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Merriam-Webster dictionary domestic turkey-cock

On The Cover



Train tracks disappear on the horizon line somewhere in West Texas. This 1995 photo was taken from the last car of the Amtrak train.

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Comments by RG



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About once every 10 years or so, I grow a short term, temporary beard. Here are the ones from 2000, 2011, and 2019 (“2020”).

Sooooo... I've wanted to get out this next issue of the journal long before now, but general life and a real lack of these journals being important backburnered them from getting done! However, I did want to get it out before the year was done to say that I've had four issues this year! (Well, close!)

This issue is called a Texas Travel issue. In the past over 20 years, I have travelled quite a bit to various places in Texas, even before I moved here. The state is large, second only to Alaska (which is huge), in the United States. Alaska is about 663,300 square miles, but only with a population of 737,438 people* in the whole state. While Texas is smaller at 268,581 square miles, but with a population of 28,701,845 people*. (*Population estimates from 2018 on Wikipedia.)

So, I thought it would be fun to put together an issue of all the places I've been to by general region or by path. Since Lubbock is where I have lived most of the past 20 years, that is the central location for most of the sections.

As of the time of this writing, I wish I could say that I had more news to say since the time I was let go by the museum back in July. I am basically over being angry and betrayed from

having been let go, but decided that despite the job being exactly what I had been looking for the past 15 years, I would cut it off as if I never did it and only look forward to wherever I will go next. It absolutely sucks, but I can't dwell in what no longer exists.

I did a few little things over the past five months that I'll also report in this issue, some travel, some other things.

We have now hit 2020, something that many only thought was the distant future, but now it is here! Wasn't it just 2000 a few years ago? Remember the issue of Y2K in 1999? Didn't many think that the world was going to end or that everything was going to shutdown because of the stupid computer date crisis? Ha, ha... How have the housing developments that were supposed to be Y2K proof fared over the last 20 years? Don't you know that they were surprised when basically nothing happened other than crazy celebrations and fireworks!

The 1920s were a time between the wars that was prosperous but a little crazy with prohibition and bootlegging and gratuitous living. We will see how the 2020s will work out to be.

Enjoy this issue!



2000



2011



2019

Word for Life

You should not at all be surprised that in 2020 the world—and especially the United States—is as divided as it could ever be; divided in ideals, divided in goals, divided about truth. However, there is an even bigger division that is permanent, but can be reconciled for as long as we are still living on the earth. That division is between those who are in Christ Jesus and those who are not. The biggest mistake people make is to think that because this is “of Christianity” that it only applies to Christianity and that it does not apply to other “religions”. False. God Jehovah created the earth and EVERYTHING in it (Genesis 1:1, also 1:2-31). While someone could say that there are many other creation stories in other religions, have you ever heard them and noticed a striking similarity to God’s version? There are many gods and many idols that can’t do a single thing for you when you need them the most! Who you are needing is God Jehovah. Not little gods, not idols, not even other people. God is as alive as you are breathing now while reading this. Revelation 1:18, “I am He [Jesus] who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore.” Dead gods and idols cannot help you in your times of need, God can!

With that straight, let’s talk about living out our lives in Christ. The reason why so many denominations of Christianity (and even of Judaism) exist today is simply because a person or group of people did not agree. Sometimes the disagreements were valid, while other times they were petty differences that caused unnecessary fissions. After Jesus ascended to the right hand of the Father, denominations did not exist within the new church. There were differences of ideas and opinions, but not separate groups of people calling themselves something different from the core faith values as Jesus taught. No one was perfect, and Paul many times had to correct some misunderstandings and misbeliefs among people in the various churches he started, especially between Messianic Jews and Gentiles (non Jews). Shortly after Jesus ascended and the Holy Spirit’s arrival on Pentecost, Peter gave a sermon—arguably the first sermon of the newly founded Christian church—to the other apostles and people present and people got saved and were baptized. Acts 2:42 then states, “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine [that is, teaching] and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.” There are four key elements stated in this verse that define being a Christian: following the apostle’s doctrine (having uniformity of belief of the Person Christ Jesus), fellowship (that is, being around and spending time with other believers), breaking of bread, and praying (both individually and corporately—with other believers). Acts 2:44-46 then add that “all who believed were together”, “had all things in common”, continued “daily with one accord in the temple”, broke “bread from house to house”, and “ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart”. Where and when have we lost all these traits?

Jesus Himself told us about how to pray effectively, not as a prayer to regurgitate, but to use as a MODEL, a structure, for your own prayers. In Matthew 6:9-13, He said:
“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

Most Christians of any denomination will state that Jesus’s model prayer is unquestionable and would not dare to “correct” His words. But why do we think that the rest of the Word of God is okay to change? Jesus explicitly stated in Revelation 22:6, “These words are faithful and true.” And in verse 7, “Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.” And in 18-19, “18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life [Tree of Life], from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.” However, that is exactly what has happened over the centuries when different denominations try to split up the Word to suit popular belief and pleasing doctrine! Either you believe the whole Word, or you believe none of it!

One example of a failure to believe happened while Jesus was on the earth. In John 9:1-41 shows this example which is even relevant today because it involves authority and healing. In short, here is what happened. Some disciples of Jesus asked Him if the man blind from birth had sinned or his parents sinned for him to be blind. The answer was neither, but that Jesus would be glorified when he received his sight. Jesus made mud with the dirt, put it on his eyes and told him to wash it off at a specific pool. The man was obedient, and he was healed. Everyone knew he was blind, but people were surprised and shocked when he could see. So, they questioned him, and they questioned him, and questioned him, basically refusing to believe not the healing but Who healed him. Jesus healed the man on the Sabbath. Ultimately, the man who was blind but then saw stood before the Pharisees. Again, he was questioned along with witnesses and even the parents! The man did not know Who Jesus was at the time, and while the Pharisees could not deny the healing, they ripped him apart about being healed on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, not God, created the rules about not working on the Sabbath. God said to keep the Sabbath holy (Exodus 20:8). The Pharisees already hated Jesus for correcting them multiple times before and proceeded to take out that hatred on this previously blind man. Ultimately, in the name of their doctrine, the Pharisees excommunicated the man for believing in Jesus and correcting the Pharisees misunderstanding of what happened to him. Jesus already called many of the Pharisees, Sadducees, and scribes [interpreters of the Law] hypocrites for believing one thing and doing another. In verse 39, Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.”, that is, to be spiritually blind.

The summary of all this writing is this. Do not be a hypocrite (Mark 7:6). Do not be unbelieving, but believing (John 20:27). Do not cause strife (Proverbs 26:20, Proverbs 28:25). Live peaceably in this world (Romans 12:18) even if you do not agree with someone else. Do not compromise nor corrupt (Romans 1:22-24) your understanding of the Word of God. God’s Word itself is incorruptible (1 Peter 1:22-24).

Random Things

Cracker Barrel Turns 50

Cracker Barrel celebrated its 50th anniversary in September 2019 having opened September 19, 1969. I know for me personally, I've eaten there many times since the early 1990s!

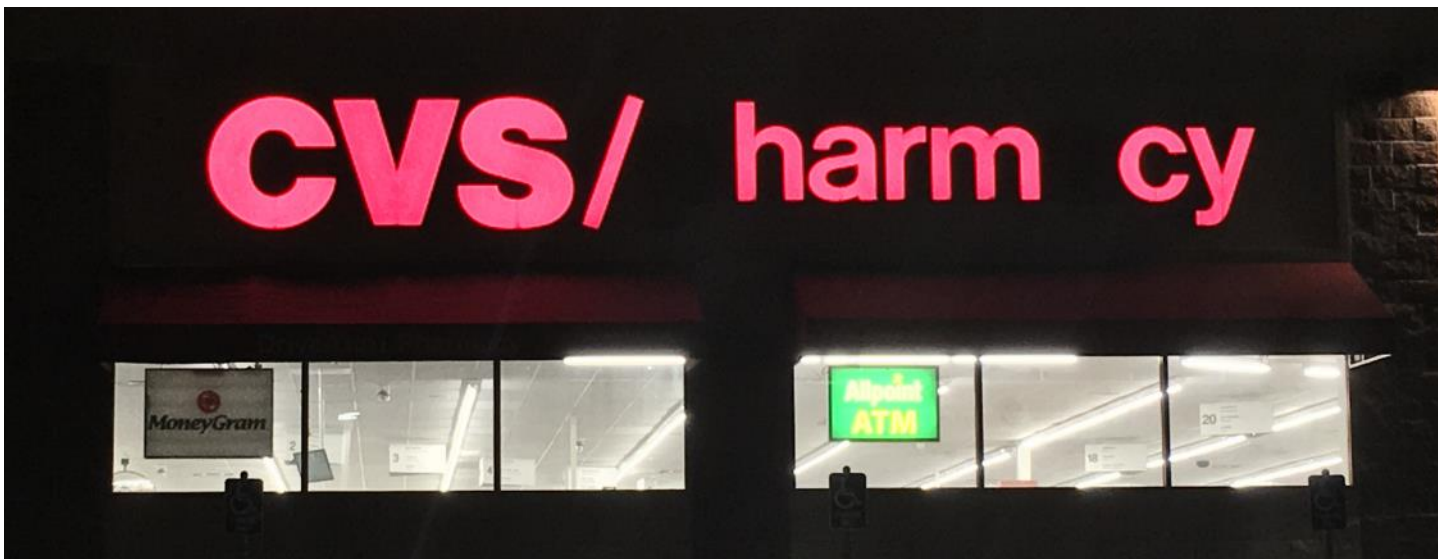


Sesame Street Turns 50

Also starting in 1969 was Sesame Street. After you grow up, you'll usually move on from shows you watched as a kid, but the shows themselves keep on going! Sesame Street is one of those shows. They have had hundreds of puppets on the show, many of which were retired or made dormant, while many new ones were created for specific themes. I watched Sesame Street in the 1970s and early 1980s and never really watched it after that. So, it was quite a surprise to learn about all of the various new puppets added over 40ish years after that! To clarify, Sesame Street is NOT owned by Disney, while the Muppets ARE owned by Disney. However, the Henson family (the company structure is difficult to explain quickly) still owns a large quantity of the characters, program library, and assets. PBS aired an anniversary special November 17, 2019.



Who is Cy and why does CVS want to harm him?



Random Things

Campbell's Soup Celebrates 150 Years of Soup Tradition

The Campbell's company is 150 years old as of 2019, having started in 1869. Their website says:

“In 1869, Joseph Campbell, a fruit merchant, and Abraham Anderson, an icebox manufacturer, formed the business that would one day become Campbell Soup Company, and opened their first plant in Camden, New Jersey.”

“It wasn't until after Joseph Campbell retired from the company that Campbell introduced its first can of ready-to-eat tomato soup. Later, in 1897, Campbell made an amazing leap forward when John T. Dorrance, a chemist at the company and nephew of the then-president with an interest in French cuisine, invented condensed soup. He created five varieties, including Tomato, which remains one of the top 10 shelf-stable foods sold in U.S. grocery stores today.”

Campbell's Soup Cans by Andy Warhol, 1962.
Group of 32, 16x20 canvases, screen printed

Tomato soup was certainly among the first produced and still popular today. However, I could not find a list of the original flavors of soup. However, some flavors they no longer produce as best as I have been able to determine include: Scotch broth*, turkey vegetable, chicken and dumplings (original version), and pepper pot. There might be others.

**I understand that the Scotch broth is still sold in Canada. I wonder what exactly it tastes like.*



The October 2012 issue of the journal featured these special edition cans of Tomato soup honoring 50 years of Andy Warhol's soup can Pop art (below). They were only available in Target.



Foodie

Homemade Food!

Here are some items I've made the last few months.



Banana nut cake



Applesauce and apple filling for fried pies



Meat hand pies



Split pea soup



Green chili chicken stew

Foodie

Homemade Food!



Different batch of split pea soup with meatballs



Rhodes Texas thaw and bake rolls



*TexMex/Southern breakfast:
Hash browns, cheese grits, bacon,
scrambled eggs, tomatoes, coffee,
chips with sour cream & guac. Yum!*



*Christmas cookies: Oatmeal (no raisins!), chocolate
chip, and Texas spumoni (chocolate, pecan, Dublin
Dr Pepper syrup)*

*A common breakfast I would
have of coffee, banana, and
cinnamon pecan twirls.*



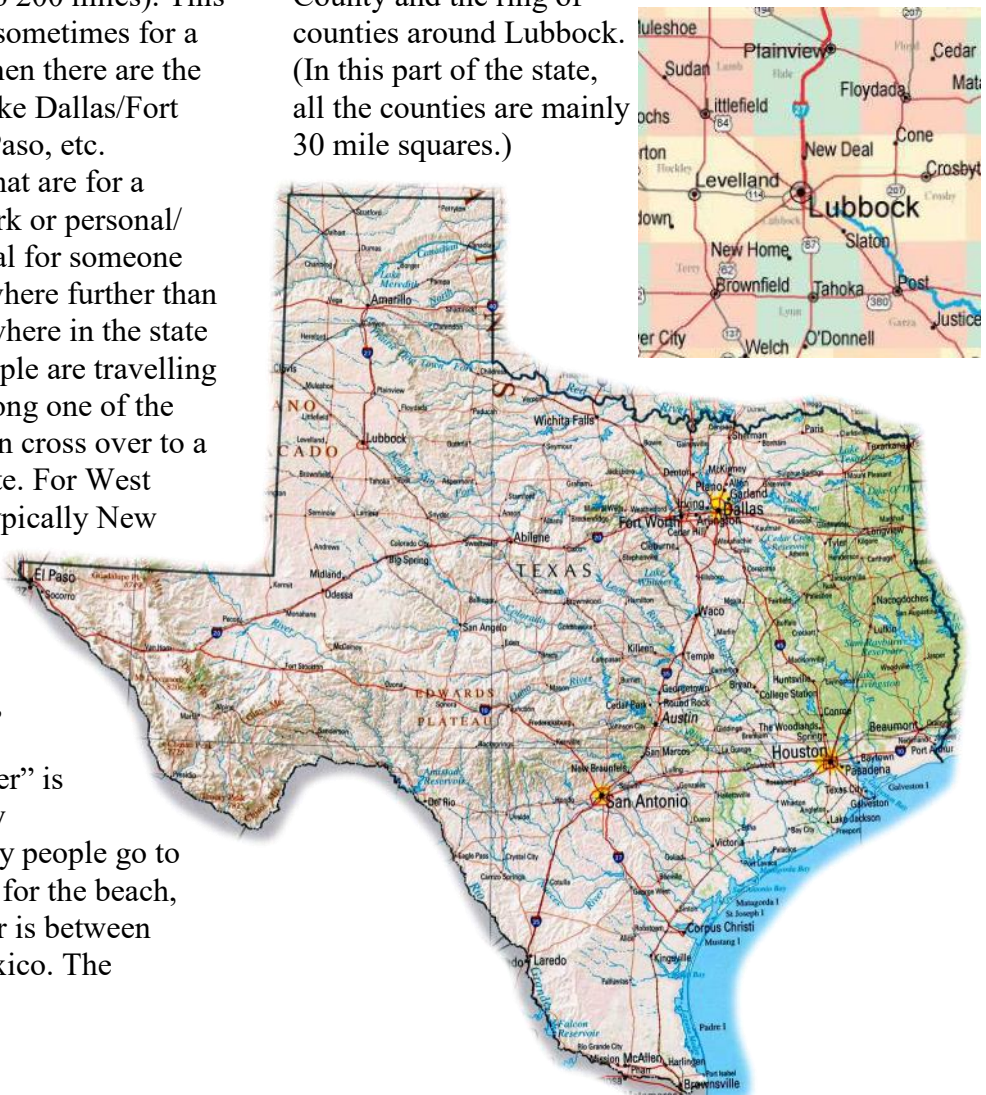
Texas Travel

Texas Travel: Just a Way of Life

In July 2001, I moved from Flagstaff, Arizona to Lubbock, Texas to attend Texas Tech University and graduated in December 2003. After that, I just stayed in Lubbock. Except for a period of 3.5 years, 2012-2015, when I lived in Colorado, I have lived in Texas ever since 2001. During my time of living here, life inevitably involved travel. In the western half of Texas where populations are measured in the thousands, tens of thousands, or low hundreds, travel is just the way of life, whether short distances or to the nearest “major” town. By general definition, I am saying that a short distance is up to 30 miles which is easily done daily or every few days as needed. The nearest larger town can be anywhere from one to three hours away (50 to 200 miles). This is often a drive done in one day or sometimes for a weekend or overnight if needed. Then there are the extended trips to the “big” towns like Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio, El Paso, etc. Typically, these are planned trips that are for a weekend or for some particular work or personal/family reason. It is not at all unusual for someone once or twice a month to go somewhere further than a couple of hours away no matter where in the state someone lives. Almost always, people are travelling within the state, unless they live along one of the state borders where they could often cross over to a nearby town in the neighboring state. For West Texas, the neighboring states are typically New Mexico and Colorado and maybe Oklahoma. Along the northern parts of Texas, the travel is typically to Oklahoma or Arkansas. And for the East Texans, travel is typically to Louisiana or perhaps Arkansas. The other “border” is the Gulf of Mexico, which is a very significant border of the state. Many people go to towns along the coast for vacation, for the beach, fishing, surfing, etc. The last border is between Texas of the United States and Mexico. The

Mexican border stretches from Texas at the Gulf to New Mexico, Arizona, and California at the Pacific, with the Texas border being about half of that entire range.

Since 1990, there have been a number of times that I travelled to Texas or within the state after 2001. The rest of this writing covers specific places I travelled and the general reason for going there. Because Lubbock has been my main point of origin for a little under 20 years now, these descriptions will center with Lubbock as the “leaving from” to “going to” points. I am excluding any travel within an hour of Lubbock, which pretty much includes Lubbock County and the ring of counties around Lubbock. (In this part of the state, all the counties are mainly 30 mile squares.)



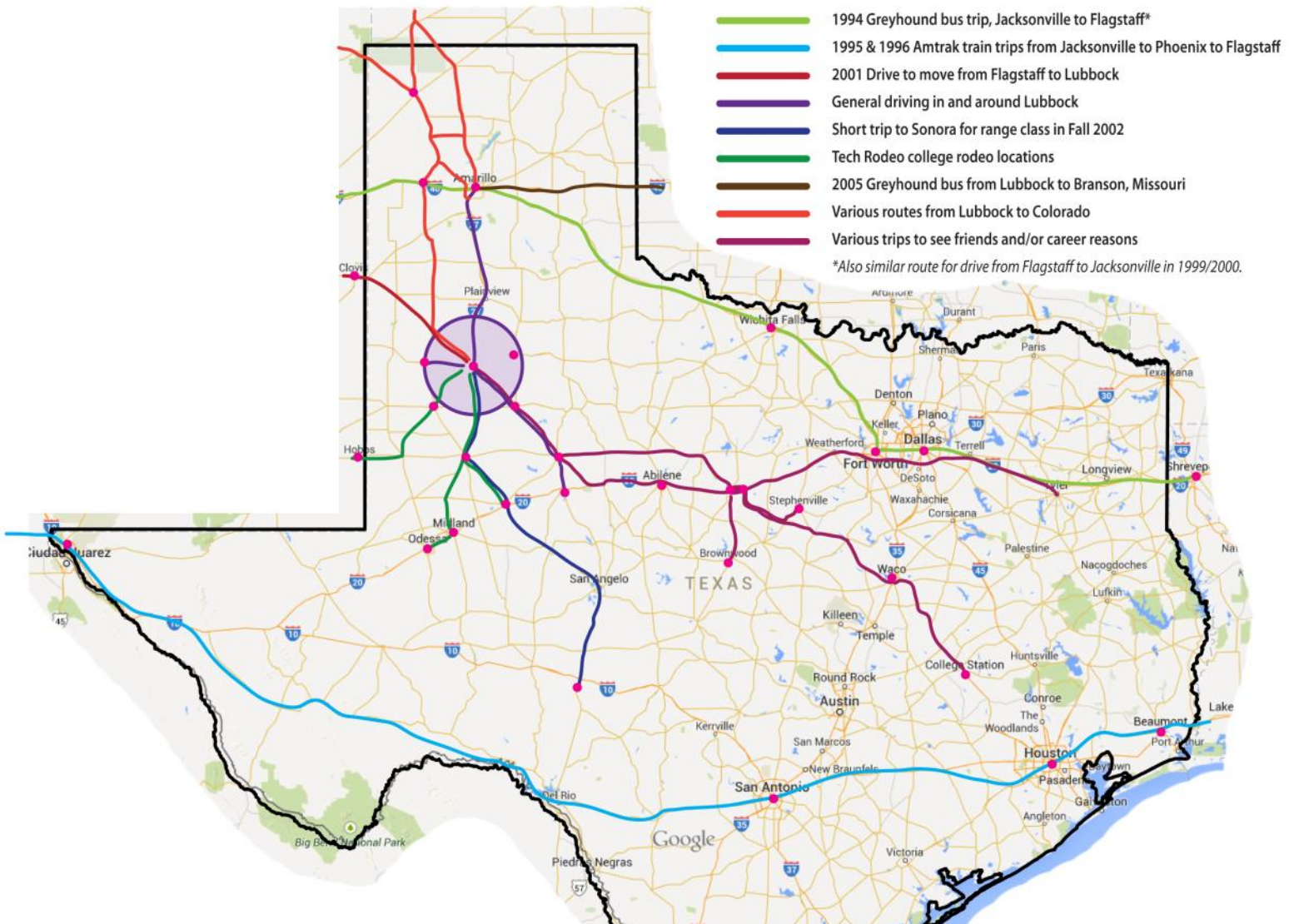
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Texas Travel Recap

If you have been reading the current version of the Journal since the reboot in 2012 (the original series was 1986-1989 and 1992-1998), you will know that I had a Texas theme in the February 2015 issue. In that issue, I showed the below map of all the places in Texas I have been to (as of 2015) and the general reason. I even had it color coded! The biggest difference with this issue from that map is that I go into relative detail of each trip or town visited, which take up most of this current issue! So, read on through these various pages and enjoy!



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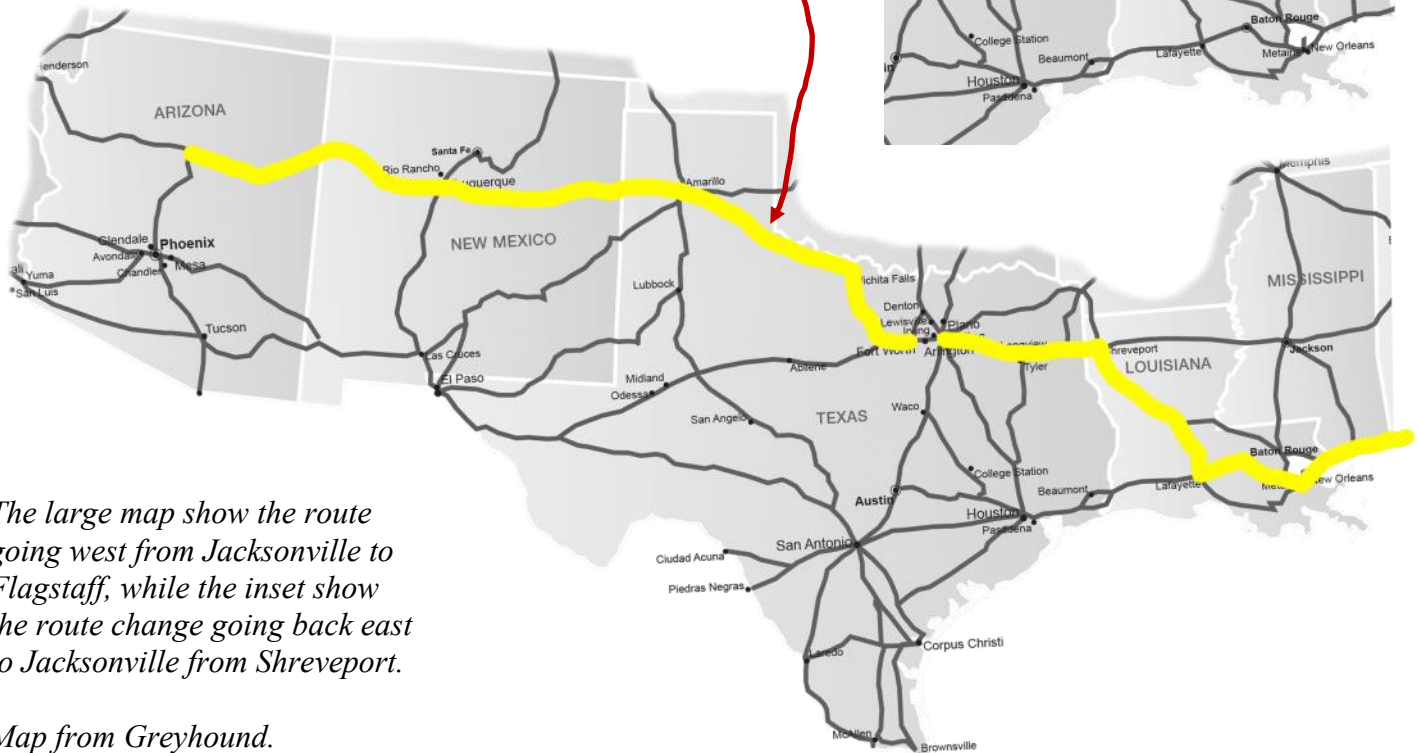
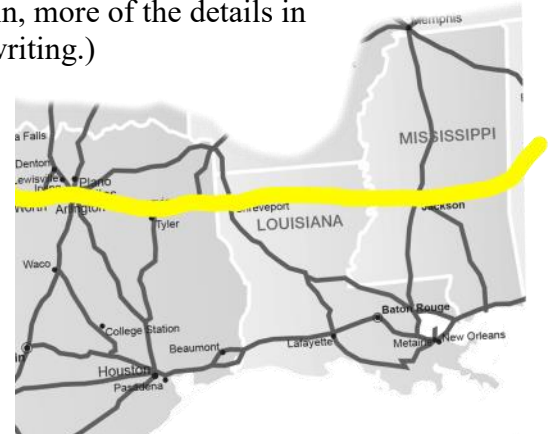
Greyhound Bus Through North Texas

The first time I had ever been in Texas was by Greyhound bus in 1994. At that time, I had my first extended studies trip through FCCJ that was to go to Flagstaff, Arizona as part of a ceramics class that summer. The first half of the term was in Jacksonville, then about a week later the last half was in Flagstaff. I have another writing that covers the round trip bus experience. The stretch involving Texas had to do with going from New Orleans up to Shreveport and ultimately up to I-40 in Amarillo.



In the early morning, the Greyhound stopped at this usual stop in Estelline for breakfast. Today, it is an abandoned building.

From Shreveport, we would arrive in Dallas pretty late and too late to catch the connecting bus. Greyhound held up the bus in Fort Worth and taxied us quickly to Fort Worth. (You'll have to read the other writing to get more of the interesting details of this Texas stretch!) For the most part, we would sleep on the bus as it made its way to Amarillo. We did have a scheduled stop pretty early in the morning at a greasy spoon in Estelline, Texas. (Again, refer to the other writing.) We would stop at the Greyhound station in Amarillo then continue on I-40 to Flagstaff, where we arrived about midnight. I went with a group by bus to Arizona, but would end up going by myself by bus back to Florida (bad circumstances). The route back was the same about half of the way, but would be different for the last half. (Again, more of the details in the other writing.)



The large map show the route going west from Jacksonville to Flagstaff, while the inset show the route change going back east to Jacksonville from Shreveport.

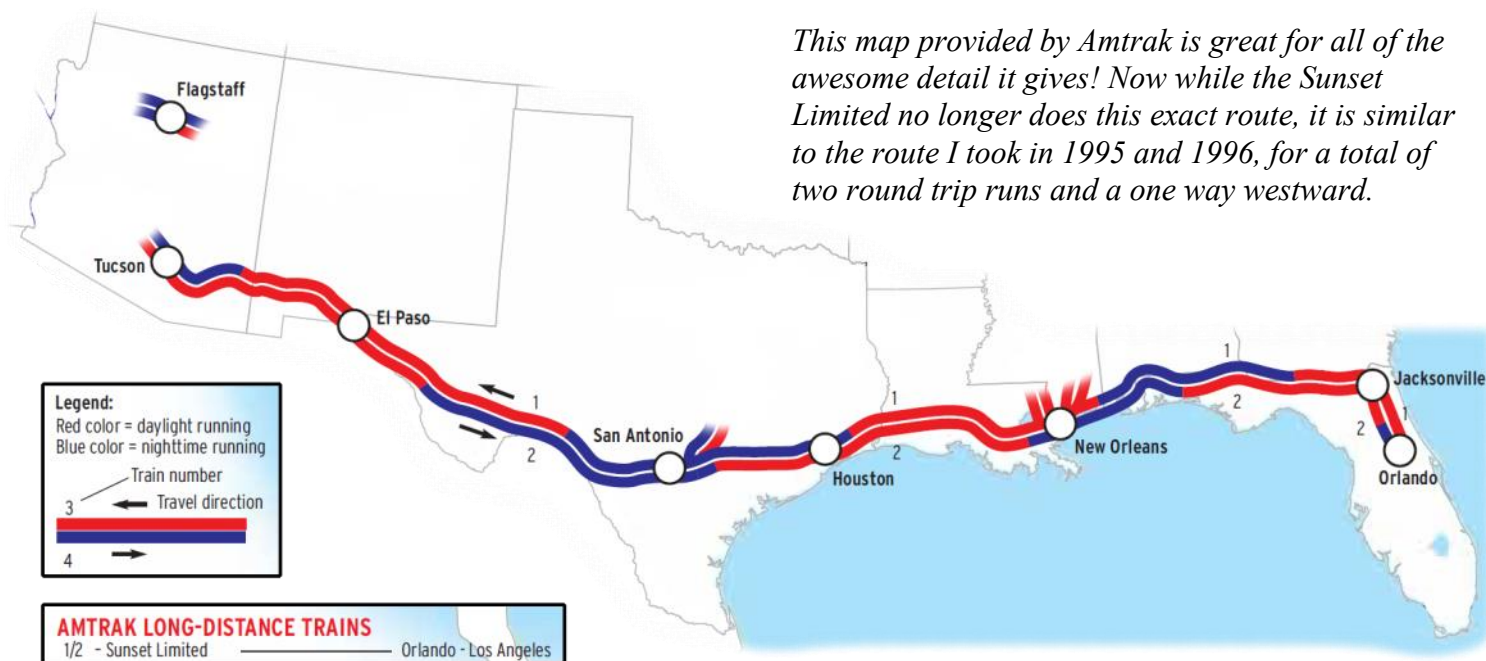
Map from Greyhound.

Texas Travel

I-10 between Beaumont and El Paso (by train)

In the summers of 1995 and 1996, I travelled by train (Amtrak) from Jacksonville, Florida to Phoenix, Arizona on the Sunset Limited line. (Hurricanes in the 2000s have since shut down the line between Jacksonville and New Orleans and no longer runs that stretch of the route.) In Texas, the train aligned pretty close with I-10. But going west from San Antonio, the tracks diverged towards the Rio Grande and did not catch back up with I-10 until

near El Paso and beyond. I took this train three times: one round trip in July/August 1995, a round trip in July/August 1996, and a one way trip in August 1996 a couple of weeks after getting back from the previous trip. It was in August 1996 when I moved from Florida to Flagstaff, Arizona to go to Northern Arizona University. I have not been on an Amtrak train since. Also, prior to that time, I have never been in Texas except for a bus trip in 1994.



This map provided by Amtrak is great for all of the awesome detail it gives! Now while the Sunset Limited no longer does this exact route, it is similar to the route I took in 1995 and 1996, for a total of two round trip runs and a one way westward.



Train tracks in West Texas taken from last car



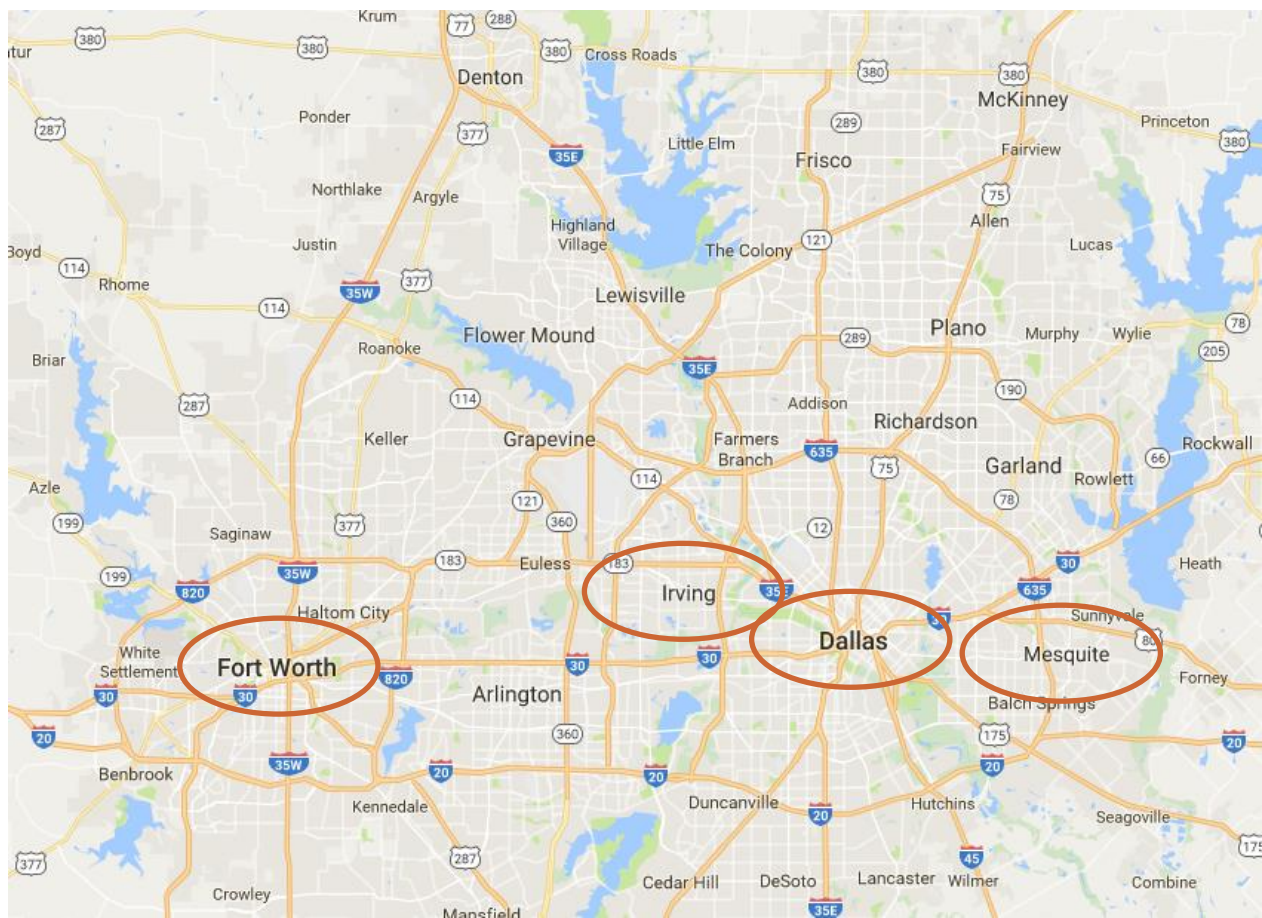
Amistad Reservoir in Texas

Texas Travel

Weekend in DFW, Independence Day 1998

At this time, I had lived in Flagstaff for about two years. I made arrangements to live in the dorms during the summer by working on campus, an allowance that the university had specifically for students who would work on campus during the summer and prearranged through the respective department. I did that the summers of 1997, 1998, and 1999. Otherwise, students were required to move out of the dorms for the summer and could not return until the fall term, unless a student was taking summer classes, and even then, they would have to move out at a point with several weeks before they could move back into a dorm. The special arrangement I had worked for 1997 and 1998, while the summer 1999 was a summer school arrangement when I was doing an internship (but would have to move several times). For the Fourth of July in 1998, mom and I would each meet in Dallas and spend several days exploring the DFW area as a sort of vacation. I flew from Flagstaff to Phoenix to DFW, while mom went from Jacksonville to DFW (I don't know if it was direct or with stops). Other than the

busses and trains, I still had not been to Texas to actually see Texas. This was sort of the first time I was a tourist of sorts to visit Texas. As I recall, part of the time, we took a bus tour and part of the time we drove around the area. Even then, it was a large area to drive. We went from Mesquite on one side to the Fort Worth Stockyards at the other end and various places in between. I think we were in Mesquite to watch fireworks, but I recall that it was raining and there might or might not have been any. It was really hot most of the time. Mom drove and we got lost a bunch of times! We also visited Irving and saw the bronze mustangs at the Las Colinas plaza. We visited a farmer's market (I have no idea where, Dallas Farmer's Market, maybe?). We went to the Dallas Heritage Village and toured the outdoor park (very similar to the NRHC outdoor park). The bus tour included eating lunch at the Hard Rock Café in Dallas that was an old church and has an oil pumpjack out front. We explored the Fort Worth Stockyards on our own visiting the streets and the actual stockyards.



Texas Travel

Weekend in DFW, Independence Day 1998



Above: Bronze mustang sculptures in a plaza in Las Colinas.

Top: Leddy Hand Made Boots on Main and Exchange Streets near the Fort Worth Stockyards.



Above: Bronze longhorn sculptures in Pioneer Plaza in downtown Dallas.

Right: Dealey Plaza, near where John F. Kennedy was shot in 1963.



Texas Travel

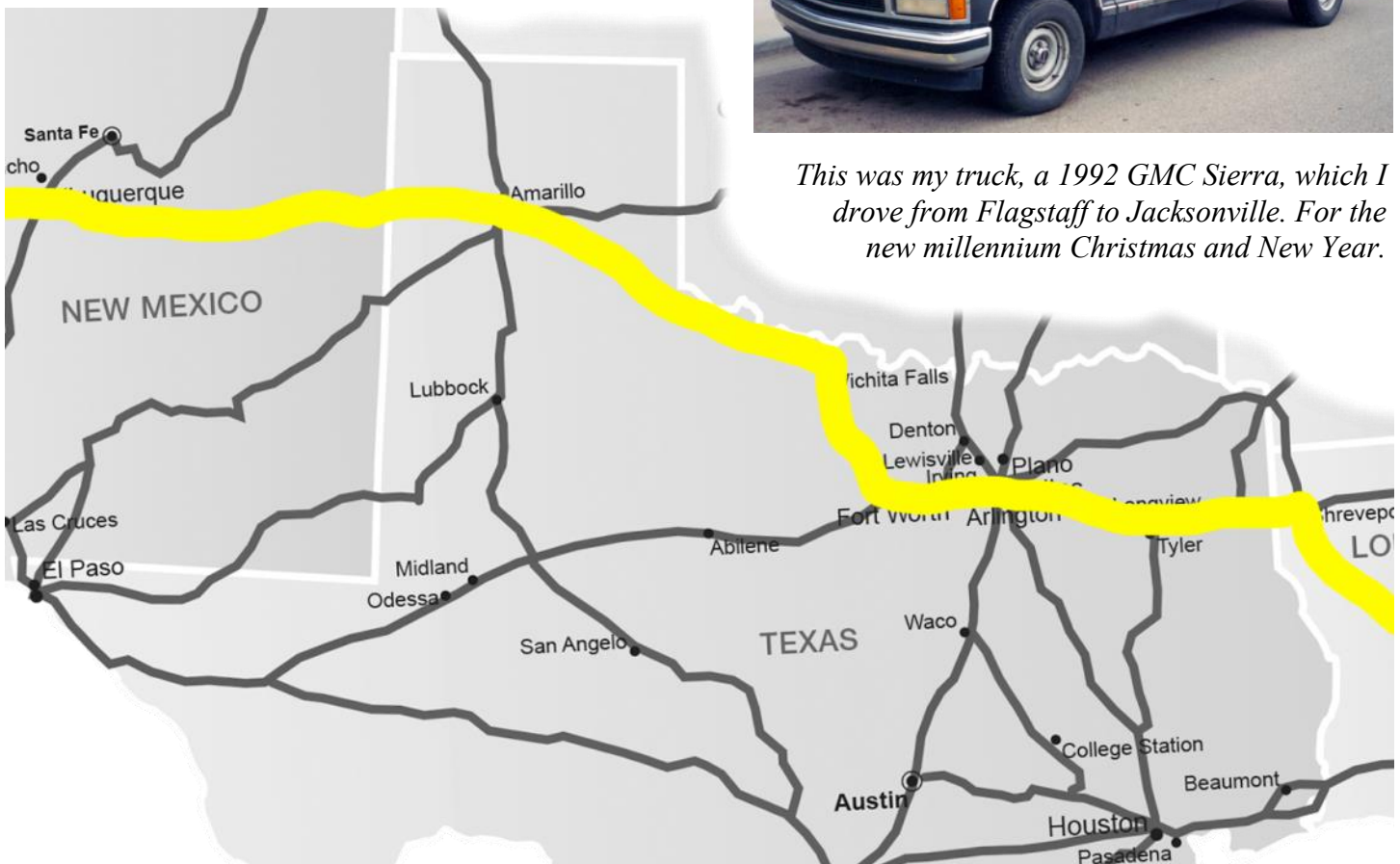
1999-2000 drive through Texas

Much of this I covered in a separate writing. But for the sake of completeness, I'll summarize the trip. It was December 1999. I had gotten my own vehicle, a GMC truck, earlier in the year. Before that, I did not have a vehicle. Over the Christmas holidays, the dorms required the students to leave. (There were a few exceptions or extenuating circumstances, especially for international students or those who came from a long way off to go to college.) I had a truck, so I decided to drive to Florida from Arizona for Christmas and the New Year, which was a new millennium, 2000! (Remember the whole Y2K fiasco?!) I would take several days. I went from Flagstaff to Amarillo on I-40 and stayed the night. I would sort of retrace the steps that the bus trip went in 1994. The next day, I would go from Amarillo down to DFW then continue on to Shreveport and down to New Orleans. However, I was so tired that for safety, I stayed the night in Alexandria. The next day, I continued to New Orleans and visited there

for a few hours and continued on to Jacksonville. I got there in the very early morning, or some would say very late night! I spent something like two weeks for Christmas and New Years. Obviously, I would drive back and drove a similar route back to Flagstaff. I did have one problem on the way back with an oil leak somewhere in Texas between Fort Worth and Amarillo, which freaked me out as to whether or not I'd be able to get back! I ended up getting back to Flagstaff without much problem but before a huge blizzard hit the area in early January dumping two or three feet of snow and shutting down the college for a few days! I did get the oil leak fixed not too long after I got back.



This was my truck, a 1992 GMC Sierra, which I drove from Flagstaff to Jacksonville. For the new millennium Christmas and New Year.



Texas Travel

Travels with Texas Tech Rodeo, 2003 & 2009

When I moved to Lubbock in 2001, I briefly met with the rodeo coach that summer to learn more about the club/team. After classes started that late August, I started going to the meetings and the practices. I never rodeoed myself, but I would watch and later would help the others with their practices. Fairly quickly, I became friends with the coach. There's a whole lot more to the story of my involvement with Tech Rodeo, but as for travelling purposes, here's what I did. Every school year, the students compete in 10 regional rodeos, 5 in the fall and 5 in the spring. Except for the Tech Rodeo held in October, all the other rodeos were held in various other places in New Mexico and Texas. Also at the time, there was a multi region competition in May before the finals that was usually in June. After 2003, they eliminated the multi region competitions entirely. So what this means is that the students would travel nearly every weekend during the 5 rodeos of each term, which was usually within a two month window. By the spring of 2003, I wanted to go to one or two of the rodeos. So I asked the coach how I might be able to go to the rodeos to watch. Basically, I went with the coach and stayed with the coach. I went to two of the regular rodeos that spring. I went to the Odessa College rodeo in Odessa, and I went to the Howard College rodeo in

Big Spring. I also went to the multi regional rodeo held at the Lea County Event Center located in Hobbs, New Mexico on the campus of New Mexico Junior College. Hobbs is basically right on the border of Texas and New Mexico, about 1.5 hours away to the southwest of Lubbock.

Fast forward six years, long after I graduated, I had the option to go to the college rodeo finals that is in Casper, Wyoming. There were four of us who drove to Casper from Lubbock up I-27 to Amarillo, then I-40 a brief way to the road that goes through Dalhart and cut through New Mexico to Raton. I've talked about this route many times in previous journals. We then went north on I-25 through Colorado and all the way up to Casper. We made various stops, but we did stop in Colorado Springs briefly to visit dad and have lunch at Borriello Brothers pizza in the Springs (I've talked about this place before). We got as far as Douglas, Wyoming before we stayed the night at a hotel. The next day, we leisurely visited Ayers Natural Bridge Park then continued on to Casper. We were there for the finals for nearly a week and headed back home to Lubbock. There is a whole lot more to this particular trip and perhaps I'll make it its own article sometime.



Ayers Natural Bridge Park, near Douglas, Wyoming

Hobbs, New Mexico

Okay, so not specifically a Texas town, but it is right on the state border. It is about 90 miles away to the southwest of Lubbock and many people go there for one reason or another. I went there one time as I recall in 2003 for what used to be an interregional college rodeo before the college finals that is held in Casper, Wyoming. Not long after that, the college rodeo organization eliminated the semifinals and therefore the rodeo there.

Texas Travel

Range class trip down to Sonora, Fall 2002

During the Fall 2002 term, I took a Range and Wildlife Management class. I was a little out of my element, but I wanted to take it for additional roundedness. Near the end of September, we took a class trip of less than a dozen of us to go to the Extension Station located in Sonora, Texas. Using a University van, we went down for basically an overnight stay. Sonora was about 4 to 5 hours away from Lubbock to the south-southeast. Personally, I don't remember most of the drive to or back, but we likely went from Lubbock south through Big Spring to San Angelo. We stopped at a Mexican restaurant there and had dinner and got to the Extension Station after dark. I do remember that the night was as black as coal out there in the middle of nowhere! You could definitely see every star and the Milky Way! The station had sleeping quarters where we stayed. The next day, we spent learning about juniper trees and their management on the Edward's Plateau as done by the station over several decades. We had a slide presentation and discussion, then we toured the property to see the different stages of juniper tree management. Afterwards, we drove back.

Lamesa and Seminole

Another thing we had to do for the class was a forage calculation project. We had to find a plot we could use to determine a sustainable stocking rate for livestock and what type of livestock based on the type and amount of grass growing there through sampling. I had a neighbor at the time who had some land in Lamesa and in Seminole. One day, we drove down there to look at them and drove back. I decided on one of them and went back another time to do the sampling of the grass and determine how to divide up the land into pastures and determine what type of livestock (cows, sheep, goats) and how many animals will fit and how to sustainably use the land. The class was very interesting, but was really beyond my knowledge, especially being a Master level class as it was.



This was my class that went down to Sonora. The guy in the middle was with the Extension Station, and the next guy to his left was the class professor.



This is one view of the plot I chose for the stocking rate project. I don't remember if this was in Lamesa or in Seminole, but the vegetation varied greatly.

Texas Travel

Travel tours with dad in June 2004 & July 2006

I graduated from Texas Tech University in December 2003. I was working for the American Wind Power Center at the time. Dad lived in South Florida, and I was living in a trailer next to the railroad tracks by Posey, which is near Slaton, both of which are to the southeast of Lubbock a number of miles. We planned to take a southwest tour of the country. In June 2004, dad drove out to meet me at the trailer. The part of Texas we drove was small, but it was the starting and ending points. We left Lubbock and went to Clovis to end up on I-40. We then went west to Flagstaff to go to my little brother's oldest brother's graduation. From there, we went to Las Vegas for a couple of days. We then toured through Zion National Park and went through southern Utah. Going through Four Corners, we went through southern Colorado and through the middle of the state to ultimately stop in Castle Rock by way of Denver. From there, we took I-25 down to Raton and cut through northeast New Mexico to Amarillo. After dinner, we got back to Lubbock by dark. I took time off from work and the trip was something like 10 days.



This is the first photo I took of this windmill and barn as we were heading back to Lubbock. We stopped because it looked like a nice photo op. There was a massive hail storm in Raton we went through, which was still off in the distance from this point. It followed us to Amarillo. That night, Amarillo got baseball sized hail from that same storm!

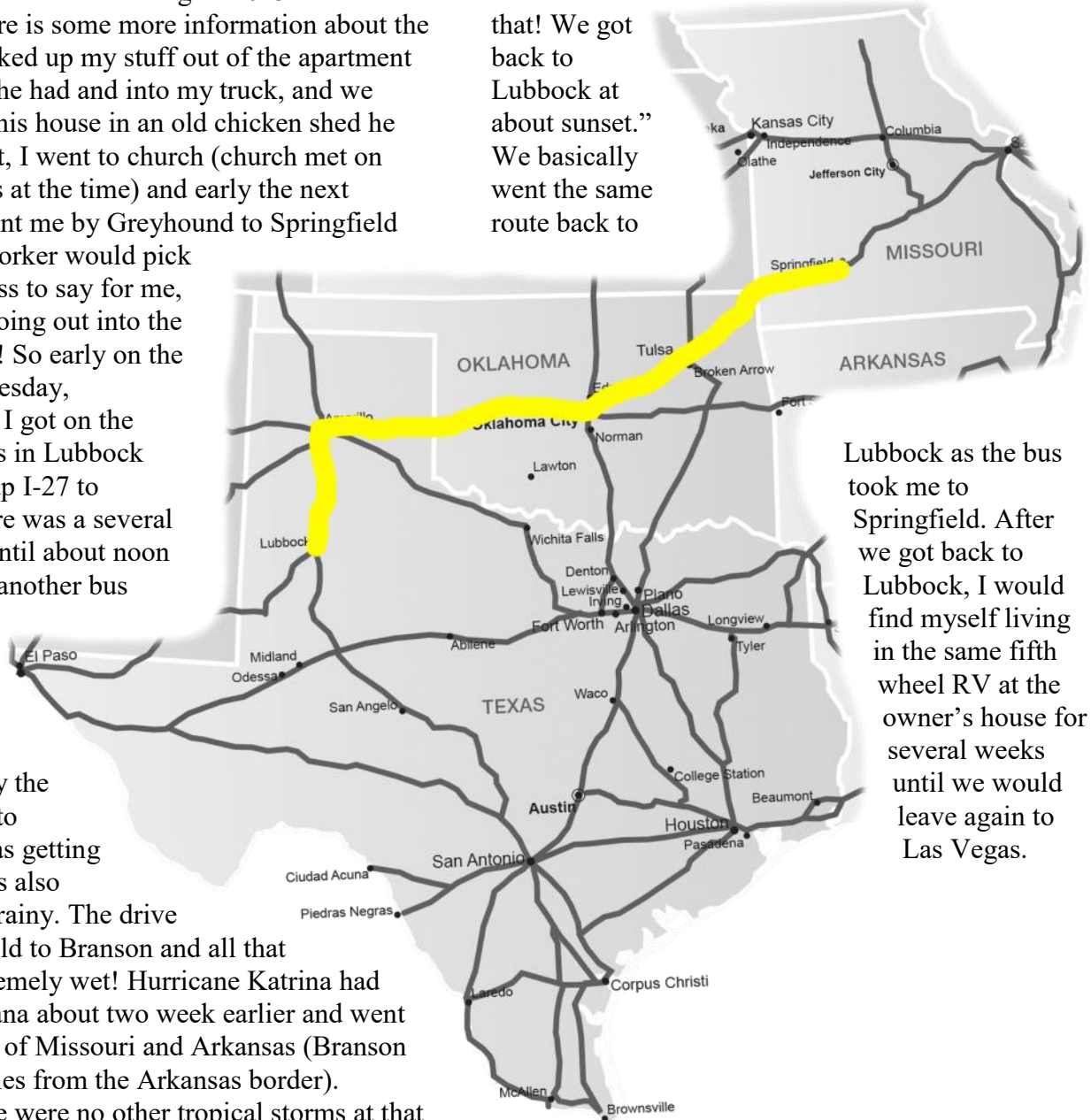
In July 2006, we wanted to do another trip but focus on Colorado this time. Dad was itching to get out of South Florida and was wanting to move. He decided he wanted to move to Colorado after seeing it back in 2004. I was working for the National Ranching Heritage Center and had been for nearly two months. I had just moved back into my own apartment (long story there!) and still had the apartment full of boxes when dad arrived in Lubbock. We decided to take a different route this time. We went up to Amarillo and took I-40 to Vega (we didn't know about the shortcut to Tascosa at the time). We then went north to Dalhart. Previously, we came back from Clayton, but continued north to Boise City. At that time, you still drove through the town and around the City Hall. We continued to Lamar, then over to Pueblo. We did this with an overnight stay. We then went up to Colorado Springs. That is where dad wanted to live. We met with a realtor he was in contact with and looked at a few places. But until his current place would sell, we were just looking at options. From there, we went west, then up to Leadville for the night. Then we went down to the road that took us over Independence Pass and over to Aspen to spend some time there. We went up to Glenwood Springs, but ultimately decided to go back south. We eventually got to Ouray from Montrose and went south. Ultimately, we went down to Durango and took a side trip to Mesa Verde National Park. Back in Durango, we took the Durango and Silverton tour train. The next day, we drove back north to Montrose and went east to Salida and to Cañon City. There we saw the Royal Gorge Bridge and spent some time there. We went up to Cripple Creek and did several things there. We went back to Colorado Springs, the drove down I-25 to Pueblo and went back the plains route we took up. We did stop at Bent's Old Fort on the way back to Lamar. Then we went back south I think to Amarillo and to Lubbock.

Texas Travel

Work Travel in 2005 – Branson

By late summer 2005, I was facing an income crisis. I was working, but not nearly enough hours at about minimum wage to even pay rent. I had already moved from a larger rental into a smaller rental less than two months prior, but by that point, it was beyond help. My boss of Flint Boot & Hat Shop wanted me to go to Branson, Missouri where another coworker was already to help him out with a remote booth at Silver Dollar City. I reported in detail about this booth and travel in the August 2015 issue on page 8. But here is some more information about the travel. We packed up my stuff out of the apartment onto a flatbed he had and into my truck, and we stored it all at his house in an old chicken shed he had. That night, I went to church (church met on Monday nights at the time) and early the next morning, he sent me by Greyhound to Springfield where the coworker would pick me up. Needless to say for me, this was like going out into the wild unknown! So early on the morning of Tuesday, September 13, I got on the Greyhound bus in Lubbock and travelled up I-27 to Amarillo. There was a several hour layover until about noon when I got on another bus that would take I-40 to Oklahoma City then on to I-44 to Springfield. By the time we got into Missouri, it was getting dark, but it was also starting to get rainy. The drive from Springfield to Branson and all that night was extremely wet! Hurricane Katrina had just hit Louisiana about two week earlier and went up a ways east of Missouri and Arkansas (Branson is about 10 miles from the Arkansas border). However, there were no other tropical storms at that

time in the Gulf until Hurricane Rita, the remnants of which went through the Branson region overnight, about September 25. So that heavy rain might have just been some regular front. After our time was done with the booth at Silver Dollar City in early October, we packed up everything and left the next day. Here's what I said in my previous journal, "I'm sure we were quite the sight! We had a dually pulling a long fifth wheel RV pulling a large storage trailer behind that! We got back to Lubbock at about sunset." We basically went the same route back to



Lubbock as the bus took me to Springfield. After we got back to Lubbock, I would find myself living in the same fifth wheel RV at the owner's house for several weeks until we would leave again to Las Vegas.

Texas Travel

Work Travel in 2005 – Las Vegas

Near the end of October, we took a whole new booth setup to Las Vegas for the PBR Finals. Our booth was one of probably hundreds in a convention hall at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center in an area called the “Fan Zone”. I reported about this in the October 2015 issue on page 8. For the actual travel, we would do an all night drive. Lubbock to Las Vegas is approximately 13 hours if it is non stop, but of course we would make stops, but I don’t recall the specifics. We left in the afternoon taking I-27 to Amarillo, then I-40 west to Kingman, Arizona to which we would take a road over Hoover Dam to Las Vegas. For both the drive back from Branson and both directions for Las Vegas, I did not drive but rather the other guy. I didn’t have experience driving with a trailer. We arrived in Las Vegas in the early morning. We took care of the booth and stayed at an old hotel/casino in downtown Las Vegas. After about 10 days or so now in early November, we packed up and was leaving Las Vegas. Taking the same route back, we ended up going as far as Flagstaff and stayed the night. The next day, we continued back to Lubbock. After getting back, I would move with some friends into a house and put the bulk of my stuff into a storage unit. (It would not be until July of 2006 when I would get my own apartment and move all of my stuff back in.)

Amarillo

While Amarillo is less than two hours away to the north of Lubbock, I rarely have had a reason to make Amarillo my destination! Most of the time, Amarillo is a stop on my way to Colorado. There are certain stores, restaurants, and gas stations like to stop at. Other things in Amarillo that I have seen is the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame and Museum, the Big Texan restaurant, and Cadillac Ranch. But again, these are usually stops I’ve made on my way out to somewhere else.

Tyler

Tyler is a small town near the Louisiana border straight east (and slightly south) of Dallas really close to I-20. I went there as part of a weekend trip in 2012 just before I moved from Lubbock to Colorado. In fact, I had already moved out of my apartment and put my stuff in storage just before I went. I met my friend in Cisco and we traveled from there to Tyler where his twin brother was at that time. We spent an overnight in a cabin with his family on Lake Palestine. While in the area, we also toured a state fish hatchery in the area.

El Paso

The Amtrak trains I took in the summers of 1995 and 1996 went through El Paso. However, I had not been in or near El Paso again until 2019, well over 20 years later! In early April, I drove to El Paso from Snyder to attend a museum conference, the same conference that had me go to College Station in 2010. I drove up to Lubbock to get my rental car then drove over to Hobbs and Carlsbad in New Mexico to go around the Guadalupe Mountains to El Paso. My return trip would be different. The overall drive was about six hours with some stops. I spent six days, four full and two part, in El Paso as part of the conference and a little exploring on my own. After the conference, I changed my route to go to Santa Fé instead and would return to Texas by way of Clovis. I returned to Lubbock, stayed the night, returned the rental car the next day, then drove back to Snyder. The El Paso trip turned out to be awesome! (Read more about the trip in another writing.)

Texas Travel

Cisco, Eastland, Ranger

Beyond Abilene to the east are several towns before getting to some more little towns of Cisco, Eastland, and Ranger. These are three little towns of only about 3000 to 4000 people each that are each 10 miles apart. If you went ten miles in Lubbock, you'd think nothing of that. But going ten miles between Cisco and Eastland seems like a "good drive"! That's because each town is only about 2 miles wide with lots of nature in between. I have friends who used to live in Cisco until 2016. Now for the last two years, they live in De Leon.

De Leon, Dublin, Stephenville

These are another group of towns relatively close to each other, in this case about 15 miles apart. Stephenville is the largest of the three. As I mentioned, my friends now live in De Leon. He is actually from Stephenville and his family still lives there. When I go to visit them, I am typically also going to Stephenville too for a visit. I also have another friend who lived a long time in Lubbock who moved back to Stephenville where he now lives. Dublin is about halfway and is home to a bottling works that used to make and sell an all sugar Dr Pepper that was only sold in the small area, referred to as Dublin Dr Pepper. However, a few years ago, the main Dr Pepper company was bought out, and the new owners shut down the various small bottling plants. While that was a huge loss for Dr Pepper, the independent bottling plant regrouped and opened the Dublin Bottling Works and now makes a wide range of flavored sodas. They have since opened a small museum of Dr Pepper memorabilia that was privately owned by the previous bottling company owner.

Waco

If you took Highway 6 from Eastland and kept going, you would eventually get to Waco (and which continues on to Bryan and College Station and ends near Galveston south of Houston). This very scenic route goes through much of the Texas Hill Country and is really pretty in the spring during the blooming of the bluebonnets. Waco has seen a renaissance of sorts largely in part by Chip and Joanna Gaines who had the show *Fixer Upper* on HGTV. The show greatly promoted the town through the show and once the Gaines opened their Silos complex, they basically created a tourist empire that has had profound effects on revitalizing the town! However, that has been just since the mid 2010s. (The show started in May 2013.) My first visit to Waco was in 2008(?) for a job opportunity at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum there. While I did not get the job, I would go through the town again in the spring of 2010 on the way to College Station for a museum conference. I have not been there since. However, the museum conference in 2020 in again in College Station, I would again go through Waco to get there. (As a side note, my friends who now live in De Leon lived a year outside of Waco just before moving to De Leon.)

Bryan & College Station (and Washington-on-the-Brazos)

I have only been here once in 2010 for a museum conference. These two towns are so close that you back and forth between them without realizing you've changed towns. College Station is the home town for the rival university Texas A&M University. As I remember, it was a very nice town and seemed very clean. I was there in the early spring, so it was not as hot or humid. But only being about 150 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, it is most definitely humid anytime of the year! As part of the museum conference, we took busses to Washington-on-the-Brazos, which is the location of the Texas declaration of Independence and became the Capitol for a period of time during the independence period.

Texas Travel

Post-Snyder-Sweetwater

These are the towns in succession I would go through from Lubbock when I would go to Cisco and other points further east. Starting in the mid 2000s, I would go this route to visit friends who lived in Cisco. I would get off 84 and onto I-20 just before Sweetwater. As recently as in the fall 2019, I have gone to Sweetwater as a spot to go for restaurants and a grocery store as other options to what is in Snyder. Post is within the circle around Lubbock, so I won't talk about this town.

Colorado City

This is another one of those towns that I only go through occasionally and is not a destination. Only in the summer 2003 did I go to Colorado City as a destination. Specifically, I went there to a school to pick up something as part of an exhibition I was developing as part of my internship for my degree. I had not been there since until I moved to Snyder since Colorado City is about 30 miles away to the south. From Snyder, you go through Colorado City to get to San Angelo. Also, Colorado City is along I-20. Big Spring is also on I-20 and is less than an hour away.

San Angelo

From Lubbock, San Angelo is about three hours away to the southeast. From Snyder, San Angelo is about 90 miles mostly south. I have only been there twice. The first time was in 2002 just in travelling through to a place further south, when one of my classes had a field trip to an extension station in Sonora. The second time was very recent in 2019 when I went to an auto dealer there to get a car.

Abilene

Like Lubbock, Amarillo, Midland, and Odessa, Abilene is one of the other major towns in the Panhandle West Texas. While I have never stayed the night in Abilene, I have explored the town on occasion from the mid 2000s on. In particular, I have gone to several museums there and have been to several restaurants and the H-E-B there. Abilene is similar to a smaller Lubbock. There are two museums there worth visiting, The Grace Museum and the Frontier Texas! museum. I've driven around parts of the town, but have never really been beyond the main circle of the town.

Big Spring

This little town on I-20 south of Lubbock not far from Midland/Odessa was the location of a college rodeo I went to in 2003. Not until I moved to Snyder have I been back there for it is about 50 away from Snyder to the southwest and on the way to Midland. I've been there only a few times to go to the H-E-B.

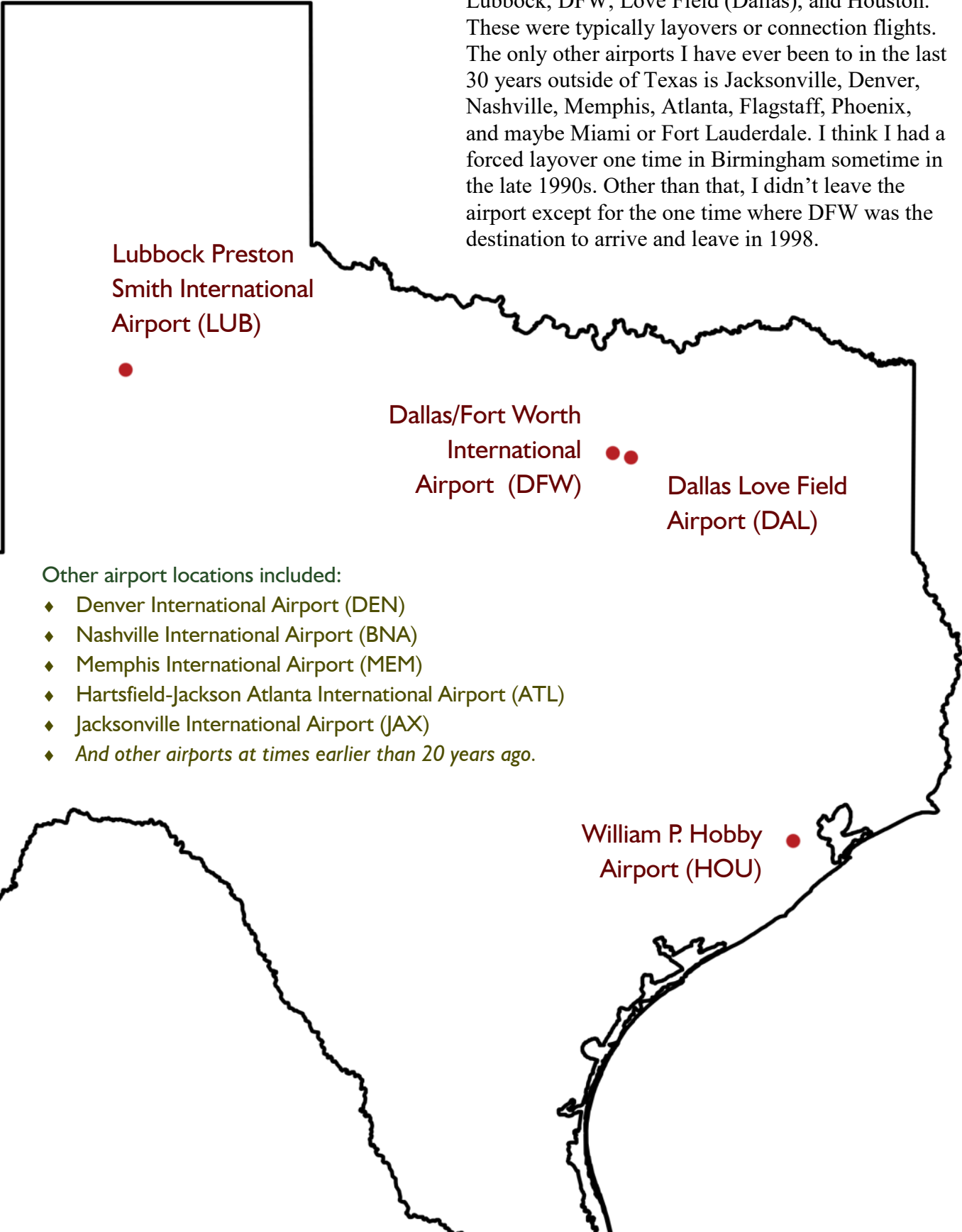
Midland & Odessa

These are a pair of towns about two hours to the south of Lubbock very close to the southeast corner of New Mexico where it sits at that inside corner of Texas. The first time I went there was for a day trip for a small poetry reading (that included a chuck wagon lunch) in Midland in the Fall of 2001. I went there again to Odessa in March 2003 for a college rodeo (and Salvation!) for a weekend. I didn't go there again until late October 2018 to attend a short seminar only held at the Petroleum Museum. I went back to visit the Petroleum Museum itself in late July 2019.

Texas Travel

Airport Locations

For the most part, my experiences with Texas airports is rather limited. The only places where I have been to a Texas airport specifically was in Lubbock, DFW, Love Field (Dallas), and Houston. These were typically layovers or connection flights. The only other airports I have ever been to in the last 30 years outside of Texas is Jacksonville, Denver, Nashville, Memphis, Atlanta, Flagstaff, Phoenix, and maybe Miami or Fort Lauderdale. I think I had a forced layover one time in Birmingham sometime in the late 1990s. Other than that, I didn't leave the airport except for the one time where DFW was the destination to arrive and leave in 1998.



Lubbock Preston
Smith International
Airport (LUB)

Dallas/Fort Worth
International
Airport (DFW)

Dallas Love Field
Airport (DAL)

Other airport locations included:

- ◆ Denver International Airport (DEN)
- ◆ Nashville International Airport (BNA)
- ◆ Memphis International Airport (MEM)
- ◆ Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL)
- ◆ Jacksonville International Airport (JAX)
- ◆ *And other airports at times earlier than 20 years ago.*

William P. Hobby
Airport (HOU)

20 Years of Vehicles

I would have said 20 years of trucks, but the last two vehicles have been cars, not trucks. My first vehicle ever was in early 1999 at the age of 26. I bought the vehicle needing a way to get back and forth to my internship I would be doing that summer. I had that truck from 1999 to 2006. The next one (refer to the list below) was 2007 to 2009. The third truck was 2009 to 2013. After that, I did not have a vehicle again until 2016, my first regular car, and had that until 2019 when I got the current car, a La Crosse.

1992 GMC Sierra, gray



1997 GMC Sierra, green



2008 GMC Sierra, white



2006 Chevy Impala, white



2013 Buick La Crosse, white



At whatever point in the future when I get either another vehicle or a different vehicle, I will go back to a GMC, and it most definitely, positively will NOT be a white vehicle! I have never liked white vehicles! It just happened to be that the last three vehicles have been white by no choice of mine for the color by the deals offered to me when purchasing.

Thanksgiving

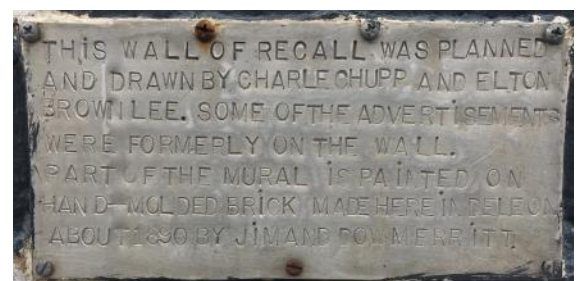
Like with Thanksgiving in 2017 and 2018, I spent Thanksgiving in 2019 with some friends who live near De Leon, Texas. One difference this year is that the weather was relatively rainy and that I did not stay quite as long as in previous years. I arrived the Wednesday before and stayed in a motel for two nights (same motel and I think even the same room as in 2018). Thanksgiving day was at their house with them and a few other people. The next day, “black Friday”, I did two main things. I started out having breakfast at a local café called, Hi-Way 6 Cafe. After, I explored what is downtown De Leon, which basically extends two or three blocks with buildings on each side. It is here where my friends have a barbershop they had just opened. I did some minor shopping to support the local small businesses, then took a drive to Stephenville. Another friend who lives there was not available, so I got gas, went to HEB, and drove back to De Leon. I went back to their house to pick up a few things, then I left. Instead of going home, I drove to Abilene where I stayed the night and wanted to visit a few places there the next day.



*I ate breakfast in this café located on Texas Highway 6.
RG's Instagram photo*



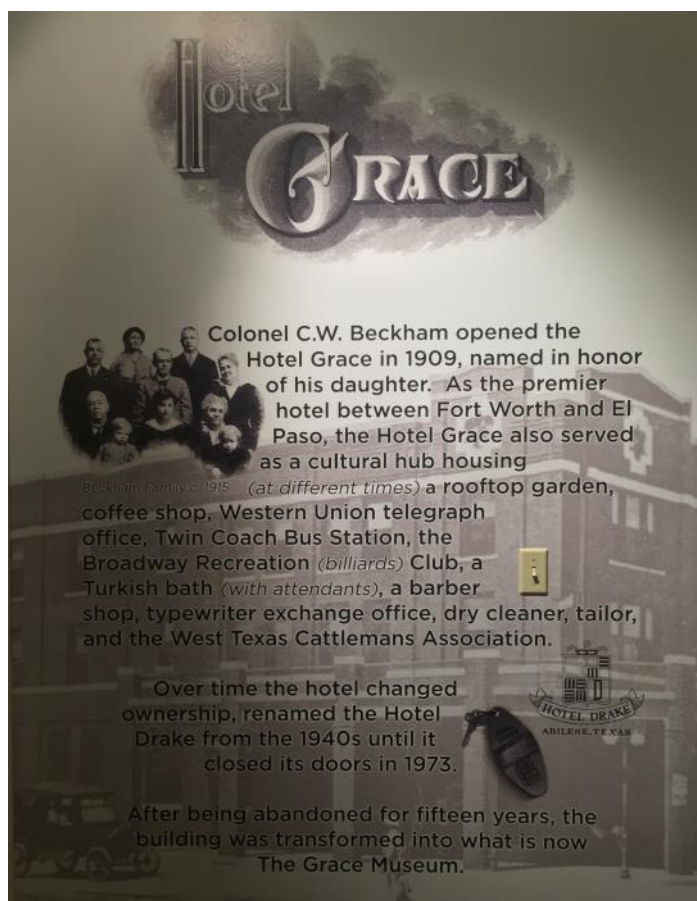
In downtown De Leon, there is this rather nice long mural on the side of one of the buildings. There are small towns all over Texas that have murals on the sides of buildings. See the sign to the right for more info about this mural.



Abilene and Buffalo Gap

I stayed the night in Abilene, and the next day, Saturday, I wanted to go to some museums there. One museum, Frontier Texas!, I went to last year and decided to visit some other museums that I had either never been to or had not been to in a long time. I did stop briefly at Frontier Texas! because they are also the location of the Abilene visitor center. The one museum I had not been to in a while was the Grace Museum in downtown Abilene. It is a general museum that exhibits art, history, textiles, a children's play area, special topics, etc. It used to be Hotel Grace that opened in 1909, and later as Hotel Drake until it closed in 1973. The building has three floors that previously occupied the rooms and such. One area on the third floor was recreated to show what a room looked like (see below).

After visiting the Grace Museum, I went over to a souvenir store near the museum then left. I headed over to Buffalo Gap, which is a little town to the southwest of Abilene roughly 15 miles. There is an outdoor museum I had heard about for many years.



The building originally was Hotel Grace opening in 1909. The Grace Museum is a general museum showing art, history, textiles, etc. These photos show a recreated room in the hotel. The room itself was likely arranged differently from how it's shown here.



Abilene and Buffalo Gap

I had never been to the Buffalo Gap Historic Village before. This museum is similar to the National Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock where I used to work but is much smaller and more general. I went through the entire museum, and frankly I felt really let down by what I saw! A long time museum professional I know had always raved about how he liked the place. While I admit that generally they have some awesome structures and contain many interesting artifacts, I was greatly surprised at how poorly much of the museum and the contents were kept! As a museum professional myself, I was greatly disappointed to see so much disrepair and even the rotting of the structures and artifacts within the museum. I also found what very few personnel

there were to be passive and uninterested in visitors being there. I admit that it was a holiday weekend and that the main personnel were probably not there. I did find out that in early 2017, the county took over the museum and renamed it the Taylor County History Center. I do not know whether or not the change in ownership has anything to do with how the place is run different from the previous owners of the museum.



*Courtroom on the 1st floor, jail on 2nd.
Two room schoolhouse*



*Bank with teller
Post office*



Abilene and Buffalo Gap

On the third floor of the Grace Museum, recreations showing a progression of home styles showed what kitchens, living rooms, and wall constructions were like in the first half of the 20th century.

1910 Home



Above: This kitchen features a large wood fired stove, White Frost refrigerator, sink with indoor running water, and a large hutch cabinet.

Below: This living room features an electric fan, pump organ, built in book shelves, picture molding, stereoscope, and manufactured furniture.



Abilene and Buffalo Gap

1928 Home



Above: This kitchen features paint!, checkered floor tile, vertical cabinets, electric refrigerator, gas stove, pedestal sink, and pressure cooker.

Below: This living room features a hornless phonograph, record cabinet, telephone, and electric lights with light bulbs.



Abilene and Buffalo Gap

1948 Home



Above: This kitchen features full built in cabinetry, electric refrigerator, electric toaster, electric stand mixer with attachments, and delivered milk.

Below: This living room features stylish mint green paint, modern telephone, electric radio/stereo system, Venetian blinds, and modern furniture lighting.



Snyder Garden

In the last issue, I showed my garden to the end of August. Here was the garden as of September 28, 2019. As you can see, everything is well grown and pretty much at or after the peak growing season.



October and November brought colder weather and several freezes killing off most of the plants, as I expected. On November 20, I did a massive cleanup of the garden of clearing out the dead stuff, transplanting or condensing some of the perennials, and getting rid of a few containers. After that, the garden looked much better as well as prepped for the next growing season. About a week later just before Thanksgiving, I planted some pansies and dusty miller to have something growing that tolerates the cold.



Snyder Garden



The solar lights make the garden look really cool at night.



Christmas

Last year (2018) after I moved to Snyder, I had goals to go all out with Christmas lights on my new apartment. But, the move simply zapped me of energy to mess with it. So I had only put out the red and green dynamic lights. This year, I put out not only those but also a few more. I still wanted to have double or triple this quantity, but I decided to leave it at this.



My Christmas lights in December 2019

Happy New Year!

So what would New Year's day be without the usual suspects! However, when you live in the South by Southwest, this dinner consisted of beef tamales, black eyed peas (with bacon and jalapeños), ham, green beans, tomatoes, cranberry sauce, rolls, and iced tea! I didn't do the lazy can dump, but fried up some bacon and onions and ham, steamed the tamales made in Lubbock, and fashioned frozen and thaw rolls into knots! Of course, the tea is homemade and the cranberry sauce is just popped out of a can!



New Year's day sunset in Snyder



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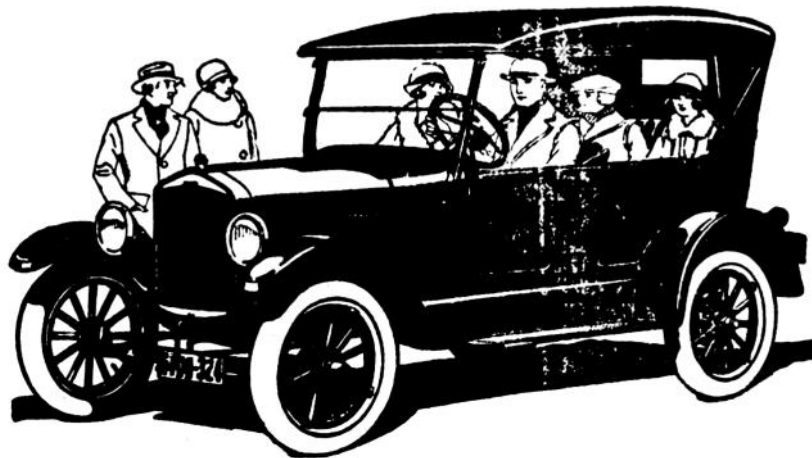
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Literary Break

The Brooklet

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A limpid brooklet leaps;
And glides with wild and gladsome grace,
'Mid rude and frowning steeps.

Then sparkles 'neath a gloomy wood,
Where pines grow tall and strong;
And every bough that bars its flood,
Adds laughter to its song.

The pallid moon's enchanting sway;
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And sings where'er it goes

And so some souls in weal and woe
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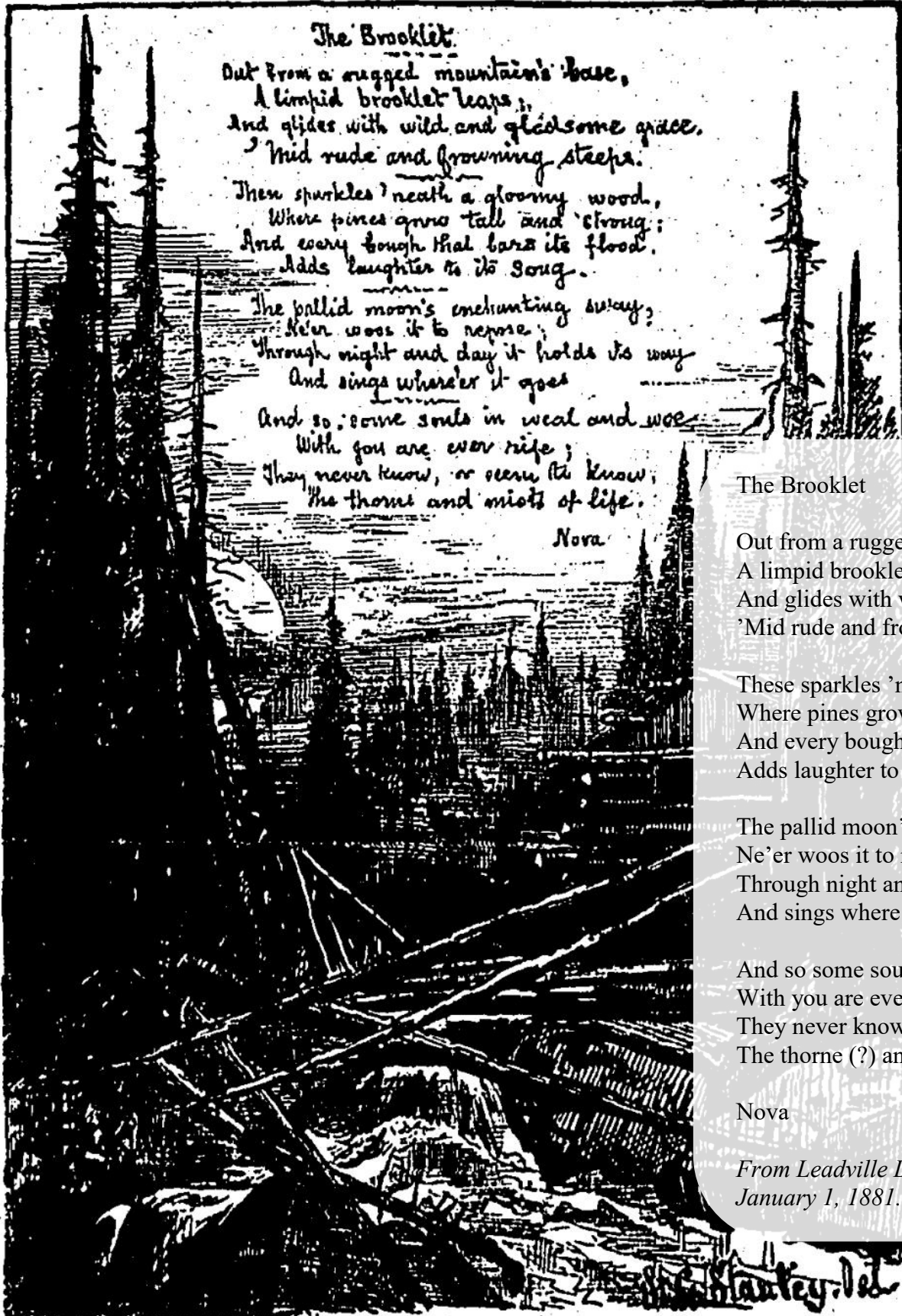
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Nova

*From Leadville Daily Herald,
January 1, 1881. Page 5.*



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J. I. NEWBY, Manager.

Leadville Daily Herald, March 12, 1882.

“COLD GAS” DOES WORK OF STEAM IN TEXAS OIL FIELDS

**Harnessed Under 300 Pounds Pressure
It Provides Power to Oper-
ate Machinery.**

Snyder, Texas.—A vast reservoir of “cold,” non-inflammable gas has been discovered in the oil fields of this section and is being used to operate machinery and pumps.

The gas is said to insure the most economical operation in the history of oil production. Small wells, which otherwise would require more oil for their boilers than they could produce are now operating at a profit.

For a time the gas mystified oil men and chemists, but it finally has been analyzed as an air containing about 93 per cent nitrogen.

One of the strange sights here is to see boilers producing pressure without fire. The gas is run into the boilers and in two minutes a pressure of 125

pounds is attained. From the boiler the “air” is carried under pressure through the usual steam lines to pumps and machinery.

The air has been used to drill three wells within a radius of three miles. Additional producers have all struck this gas in sufficient quantities to finish their wells.

Men in the field use the air for anything steam would accomplish. All they need to do is to turn the air into the boiler, which merely acts as a reservoir to equalize pressure. It also is used to inflate automobile tires.

Watermelons, milk, water, or anything the men wish to cool is placed under the exhaust of an engine, which is covered with ice instead of being hot with steam. A watermelon left under the exhaust for two hours will freeze solid.

The air itself is not actually cold, but the release of pressure produces

Aurora Democrat, October 24, 1924. Page 14.

While the area called Snyder goes back even to the 1870s with the first settlers, Snyder has been mostly a 20th century town. At different times, oil production caused the town to swell.

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