

Well, you know some of those sayings that include the same word twice in one sentence, like "it is what it is", or "business is business", or "boys will be boys?" Well, those kinds of sayings really don't tell us so much; they're actually kind of silly. Like "it is what it is," I think I knew that already. But I'm adding a new one to this group of things that we already knew, which is, "Cruisers Cruise."

Well, actually there haven't been many cruisers cruising in recent months due to you know what. But last Saturday the Cruisers actually did have a cruise with a stop in La Grange at the Monument Hill and Kreische Family brewery site. About 13 cars and 16 people participated on the cruise starting at Buc-ee's that included some Route 71 driving and then some back roads in the direction of Winchester, then crossing south through La Grange to our stopping point at the memorial site. I've seen the sign to this site many times driving by but never took the time to stop until last Saturday. It's a combination location of the historical home from the 1800's on a panoramic bluff south of the Colorado River overlooking La Grange. The home and grounds include the ruins of a former brewery that was operated by the Kriesche family until 1884. Being good Germans and being thirsty, of course they would have operated a brewery on the property. The other feature of the property that the family agreed to have placed on their property in 1848 is the burial place and memorial to groups of Texian settlers who were killed in what are called the Dawson Massacre and the Black Bean Death Lottery of 1842 and 1843. These were actions against settlers whose settlements were apparently not consistent with the wishes of the Mexican government, which was continuing to try to maintain control over territory rightfully claimed by the Texas Republic by treaty.

Anyway, back to the cruise. It was somewhat of a spirited drive with most of the cars being fairly late model, mostly Corvettes, with others managing to keep up while some were no doubt wishing for an even faster pace. I will report that all cars, even while maintaining a pace of 80+ miles per hour, we were able to maintain at least 6 feet social distancing in order to remain healthy. Led by Harry and Cheryl Green in their iconic '57, which doesn't qualify as a late model vehicle but its running gear has plenty the chutzpah to lead a fast and sleek group like we had Saturday. The stop at the memorial was an opportunity to have a walking tour of the site, a chance to grab drinks or snacks that anyone might have brought, and then we were off again toward Bastrop as the group kind of splintered apart due to some stops along the way or change of direction to head home. Thanks to Harry and Cheryl for organizing this cruise and hope we can continue to get out for at least some short trips like this even while we are trying to stay safe and healthy.

Some probably know we've been having some issues with the Google Photo system where some people haven't been able to view the photo albums, some have not been able to access the Google account, and other miscellaneous issues. I think we have sorted out some of those problems, but without your help we cannot assess our progress. So please take a minute to try to open the link to these pictures and if there's a problem, please reply to me that you cannot view them and we will be able to assess the extent of the issue and try to resolve it.

Thank you,

Jeff

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