

## Shorty's Birthday Tour

March 25, 2010

On Thursday, March 25, Joe Creecy, Don Dyess, Bill and Sue Capps, Walt and Virginia Hellebrand, and Shorty left from the Eustace square to travel to the home of Adron and Dianne Neill's for a wonderful lunch of great homemade chili, red beans, and cornbread with all the trimmings prepared on an old wood-burning stove.



You did a great job Adron and Dianne--and thanks for the leftover chili which we enjoyed later also. Everything was wonderful!

O V Cliver, Chuck Sportsman, and Ken Parker met us there for lunch. After lunch, the Neills' provided a cake for Shorty's 87th birthday beautifully decorated with a picture of a Model T.



Later, Chuck led the way to Ben Wheeler, where we had a great time visiting with Brock Gramiel, who is in the process of restoring the town. Many of the shops have been remodeled and are rented to the business owners for \$1. The Store was a great place to visit. We saw the good looking burgers and other foods the customers were ordering and some of us had a wonderful baked-fried pie. Those who did said the pies were "delicious".

Although, we missed the "spring-like" temperature (so sorry for that Don Dyess!--I have been fired as a weather forecaster!!!)--it was very cool and windy---we had a great trip! We hope to get to do this tour again soon when you who missed it can join us. Thanks to Adron and Dianne for a great lunch, birthday cake and warm hospitality!

Sue Capps