

## First Old Dallas Stroll

On Saturday, June 8th, six Flivvers were joined by Terry and Renee's immaculate 1953 Oldsmobile at Flagpole Hill, the old Goforth family estates, for the first Old Dallas Stroll. The cars brought their owners, who, in addition to Renee and Terry, included Steve and Susie Bourgeois, who traileered from Waco, Gary Hengst and Daryll Hull, who traileered from Rockwall, Marc and Noah (who celebrated part of his 14th birthday with us and was rewarded with a red, white and blue sprinkled donut with a flag in it), Sam Goforth, Teresa and Ric, Dan Hayes, Holly Ingram and the host Don Stevenson and his wife Jamie whose Subaru provided the hazard lights at the rear of our procession.

The morning sun reflected off the blue waters of White Rock Lake as we cruised as slowly as high speed would allow us, cooled by the breeze from the lake. We passed through the historic homes of Lakewood, one of the rare places in Dallas that has fended off redevelopers. From old homes, we went to older, past the uniquely beautiful and varied homes along Swiss Avenue, mostly built in the 1910s and 1920s. Then on to homes still older at the Wilson Block, built between 1899 and 1901.

You haven't lived until you've coaxed your T through the downtown "canyon" along Elm Street, where our resident paparazzi hopped out to take pictures of us parked where JR Ewing used to park in *Dallas*. At the infamous Schoolbook Depository (the 6th Floor Museum for any newcomers), we turned left past Old Red and Union Station over the Houston Street Viaduct to Oak Cliff and the Bishop Arts District. Only then did we have a snafu as the lead car made an abrupt and unnoticed turn and negligently lost the others. It didn't take too long for our able wranglers to round up everyone.

Parking was reserved for us in front of the Jaquval Brewing Company, which is owned by our host, Jason Roberts, who also owns Oddfellows next door. Oddfellows being already packed at 10:30 when we arrived, we were happy to find plenty of room as well as excellent food - far better than normal bar food - at Jaquvals. Some of us, like Dan and Holly, tried the Jaquval homemade brews, with Dan bringing four unmarked cans back with him. Since some of our group had never been to Bishop Arts, we spent 45 minutes poking around the shops. If anyone ate at the delicious Emporium Pie Shop, they didn't admit to it.

It was getting appreciably warmer as we headed back to town over the Margaret Hunt Bridge, where passengers in open cars could lay their heads back and watch the cabled and curved arch slip by overhead. Passing by the Dirk Nowitski statue at Victory Square, we snarled for a bit in the construction that plagues a prosperous city. We broke through just past Maple and enjoyed a ride along Turtle Creek and through Highland Park. Crossing Central at McCommas, we passed through the M-Streets and returned along the lake, which in the hot afternoon was now brown as if burned by the sun.

Urban tours feature many stops and many turns, but the Flivvers were up to it, and with the lucky rubber chicken dragging its feet behind Dan's car, we all made it through without any

breakdowns. Everyone agreed that it was an enjoyable outing through some of Dallas' most historic areas, areas which could have hosted our cars when they were new. Thanks to all who came.

**Lone Star Ts Olde Dallas Stroll**  
**White Rock Lake/Lakewood Area/SwissAve./Wilson District/Downtown/**  
**Bishop Arts/Margaret Hunt Bridge/Old Highland Park**

Highlights:

The stroll starts on Flagpole Hill at White Rock Lake; trailer parking available  
Goes along White Rock Lake  
Though Lakewood on Tokalon and Lakewood Blvd,  
Along Swiss Avenue to the Wilson District,  
Through downtown along Elm through the canyon passing the Kennedy Museum  
Across Trinity River on Houston Street Viaduct to Bishop Arts for brunch at Oddfellas  
Return over Margaret Hunt Bridge, along Cedar Springs to Lakeside and Beverly  
Take Mockingbird back to White Rock

Distance approximately 28 miles

Time est. 4 hours.

Detail:

Park at Flagpole Hill along White Rock Trail (at Doran)  
Doran to Goforth .1 mile  
Goforth to Lawther .1 mile  
Left on Lawther, cross over Northwest Highway at light  
Cross under Mockingbird and stay on Lawther for drive beside White Rock Lake  
Sharp right before stop sign  
Ride on Lawther along lake (2.6 miles)  
At boathouse, veer right to exit lake, stay on Lawther, left at stop sign  
Three blocks then  
Right on Tokalon  
After 1.6 miles, Tokalon veers right and merges with Lakewood Boulevard  
Stay on Lakewood Blvd. .6 miles  
Cross Abrams at the light

Left on Alderson (first left)

(After one block, at Richmond turn left then immediately right to stay on Alderson)

Right on LaVista, move to left lane and after .1 mile

Left on Swiss

Follow Swiss 2 miles to Carroll.

Left on Carroll to Gaston

Right on Gaston

After .2 miles right on Hall

Immediate left on Swiss

Pass Wilson Block

Left on Texas at the old convent

One block then left on Floyd

Two blocks then right on Oak

Right on Gaston

Gaston passes under 75 and becomes Pacific

Left on Pearl

Right on Elm

Pass through downtown past the Majestic theater, Wilson building, to the Schoolbook

Depository (1 mile)

Left at Houston, pass Dealey Plaza and Old Red Courthouse and Union Station

Continue on Houston over the Houston Street Viaduct 1.1 miles

Exit right onto Zang

Take Zang to 7th (One block past light at Davis) 1 mile

Right on 7th

Bishop Arts Parking lot on left after one block

Spaces will be reserved

Eat at Oddfellas

Return:

Cross Davis to Bishop

Straight on Bishop .7 miles,

Merge right onto Colorado, one block

Left from Colorado to Beckley

Beckley 1.3 miles to Singleton and Margaret Hunt Bridge

Right onto Margaret Hunt Bridge

Get in the left lane on bridge, exit at N. Riverfront Blvd. after .3 miles

Left on N Riverfront, .1 mile

Here it gets tricky for a while:

Right on Continental, cross under 35 (.3 miles)

Left on Houston (.2 miles)

Right on Nowitzki Way (.2 miles)

Right on Field to Cedar Springs

Left on Cedar Springs.

Cedar Springs (which becomes Lakeside) to Armstrong (do not get on Preston; stay right when Lakeside veers left towards Preston) (2.3 miles)

Right on Armstrong

Immediate left onto Lakeside (.5 miles)

Right on Beverly (.6 miles)

Left on Cornell

Right on Sewanee

Merge onto Central Access Road then cross bridge at McCommas

McCommas across Skillman

Left down to Kenwood

Cross Abrams at light

Continue on Kenwood

Left on Frontier

Rt on chantilly

Rt on Williamson back to lake

Left into Lake retrace back to Flag Pole Hill

[Alternative, more direct but on busy street: take Mockingbird from Sewanee

Exit to White Rock Lake at West Lawther Road Exit

Left on Lawther]

Instead of turning right on Goforth to retrace how we came

Continue on Lawther which becomes Landshire

Right on White Rock Trail to the parking area.