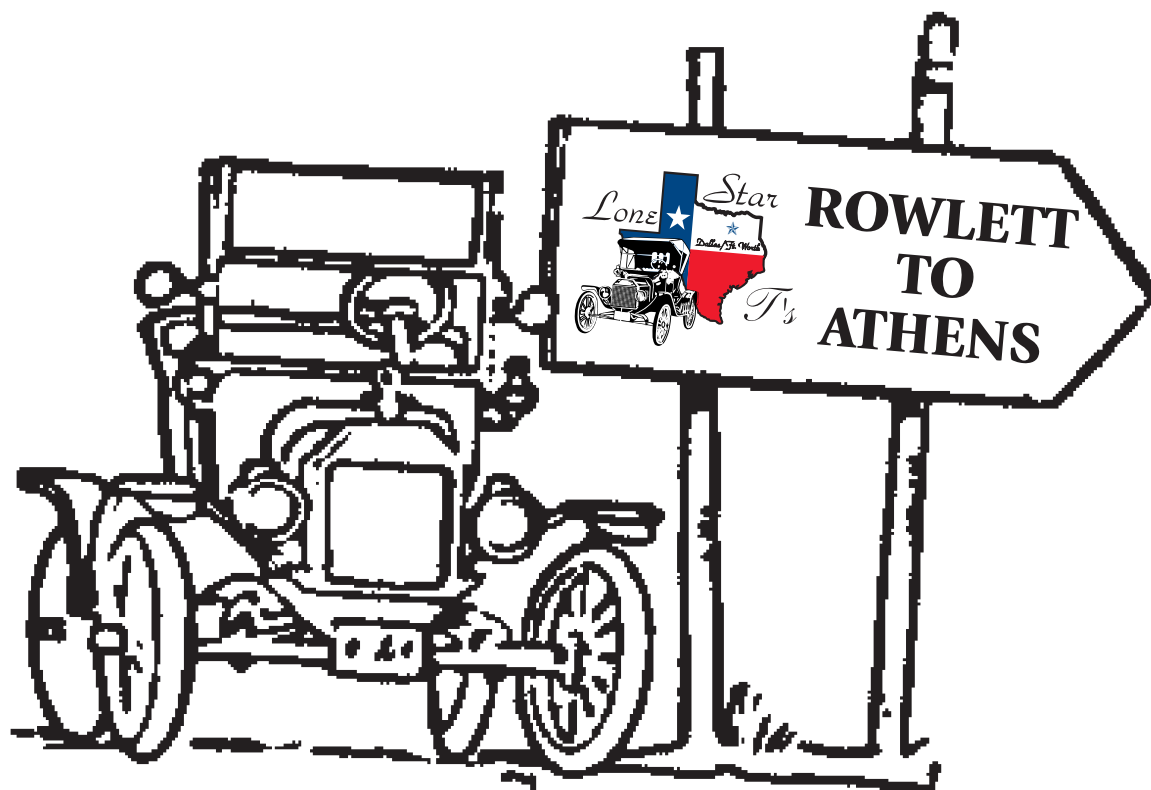


# SPRING TOUR 2004

May 14, 15 & 16

Athens, Texas



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It's Time To Get Those T's A Movin'!*

Tour Chairmen: Tommy & Patsy Griffin

Co- Chairmen: David & Kathy Harris



# SPRING TOUR 2004 TO ATHENS, TX

Welcome to the Lone Star T's Spring Tour 2004. We hope that you enjoy the next three days as we travel from Rowlett to Athens to take in all the wonderful East Texas beauty of spring.

There will be a driver's meeting 15 minutes before departure each day. During this meeting you will be advised of the times and events of the day, which can also be found in this guide, and of any last minute updates that need to be given.

**We are going to follow the policy that:**

**You are responsible for looking out for the person behind you.**

**If you cannot see the Model T behind you -**

**YOU MUST PULL OVER AS SOON AS IT IS SAFE TO DO SO.**

This will allow the car in front of you to know there is a problem, and so on. . . We have included a handy hand mirror in your goodie bag so that the "navigator" can help keep watch for the car behind you, as well as any modern cars that may need to pass. If we make a turn, and you cannot see the car behind you, you need to stop and wait to make sure that the car behind sees that you made a turn.

**Your tour leaders do have cell phones, and can be reached at the following:**

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The Hospitality Suite will be set up on the ground floor in Room 130.

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## *Spring Tour 2004 — May 14, 15, 16 Overview*

We are looking forward to three fun and wonderful days touring through East Texas. We hope we have included sights for all to enjoy. The places that we are visiting, as usual, are excited to have us touring in their areas.

An overview of the next three days is as follows:

**Friday Morning:** Depart Rowlett, traveling backroads through Sunnyvale, Mesquite, possibly stopping at the Devil's Bowl Race Track for the quick photo shoot. We will continue through Seagoville, etc. . . to Mabank, to join the Mad Hatters for lunch at the Vintage Lady Tea Room. *Lunch is on your own.* The tea room is offering us two choices: A Trio (\$6.95) a cup of soup, 1/2 sandwich, salad or soup, salad and quiche or 3 salads; or A Duet (\$5.95) a cup of soup and 1/2 sandwich or cup of soup and quiche or salad and 1/2 sandwich. The soup will be Mexican Chicken and the quiche is Monterrey (cheese & mushrooms). There are several different types of sandwiches and salads.

After lunch we will go to The Fairbrothers House of Antiques and browse through the shops. We have been told that there will be coffee and sweets available.

**Friday Afternoon:** We will leave Mabank and travel the back roads to Athens. This is beautiful rolling hill country. Upon arrival in Athens we will stop at the East Texas Arboretum. *The admission to the Arboretum is included in the tour price.* You have as much time here as you care to spend. If you choose to walk the trails, please be aware that the ground is very uneven and steep in some places. Wear comfortable shoes if you choose to take the trails.

If you choose to leave the Arboretum and go onto the Super 8 Motel on your own to check in - that is fine. One of the tour leaders will stay at the Arboretum until all are ready to leave.

In case of rain we will go straight to the Motel and check in - and then weather permitting - backtrack to this later in the afternoon. The upper portion of the Arboretum is sidewalks and could be viewed, the trails will be a muddy mess!

**Friday Evening:** *Dinner is on your own.* Your tour leaders are eating at: The Catfish Palace which is located across the street from the Super 8 Motel. There are several fast food restaurants located on US 175 going into town. They are listed on the Athens map provided to you in your goodie bag.

- Saturday Morning:** Continental Breakfast in the Super 8 Motel lobby area — starts at 6:00 am.  
We will have a Driver's Meeting at 8:00 am in the parking lot before departure.  
Depart Super 8 Motel at 8:15 am.  
Drive to the Black Beauty Ranch and visit for about 1 1/2 hours. *Donation to the Black Beauty Ranch is included in the tour price.*  
There are shuttle rides around the ranch and guides that will walk and talk you through the front of the park. It's very interesting to learn the stories of these animals.  
We will leave the Black Beauty Ranch at approximately 10:30 to drive back to the Athens Lake Marina Restaurant for lunch. *Lunch is on your own.* We will be sitting in a windowed dining room with a wonderful view of the lake.
- Saturday Afternoon:** After lunch we will take a very short drive to The East Texas Fishery. *Admission to the fishery is included in your tour price.* This visit will be taken at your own pace. There is a shuttle tour, a walking tour, and a place to put a pole in the water to do a little fishing on a catch and release basis.
- Some of you may be ready to leave before others, as there are antique shops in town that will be beckoning to you. There are three on the square and another that we found just off the square on North Prairieville - it's call The Alley Antique Mall. There are several other merchants on and close to the square, they are listed in your Athens information in your goodie bag.
- Saturday Evening:** We will group in the parking lot at 6:00 for the drive to The Ole West Steakhouse for our Saturday Night Buffet dinner. *The cost of the buffet dinner is included in your tour price.* After dinner we will return to the motel.
- Sunday Morning:** Continental Breakfast in the Super 8 Motel lobby — starts at 6:00 am.  
We will have a driver's meeting at 8:00 am in the parking lot with  
Departure at 8:15 am.  
We will be traveling to Crandall where we will have our lunch stop at Crandall Cotton Gin. *Lunch here is on your own.*
- Sunday Afternoon:** Continue towards home. . .we will lead the group back to the starting point in Rowlett. If you plan to break off from the group before reaching Rowlett, please let us know so that we won't be stopping to look for you.

## Friday, May 14, 2004 - STARTING POINT - BROOKSHIRE BROS PARKING LOT

Time	Roads & Directions	Mileage
1) 8:30 am	Highway 66 & Rowlett Road Exit Brookshires parking lot to the LEFT onto Rowlett Road Proceed down Rowlett Road, go across the lake to red light turn LEFT onto Roan Road.	0 2.3
2)	Roan Road turns into Bobtown. Go under I-30 to 2nd intersection. Turn LEFT at Shell Station — Follow Bobtown past the sharp right curve to the 4-way Stop Sign. Barnes Bridge Road & Collins Road (Bobtown changes name to Collins Road here) Turn LEFT onto Barnes Bridge Road.	7.8
3)	At the bottom of the hill, with the power plant in view, turn RIGHT on East Polly Road and follow it to the Stop Sign and turn LEFT. This is Polly Road. Continue on to next Stop Sign (dead end), turn LEFT onto Town East Boulevard, take a couple of sharp curves, the name changes to East Fork Road.  Continue until we come to Tripp Road, turn left and continue east to a sharp curve to the right where the road changes name to Rebecca. We will stay on Rebecca until it merges onto the Service Road of Highway 80.	
	<b>NOTE: BE VERY CAREFUL OF THE YIELD SIGNS ON THE SERVICE ROADS AND YIELD TO EXITING TRAFFIC.</b>	
4)	Continue on the Service Road to the first crossover. Here we will turn LEFT over Highway 80 and turn LEFT again onto the east bound Highway 80 Service Road. Look for the sign for Lawson Road. (Just past another yield sign and with a gas station on the corner.)	11.1
5)	Turn RIGHT onto Lawson Road, this is a long straight-away. We will cross some railroad tracks and climb a few hills. Be looking to your left and you will see an airplane junk yard and while continuing on, we will see catfish ponds on the left. Look to the right and you will see the Devil's Bowl Car Race Track. We will be stopping here if the gates are open, we want to get a photo of all of the T's under the big track sign. If we make this stop, please pull your car around to face out from the sign.	12.0
6)	Continuing on Lawson Road, we will come to a four-way Stop Sign at Cartwright and Lawson. Go through the Stop Sign and continue over the bridge crossing I-20 for another 1/4 mile to a Stop Sign. This will be Lasater and Lawson. Turn LEFT onto Lasater. We will come to a sharp curve to the right and the name will change to Simmons. (No street sign showing name change.)	18.3

- 7) After going through an S-Curve and passing two log homes, watch for a paved road to the left. Turn LEFT here onto Farmers Road. 21.2
- 8) You will come to a Stop Sign, Farmers Road & Hall Street. Turn RIGHT onto Hall Street and continue under US 175. 22.6
- 9) Go to Kaufman Street - turn LEFT. M.T. & Mary Jane Allen will be joining us at this point. They should be in the What-A-Burger parking lot. If the tour leader does not see them we will pull in and wait. If they are there, we will not be stopping. 23.0
- 10) We will stay on Kaufman Street through 4 Stop Signs and 1 Yield Sign, where we will veer to the RIGHT onto FM 1389. 25.3
- 11) Watch for several sharp curves, go through Combine turn LEFT onto FM 3039 at the Shell Station & Point View Church The Shell Station is our first pit-stop. 29.8

**We will break for fifteen minutes. There is limited restroom facilities. After break we will continue on FM 3039**

- 12) Turn RIGHT onto FM148. 33.8
- 13) In Scurry, Turn RIGHT onto Highway 34. 43.8
- 14) TURN IMMEDIATELY LEFT back onto FM 148, and continue to Grays Prairie, Lively and Stubbs. 44.1
- 15) Follow FM 148 to FM 274 (Just past Ranch Country Golf Club) turn LEFT onto FM 274. Pull over on the shoulder and wait for everyone to get onto FM 274. 58.5
- 16) Cross under US 175 - to Stop Sign and turn LEFT onto the east bound Service Road. 63.7

**NOTE: Cross traffic does NOT Stop!**

- Continue to next overpass, go under and turn RIGHT up to FM 1391. Here, turn LEFT onto FM 1391. 64.1
- 17) Continue about 6 miles to FM 90 and turn RIGHT toward Mabank. 69.9
- 18) FM 90 will come to a Stop Sign at FM 198, turn RIGHT heading toward downtown Mabank. Passing on our right will be The Fairbrothers House of Antiques, where after lunch we will come back to shop. 74.5
- 19) Turn LEFT on Market Street. The Victorian Lady Tea Room is where we will join the Mad Hatters for lunch at 114 E. Market Street. 74.9

After lunch we will go back to FM 198 - turn RIGHT and will regroup at The Fairbrothers House of Antiques where we can walk off lunch and enjoy coffee and possibly a little sweet snack.

**At approximately 2:00 we will continue to Athens:**

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| 20) | We will leave Mabank by going back through town on FM 198<br>Road becomes 2 lane at lake.                                 |      |
| 21) | Go to Stop Sign, turn RIGHT (still on FM 198).  | 76.9 |
| 22) | Go to FM 3054 (This will be our Pit Stop at Exxon on LEFT)<br>When leaving we will be taking FM 3054 East.                | 82.0 |
| 23) | Continue to Stop Sign and turn RIGHT on RR 2329 to Pickens.   | 85.9 |
| 24) | At the Stop Sign for US 175, turn RIGHT to Athens.  | 89.5 |
| 25) | Turn RIGHT to go to Arboretum - there is no posted road sign,<br>but there is a sign indicating the East Texas Arboretum. | 93.1 |

It is up to you how much time you would like to spend at the Arboretum. There are beautiful trails, bridges and sights to see. When you are ready to leave you may do so on your own or wait for the group.

**To the Motel**

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| 26) | Turn RIGHT out of the driveway of the Arboretum, go to Highway 175<br>turn RIGHT. |  |
| 27) | The Super 8 Motel is approximately .8 mile on the RIGHT hand side.                |  |

**We will have a hospitality suite set up in Room 130, please come by and see us.**

## Saturday, May 15th — 8:00 am Drivers Meeting

### 8:15 Departure Time to Black Beauty Ranch

Time	Roads & Directions	Mileage
1) 8:15 am	Turn RIGHT out of the Super 8 Motel parking lot.	0
2)	Get in the left lane and turn LEFT on Tyler Street (at the gas station).	.2
3)	Go straight across the Courthouse Square, you are now on Highway 31	.9
4)	Stay on Highway 31 through Murchison.	10.0
5)	Turn LEFT onto FM 1803 NORTH (this is .7 miles past the turn for FM1803 South).	12.0
6)	Turn LEFT onto CR 3806 - look for the donkey sign, this is a very narrow road.	15.8
7)	Turn LEFT into the Black Beauty Ranch. Please follow the tour leader by pulling the cars around to face out towards the gate.	17.1

There is a shuttle tour, which will not accommodate all of us at one time. We will need to split into groups as there is also a short walking tour. Be sure to listen to your guide, the stories that they will tell you about these animals is very interesting.

### Depart Black Beauty Ranch to go to Lake Athens Marina - for lunch

Time	Roads & Directions	Mileage
1) 10:30 am	Turn RIGHT out of Black Beauty Ranch onto CR 3806.	17.1
2)	Turn RIGHT at Barton's Chapel.	18.3
3)	Turn RIGHT onto FM 1803	18.5
3)	Turn RIGHT onto Highway 31.	22.0
4)	Turn LEFT onto FM 2495.	31.6
5)	Turn RIGHT at Public Boat Ramp Sign, right after the bridge and follow the road to the marina.	35.7

After lunch we will exit the marina, turn RIGHT back onto FM 2495 and drive a very short distance to the Texas Wildlife Fishery. 36.4

Once at the fishery you may tour the facility on your own. There is a tram tour, a wonderful walking tour and fishing if you choose to throw a line. If you finish sightseeing you may return to the Motel on your own, or go back to Athens for some antique shopping.



## To return to Athens:

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| 1) | Turn LEFT out of the Fishery onto FM 2495.  | 36.6 |
| 2) | Turn LEFT onto Highway 31.  | 40.9 |
| 3) | Go straight across the Courthouse Square - you are now on Tyler Street                                |      |
| 4) | Turn RIGHT onto Highway 175 and get in the LEFT lane to turn LEFT into the Super 8 Motel parking lot. | 43.3 |

## To Saturday Night Dinner:

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| 1) 6:00 pm | Turn RIGHT out of the Super 8 Motel parking lot.                                 |     |
| 2)         | Get in the left lane and turn LEFT on Tyler Street (at the gas station).         | .2  |
| 3)         | Go straight across the Courthouse Square, you are now on Highway 31              | .9  |
| 4)         | Continue on Highway 31 to the Ole West Steakhouse, it on the right 1502 E. Tyler | 2.0 |

## Sunday, May 16th - Athens to Rowlett — 8:00 am Drivers Meeting 8:15 Departure Time

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| 1) 8:15 am | Turn LEFT out of Super 8 Motel parking lot, go to Patterson turn LEFT, passing by the Arboretum.   | .7   |
| 2)         | Go to Loop 317, turn LEFT at Stop Sign. Once on Loop 317, pull over and wait for everyone to get across.                                       | 1.4  |
| 3)         | Go one road past the church and turn RIGHT onto unmarked road (1409), go to dead end and turn RIGHT (1408).                                    | 2.8  |
| 4)         | Turn LEFT onto Kinsey-Holman Road.   | 4.7  |
| 4)         | Continue on Kinsey-Holman Road to 1405, there is a Stop Sign, but no markings except a short telephone marker - Turn RIGHT.                    | 5.2  |
| 5)         | Continue to CR 1436 where we will turn LEFT.   | 6.5  |
| 6)         | Go go Highway 31 - turn RIGHT towards Malakoff.  | 7.5  |
| 7)         | Go to Highway 274 - turn RIGHT towards Seven Points.   | 17.3 |
| 8)         | Our Pit Stop is at The Rail Station. We will take a short break, the restaurant is open for drink & ice cream purchases and use of facilities. | 22.7 |
| 9)         | At Seven Points we will turn LEFT onto FM 85 (W. Cedar Creek Parkway)  | 31.3 |

10)	Go to CR 2613, turning RIGHT and heading to Styx and onto Lively.	38.3
11)	At the Stop Sign, turn LEFT onto FM 148.	43.8
12)	Go to Highway 34 - turn RIGHT	53.8
13)	And then LEFT onto FM 148.	54.0
14)	Turn RIGHT onto Church Street	62.1
11)	Turn LEFT into The Cotton Gin.	62.5
<b>This is our lunch break.</b>		
12)	Leaving the Cotton Gin - turn LEFT on FM 148, cross under Highway 175 turn LEFT at Stop Sign.	62.5
13)	Cross over FM 741 (This is a 4-Way Stop).	
14)	Enter onto US Highway 175 - this is a very short left hand entrance This is a two-lane highway with a good shoulder. Drive in the right lane using the shoulder if Sunday afternoon traffic is heavy.	63.5
15)	Take Exit FM 1389 to Combine Continue on the Service Road watching for exiting traffic and traffic signals.	65.6
16)	Turn RIGHT onto Seagoville Road.	68.7
17)	Turn RIGHT onto Beltline Road.	71.4
18)	Turn RIGHT onto Lawson Road.	71.9
19)	Cross over I-20.	72.9
20)	Turn LEFT onto Cartwright Road.	74.7
21)	Turn RIGHT onto Edwards Church Road (This is a lovely narrow road, watch for oncoming traffic).	75.6
22)	Turn LEFT onto Clay Mathis Road. <b>NOTE: CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP - BE CAUTIOUS</b>	76.1
23)	Turn RIGHT ONTO 352 Cross under US Highway 80, road name changes to Collins Road Continue straight, road name changes to Bobtown and then to Lyons.	79.5
24)	Go under I-30 - you are now on Roan Road.	84.7
25)	Turn RIGHT onto Rowlett Road.	85.5
26)	Turn RIGHT into the Brookshires parking lot and this is THE END!	88.4

From here you are on your own. Thank you so much for joining us on Spring Tour 2004, we hope y'all had as much fun going as we have had planning it.