

## 2009 Dogwood Trails

March 21<sup>st</sup> and it's time for the tour to Palestine for the car show and Dogwood Trails Festival. Bill Wittner, Joe, Walt and Virginia, Jim, Mary and Bob, and Shirley and I met at 7:30 AM at the Athens Café for breakfast and fun conversations. We had three Model A's and two modern cars on the tour. My day had started off with Model A troubles (in checking the car for the trip I discovered a water leak at the head gasket), so once again Shirley and I trailed along in our Ranger.

The drive to Palestine was beautiful along back roads that took us through Yard, past Mark Ham's garage into Tennessee Colony and on into Palestine. The car show was huge, with many street rods as well as restored classics. My favorite was a 1941 Ford pickup which had been restored to its original condition, and you can see Shirley's choice in the pictures (Black Mustang). There were not many, but a few Model A's and a couple T's were in the show.

After a relaxing lunch at the Cotton Patch Restaurant, Joe drove Bill, Walt, Virginia, Shirley and me through the Dogwood Trails Park in his van. Pictures are hard to take from the windows of moving vehicles, but you can see Shirley managed to get a couple. The trees were really quite pretty.

After the drive through the park, we retraced our "tire tracks" home.

All in all, it was a good trip and lots of fun.

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