

## **NINTH ANNUAL BLUEBONNET TOUR II (Revised)**

**APRIL 14, 2018**

**8:30 am** Meet at Chappell Hill Deli and Bakery on U.S. 290

**8:40** Drivers Meeting

**8:45** Departure

### **Directions**

Right turn onto F.M. 1371 South, at one block turn left. Continue ~ 8 miles to intersection with F.M 1456 (many wildflowers on this route)

Right turn onto F.M. 1456 to Bellville (~ 8 miles)

Continue through Bellville but turn left on first street after crossing GC & SF tracks and then right on Front Street, the last street before reaching the same tracks, go to stoplight and proceed straight onto Hwy. 36 South toward Sealy

Continue on Hwy. 36 ~ 8.2 miles to Rennsport, a LSRPCA renowned Porsche shop, in Peter's Community. Tour Rennsport, 9:15-9:45. (Tour 1)

Turn left from Rennsport onto Hwy 36 North to F.M. 949 (~ 0.7 miles)

Turn left on F.M 949. Continue on F.M. 949 ~ 9 miles through Millheim toward Cat Spring (a great road for spirited driving with many wildflowers)

Turn right on F.M. 1094 ~ 10 miles to New Ulm.

Turn left in New Ulm turn left onto Hwy 109 South to Frelsburg (~ 3.8 miles). Continue through Frelsburg onto F.M. 1291 toward Fayetteville (~ 10 miles). (Another great road for spirited driving with wildflowers)

Rest Stop Fayetteville on Square, 10:15 – 10:30 (restrooms available)

Right turn on F.M. 1291 North in Fayetteville ~ 9 miles to Hwy 237

Left turn onto Hwy 237 South ~ 11 miles through Rutersville (location of the first Protestant college West of the Mississippi River) to LaGrange (Named after the farm of the Marquis de Lafayette)

Turn left in LaGrange onto Hwy 77. Continue ~ 7 miles to F.M.1383, right before Swiss Alp, turn left on 1383 toward Ammannsville and proceed to the Czech church in town for a guided tour of this unique Painted Church at 11:30 A.M.(Tour 2)

Turn right Leave Ammannsville at noon continue South on F.M. 1383 to Dubina (the first Czech settlement in Texas). Past the church there turn right onto CR 615 West, cross the Piano Bridge to High Hill, cross Hwy. 77 and go to church at intersection of CR 2672

Turn left in High Hill onto CR 2672 go past the Painted church built by German immigrants to Fayette County "The Queen of the Painted Churches" ,after 1.5 miles, cross Interstate 10 and proceed to Hwy 90 where you turn right toward Flatonia (10.8 miles)

Tour 3 Turn left onto F.M.1295 before you get to Flatonia, cross the S.A. &A.P. tracks toward Praha, approximately 1 mile to another Painted Church for a tour at 12:30 P.M. After the tour retrace your route back to Hwy. 90, turn left and proceed 2 miles to Flatonia

LUNCH 1:00 pm to 2:00 p.m. Red Vault Bistro, 124 E. S. Main St. Flatonia, TX 78941 (in old building on left side of road near the theater facing the S.A.&A.P. Railroad tracks)

Right/east on Hwy 90 a very short distance to F.M. 609

Turn left/North on F.M. 609 north ~ 22 miles through O'Quinn back to La Grange (A great road for spirited driving )

Right turn/East on U.S. 71, then left on U.S. 77. Continue ~ 3 miles to F.M. 2145

Turn right onto F.M. 2145. Continue ~ 9 miles to intersection of F.M. 1291

Turn left onto F.M. 1291 to Ledbetter (~6.3 miles)(many wildflowers on this road)

Turn right on U.S. 290. Continue through Carmine into Burton on F.M. 390 (~ 12.5 miles) and turn right to the Cotton Gin Museum arriving 3:00 P.M.(307 N. Main ,979-289-3378) Tour 4

Turn left on Main in Burton, drive through town to where Main becomes F.M. 390

Turn right on F.M. 1948 (a good road to drive with many wildflowers) and proceed to Saddlehorn winery, 958 F.M. 1948 N. for Tour 5 (979-289-3858) 4:30 P.M. Leave Saddlehorn, turn left on F.M 1948 and proceed to U.S. 290(2 MILES) Turn Left on U.S. 290 and proceed to Brenham on Business 290 without taking the exit onto U.S. 290 toward Houston Cross the GC&SF tracks in Brenham,(Business 290 becomes Main) proceed past the courthouse and turn right on St Charles Street and go one (1) block for a salubrious repast at Las Americas restaurant 6:00 P.M. (301 St Charles) (Optional)