

# We Met, We Drove, We Et . . .

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. . . and in between we watched the Porsches race! Unfortunately, we forgot to take enough photos.

March 17<sup>th</sup> was a great day for the Lone Star and Hill Country Regions Momentum PCA Club Races at TWS, and it was a great day for the 17 drivers and their navigators who met at the IHOP at Washington and I-10 for the 90 minute drive to the track to watch.



The group arrived just before lunch and in time to form up for Parade Laps during the noon time break in racing. This was especially exciting for some of the wives, who were venturing on a race track for the first time, even though the speeds are kept intentionally low around the 2.9 mile road course.



After lunch, the group split up to watch the afternoon sprint races from various vantage points around the track, and at about 4 pm the caravan assembled for the afternoon fifty mile drive.



The route took us a little bit north on Highway 6 so that we could skirt around the southern edge of College Station, then we swung mostly south and southwest on country roads through Snook and Merle, Wilcox, Clay, and Independence, then Sandy Hill and Prairie Hill into Brenham.



In Brenham we dined at Ernie's to the accompaniment of a classical guitar before calling it a very good day and going our separate ways back to Houston.

If you're interested in repeating the drive from TWS to Brenham and eating at Ernie's American Bistro (highly recommended – see <http://www.erniesrestaurant.com/who.htm> – say hello to Ernie's wife, Anne, and ask Ernie if he's got his dad's 944 up and running yet), here is the route we follow:

To get to TWS, take 290 northwest to Highway 6, then 6 north to TWS. The total trip is about 100 miles and will take an hour and a half – more if you stop to look at the wildflowers or visit Maggie's Bloomers near Navisota.



To Brenham:

- From TWS proceed north on Highway 6 to 2818 - 6.8 miles.
- Exit off Highway 6 and proceed on 2818 west to 60 - 4.5 miles.
- Follow 60 to 2155 and turn left toward Snook - 10.4 miles.
- Pass through Snook and Merle to 1361 - 5.4 miles.

- Go left on 1361 to 50 - 3.0 miles.
- Turn right on 50 towards Wilcox. Follow 50 through Wilcox, Clay, and Independence - 9.7 miles.
- At Independence, turn left on 390 towards William Penn - 1.9 miles.
- At 2621 turn right and proceed through Sandy Hill and Prairie Hill - 6.7 miles.
- Rejoin 50 going south at Prairie Hill - 3.6 miles.
- Continue right on 105 into Brenham - 3.0 miles.
- In Brenham, turn right on E. Main Street. Proceed 4/10ths of a mile to Ernies.

.Brenham is about 70 miles from Houston on 290.