

Mark Ham's Garage
Tennessee Colony, TX
February 18, 2009

On Wednesday, February 18th, our group left the Senior Center in Malakoff shortly after 9:00 AM on our way to Mark Ham's garage in Tennessee Colony. We only had six Model A's; however, besides those driving we had four members who rode with others, and Shirley and I brought up the rear in our Ford Ranger. The temperature was perfect, the wind was light, and the roads were not that heavily traveled making for a perfect drive.

We were welcomed by Mark and Sandra (see picture) with coffee, cold drinks, and donuts—these folks really know how to make you feel at home.

While the ladies enjoyed time around the table (actually in the garage) with lots of girl talk, the men were given the opportunity to touch, smell, pick up and ponder many Model A parts and components. We also had the opportunity to kick the tires on a couple of units and admire fantastic work in restoring these old beauties. Mark Ham (like our Shorty) is a wealth of knowledge and information on Model A's and many of us took advantage of this with questions galore.

After a couple of hours visiting and enjoying the Hams' hospitality we went back onto Highway 287 to a roadside park for some excellent picnic food and fellowship. From there Ola and O. V. led back to Malakoff by way of something called "the middle road" (O. V.'s term). This road took us past what appeared to be a huge rodeo stock ranch, with pastures filled with beautiful horses and what looked like bucking bulls.

You missed a good trip if you weren't there.

Submitted by Don Dyess