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The road trip to Waco started at 6:45am Friday morning at the rest stop on 75 below Florence with the Duffeys in their newly air conditioned BJ7, John and Ashley in their air conditioned Nasty Boy BJ100, Jake and Joyce in a F150 with their Bugeye on a trailer, and the Browns in a (forgive me) Ford C-Max Hybrid. The plan was meet Jeff Porada and Nancy Bacon in Nashville for lunch who had just towed their Bugeye from Maine to Knoxville (another story), left their Bugeye at Gary Lowndsale's shop and had been loaned Miss Piggy, the blue BJ7.



We got about 20 miles south of Louisville on I-65 and Duffey's fuel pump shorted so we unloaded the Bugeye and winched/pushed the BJ7 on the trailer with speeding semi's creating the cooling breeze as we worked. Somewhere north of Nashville low oil pressure on the Nasty Boy created another pit stop as oil was leaking from somewhere on the bottom of the engine - oil now had to be added every 120 miles.



Got to lunch in Nashville about 3pm and joined Jeff and Nancy. Then on to Memphis for the first nights stop about



7:30. Early departure Saturday morning for Dallas - we just got on interstate and Jakes Bugeye pulled over with low oil pressure. Turns out the flexible copper tubing coming from engine block to oil pressure gauge had broken off at the block fitting - quick trip to Home Depot plumbing dept for a plug to replace the block fitting and we were off. Dallas highway traffic and

construction are nightmares but we made it to hotel by early evening. Sunday morning Duffey's car was trailered to Bret Blades workshop after Jake had confirmed he had a spare fuel pump. Things were more complicated than first thought Bret said he would drive their car to Waco Monday morning and see the car show. Since Waco was only 80 miles from Dallas, we spent most of the afternoon in Ft. Worth at the old stockyards including Billy Bob's Honky Tonk Bar for lunch, shops, and a long horn cattle drive through town. Arrived in Waco early evening.



Monday morning was the car show and the street for the car show was closed to traffic for the day. Bret Blades arrived with Duffey's car and had replaced the rusty fuel tank with a new one and a working used pump - he also advised that rear light wiring was damaged and probably shouldn't use headlights. Registrations hit 100 with fewer Healeys present but the show and the location was great. Show was over at noon and everyone went inside for Regalia, tech sessions, etc. Monday evening was a party on the suspension bridge over the Brazos river complete with live dance music, cupcakes, and glow in the dark rings and necklaces - great time! Also met up with Jon Andorn and clan that had arrived earlier.



Tuesday morning we went to a local airport for the Gymkhana, Funkhana, and speed run on a runway and apron that had been closed for our event. John and Jeff flogged the Nasty Boy 100 down the speed run and got their speeding tickets, and the Bugeye was driven in gymkhana by Jeff, Nancy, John, and Jake. The Bugeye also was used in the Funkhana by Jeff and Nancy, and John and Jake. Events were well participated and were done by noon - it was hot on that concrete! Back to the hotel for inside activities and dinner at George's restaurant later on.



Wednesday, Eileen and I went to Austin to visit my cousin for the day and the rest of the group went to tour the Mastercraft shop that makes custom car bodies and does restorations. Afternoon was valve cover and pinewood derby races, tech sessions and regalia.

Thursday morning was the rally which was a TSD gimmick rally that covered about 80 miles of countryside northeast of Waco. Thursday night was the awards banquet and the the OVAHC was well represented in the awards:

- Car Show - 1st place Nasty Boy - John and Ashley
- Gymkhana - 1st place Sprites - Jeff Porada
- Funkhana - 1st place - Jeff Porada and Nancy Bacon
- Funkhana - 3rd place - John and Jake Jacobs
- Speed Run - 1st place Nasty Boy - Jeff Porada
- Rallye - 1st place - John and Jake Jacobs
- Arts and Crafts - Children's Division - the Andorns got them all except one - they also helped hand out Car Show awards as well.







Friday morning came all too early and we left at first light on Texas 31 East determined to evade Dallas traffic. Gary Lownsdale's car was on the trailer, Jeff and Nancy were driving the Bugeye, John and Ashley in the Nasty Boy, Bob and Pat in their BJ7. After about 40 miles, Duffey's car lost fuel delivery and pulled over - problem was a split in rubber fuel line at the clamp that was sucking air - split was cut off and



we were on the way again. At the breakfast stop, Duffey's car was acting up again so we found a auto parts store and replaced all of the rubber hoses at the pump - still no fuel delivery so did a parking lot retrofit of a new modern fuel pump which worked and on we went to Memphis. Late afternoon Pat drivers seat but Memphis it was turn on the the cars tightly the middle, got

slowly made our way to the hotel on the other great job of staying calm and we arrived at hotel



Duffey took over the by the time we got to dark and she couldn't lights - so we packed together with her in in the right lane and side of town. Pat did a frazzled but safe.



home at last leg of the

Saturday morning we left early for the trip. At one of the gas stops about 80 miles from Nashville, the Duffey's car was not running smoothly getting off the exit and refused to start again in the gas station - pretty sure it was a weak coil that was gradually shorting out in the heat so the Lownsdale's car came back off the trailer and Duffey's car went back on. Jeff and Nancy now were driving Lownsdale's car as they had to leave us in Nashville and head to Knoxville to drop off the car. About 40 miles from Nashville, that car started losing power but was OK at lower speeds - they decided to split off from us at that point and go back roads at lower speed. Some time later, we heard from Jeff that the issue was a clogged fuel filter which was replaced and they were OK.

The rest of the trip was uneventful until we were on 75 in Florence getting ready to exit on 275 when Jake suddenly pulled the Bugeye to the side of the road - right front wheel bearing had fried and the trailer was full. John was elected to stay behind with the car and wait for the AAA flat-bed which is also another story as it took 3 tow trucks to figure out how to load the car.



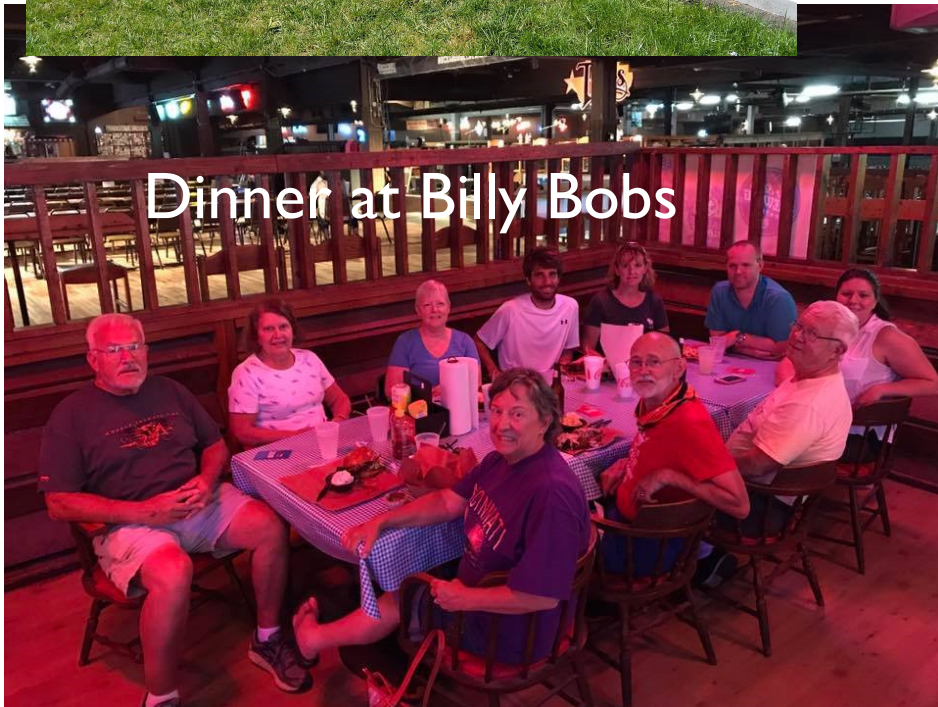
In the end, we got to see Waco, a good bit of Texas, another Conclave, and be there for each other during the "unplanned roadside car shows" as Bernie Grabow has said.

Scott Brown

Fun along the way



RINGO
STARR





Hitching a ride?



Wives took the credit cards and locked them up



What's a trip without ice cream



Bull running—maybe away from the BBQ pit?

