 287; return to Claude. At courthouse in Claude, turn S (left) on Trice St., go 5 blocks S to Orient St. (FM 1151) and turn W (right). Travel 35 miles to I-27 via 1151/335. Check into hotel, which is on E access rd. behind Love's Travel Stop. Comfort Suites Amarillo I-27 South 6318 Ventura Dr., Amarillo, TX 79110, (806) 353-51009 Conf 87710586	Take a few minutes to get settled in and freshened up.	3:00 PM	3:30 PM
<b>Canyon</b>	10	15	15	Go under I-27; take Canyon Drive (access road) S toward Canyon. Continue 10 miles parallel to I- 27/US 87; at curve this becomes Hereford Hwy. At stop sign at N. 15th St., turn L across US 60 overpass and turn into parking lot for Tex Randall statue.	Tex Randall (get out for photo op); Palo Duro Canyon; downtown Canyon; Georgia O'Keefe at Hudspeth House	3:45 AM	4:00 PM
<b>Canyon</b>	10	15	60	Continue on 1th St. S toward Canyon; at 4th Ave. (courthouse square) turn E (left). Proceed past Hudspeth House on L to US 87 intersection; turn L for Panhandle- Plains Historical Museum parking (2503 Fourth Ave., Canyon).	Brief visit, with refreshments	4:00 PM	5:15 PM

<b>Palo Duro Canyon</b>	15	30	115	<b>TEXAS Pre-show dinner.</b> From PPHM, turn L on 4th Ave. and continue 12 miles on TX 217 to entrance of Palo Duro Canyon State Park. As TEXAS guests, we'll be waved through the entrance gate. Continue on Park Road past El Coronado Lodge (we will make a brief stop at the visitor center if possible) then down into the canyon. Park at Pioneer Amphitheatre lot on R.	TEXAS Pre-show chuck wagon dinner; optional backstage tours; visits with Comanche actors. Members of ACM/GHC board will join us for dinner and show.	5:45 PM	8:30 PM
<b>Palo Duro Canyon</b>	15	30	90	TEXAS Play. After show ends, travel back up Park Road and onto TX 217 to I-27. Turn N (right) at overpass and continue 10 mi. to hotel.	TEXAS Outdoor Musical and pre-show chuck wagon dinner; optional backstage tours	8:30 AM	11:00 PM
<b>Amarillo</b>	23	30	0	Overnight at hotel	Comfort Suites, I-27 South at Hollywood Rd., Amarillo	11:30 PM	
<b>DAY 2 MILES</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>5.42</b>	<b>7.92</b>	<b>Hours</b>			

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31**

WAYPOINT	MILES TO	DRIVE TIME	VISIT TIME	NOTES & EVENTS	HISTORY / SOCIAL MEDIA FOCUS	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
Amarillo	0	0	30	<b>Breakfast at hotel</b> ; be ready to depart promptly at 8:00	Comfort Suites	7:30 AM	8:00 AM
Amarillo	15	45	45	FOLLOW AMARILLO MAP PROVIDED. Leaving hotel, travel N on I-27 (passing Jack Sisemore Traveland Museum on R) across I-40 and bear R on Buchanan St. exit. Travel N on Buchanan past Civic Center. Turn W (left) on 3rd St., passing the abandoned Herring Hotel on your R. Travel 4 blocks to Polk St., noting Amarillo Building on R. Turn S (left) on Polk and travel 11 blocks to Harrington House. Turn W (right) onto 16th St.; continue 8 blocks to Washington St. Turn N (right) on Washington and continue around N (it will become Adams St.) to SW 6th St. Turn W (left) onto 6th, which is now historic Route 66. Continue on slowly — taking in the Route 66 history! — past the intersection with Georgia Ave., on to Western Blvd. But first we'll pull in at Texas Ivy Antiques (3511 West 6th Ave.) and get a photo with Dora!	Route 66; Polk Street architecture and neon signs; railroads; cattle history	8:00 AM	8:45 AM



<b>Panhandle</b>	40	45	0	Turn N on Western Blvd. and travel N 1 mile to Amarillo Blvd. Turn E (right) and continue 30 miles as it becomes US 60, to Panhandle. Turn N (left) onto TX 207 at CEFCO store; proceed around and turn N (left) onto Elsie St. past Square House Museum (corner of Elsie and Fifth Streets).	Drive through downtown Panhandle, past Carson County Square House Museum	8:45 AM	9:30 AM
<b>Borger</b>	22	25	25	Proceed N on Elsie St. (TX 207) into Borger, bearing R onto S. Main St. Continue 4 mi. N to Hutchinson County Historical Museum (618 North Main St.), where we'll have a <b>Coffee break</b> . Note the oil derrick exhibit across the street.	Boomtown Borger; drive by Hutchinson County Museum; Fuller dome; 1st TPTR office location	9:55 AM	10:20 AM
<b>Borger</b>				Travel a few blocks S and W to Cedar St. at Monroe, where we will drive into the parking lot to view the Buckminster Fuller Dome.			
<b>Sanford/Stinne</b>	20	25	30	From Museum, turn N onto Main St., which will continue N as TX 136. Continue to county seat of StinnettPhoto op/legs stretch at Sanford Dam. Cross the dam, and turn N (right) onto FM 687 to the county seat of Stinnett.	Lake Meredith, Sanford Dam, Canadian River Valley	10:45 AM	11:00 AM

<b>Dumas</b>	30	30	15	Before reaching the Borger County Courthouse in Stinnett, turn W (left) onto TX 152; travel 31 miles to Dumas. At US 287, turn S (left) and proceed to 19th St. Dumas Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center will be on L (1901 S. Dumas Ave.); <b>stop in for bathroom and refreshments</b> . Window on the Plains/Art Center will be on R across 287.	Stop in for brief visit Dumas Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center, Drive by downtown Window on the Plains Museum; downtown streetscapes and historic courthouse; Ding Dong Daddy	11:30 AM	11:45 AM
<b>Channing</b>	30	30	0	From Dumas Chamber, continue s (left) on US 287 to intersection with TX 354. Turn W (left) and travel to the Channing. Cross US 385 and turn N (right) 2 blocks. The XIT Ranch Headquarters is at 5th and W. Railroad Ave.	Drive by XIT Ranch Headquarters	12:15 AM	12:15 AM
<b>Boys Ranch</b>	13	15	15	Return to US 385 and turn S (right), to the entrance of Boys Ranch, on L just north of the Canadian River. Note Boot Hill cemetery on R, Frenchie's Tree on L. Meet up with Danyel Parkhurst, who will ride with us to Vega.	Drive-through: Frenchie's Tree, Old Tascosa, Boot Hill	12:30 PM	12:45 PM
<b>Vega</b>	25	25	60	Continue S (left) out of Boys Ranch, past site of Old Tascosa and over Canadian River. Continue to Vega courthouse square; at Magnolia gas station turn R on Coke St. <b>Sandwich tray lunch at Milburn-Price Cultural Center</b> (1005 Coke St.); walking tours	Comanchero traders; "petroliana": Route 66; Dot's Mini Museum; Magnolia Station	1:10 PM	2:00 PM

<b>Hereford</b>	30	30	0	Continue S on US 385 across Route 66 and under I-40 to Hereford. Watch for cattle statue on outskirts of town. TRUCK TRAFFIC WILL BE HEAVY. Continue through downtown Hereford on 385 (25 Mile Ave.), crossing US 60. Then 1.5 mi. S of town bear R on FM 1055. toward Earth, crossing Running Water Draw.	Cattle industry (beef and dairy)	2:00 PM	2:30 PM
<b>Earth</b>	41	45	5	We'll pull over at the corner of Earth and Park Streets for a photo op at the mural.	Agriculture	3:15 PM	3:20 PM
<b>Muleshoe</b>	19	20	5	From Earth, turn W onto US 70 and travel to downtown Muleshoe. Coming into Muleshoe, turn N (right) onto US 84 (American Blvd.). Note Muleshoe Visitor and Mule Memorial on L before turning. TRUCK TRAFFIC WILL BE HEAVY. Travel 2 mi. to Muleshoe Heritage Center and World's Largest Muleshoe on R (2211 American Blvd.). Pull in and turn around, then pull back out on US 84 and quickly turn R onto 20th St. Go 3 blocks and turn L onto Ave. C. Travel 18 blocks past Bailey County Courthouse, then turn S (right) onto S. 1st St / TX 214 toward the Wildlife Refuge.	Drive by Mule Memorial; Heritage Center	3:40 PM	3:45 PM

<b>Muleshoe NWR</b>	22	25	20	Travel 20 mi. through Needmore to Muleshoe NWR entrance on R. Proceed down caliche road to headquarters. <b>Coffee break</b>	Wildlife/flyways; playa lakes; CCC; talk about 2/14 on Hwy. 214 plan. Brief talk about the Refuge and Trail of Living Water by local historian Sammie Simpson.	4:00 PM	4:20 PM
<b>Maple</b>	10	10	5	Leaving Muleshoe MWR, turn S (right) onto TX 214. At Enochs we'll take a short loop W over to Maple, where Sammie Simpson wants to show us a beautiful lavender field. FM 114 will bring us back E into Morton.		4:30 PM	4:35 PM
<b>Morton</b>	18	20	30	Coming into Morton in FM 114, note Cochran County Courthouse on L (100 N. Main St.) Circle the block to pass by Texas's Last Frontier Museum (108 SW 1st St.) and QPT arrows.	Texas's Last Frontier; Buffalo Soldiers	4:55 PM	4:55 PM
<b>Levelland</b>	27	30	10	Continue SE on FM 114 to Whiteface, curving around toward Levelland. Coming into Levelland, turn S (right) onto Av. H. through downtown, noting mosaic murals, Burklee Hill Winery, and Main Street signage. At H and 11th St. turn L into Visitor Center beside Lobo Lake for a photo op at mural or QPT Arrow, and <b>refreshments</b> and greeting from Main Street Levelland.	City of Mosaics; viticulture; drive by several mosaics and restored downtown; Wallace Theater; stop for "best wishes" packet from Levelland Main Street	5:25 PM	5:35 PM

<b>Smyer</b>	13	15	0	Depart Levelland via 13th St. heading west and crossing US 385 to Brashear Lake Park and turning N on Sherman Ave., which will runback into TX 114. Turn R onto 114; pass vineyards along the way to Lubbock via Carlisle community.	Viticulture (Bolen Vineyards)	5:50 PM	5:50 PM
<b>Lubbock</b>	20	20	0	At intersection with W Loop 289, proceed under Loop and turn N (left) onto Loop 290. Travel to Clovis Rd. exit; turn R and cross highway onto N. Indiana; make immediate L onto Landmark Dr. to return to Lubbock Lake Landmark.	Back to Landmark and Farewell!	6:10 PM	6:10 PM
<b>DAY 3 MILES</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>7.58</b>	<b>4.92</b>	<b>hours</b>			
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>hours</b>			

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