

Texas Cattlemen's Trail Ride Association

Trail **Boss**

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About Ride

Years of Participation: 36

Established: January 1985

State Date: Monday February 19, **2024**

Location: Henry's Hideout

Distance: 60 Miles Number

of Riders: 35 Number of

Wagons: 3

Story Ideas:

We are proud to have our first female Trail Boss, Melody Page and first female Assistant Trail Boss, Lea Fistein. Melody has been a very important part of our organization for many years. Melody is a breast cancer survivor and has carried our "Breast Cancer Awareness" flag in the parade many times. Lea has also rode with us for many years. She has been an excellent scout and has also been a part of our honor guard team. We are excited to have them both leading the way.

Texas Cattlemen's Trail Ride dedicates it's time and ride to the preservation of Youth and Education.

Our color guard includes the American Flag, Texas Flag, Breast Cancer Awareness Flag, POW, and our Texas Cattlemen's Trail Ride Association Flag.

Texas Cattlemen's make sure to stop at schools along the way to show and teach the children about the Western Heritage way. On Thursday February 22nd Texas Cattlemen's stops at Houston Northwest Church School: where the trail ride riders are treated to lunch and dessert. The children of the school also perform a skit for the riders and provide treats for the horses.

Willie Nelson Jr aka Billy Nelson started his trail riding in 1955 when he was 17 years old. Billy Nelson started with Salt Grass when there was only 1 wagon (belonging to Mr. Marks} and just a handful of riders. Back then, the riders had to carry everything they need in their saddlebags. It only took one time to get Billy hooked from there he became member of Sam Houston Trail Ride where he introduced his 6 children to the riding experience. Two have served on committees for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (Keith Nelson Lifetime Committeemen "Calf Scramble Committee" and Jason Nelson "Trail Ride Committee"). Billy served, as Trail Boss for Sam Houston Trail

Ride in the early 1970's believed it was 1972, 1973, and 1974. Soon after having the chance to serve as trail Boss, he was able to join the Trail Ride Committee (1975). After several years of enjoying Sam Houston Trail Ride Billy decided to start a smaller, family ride which is now known as the Texas Cattlemen's Trail Ride Association. At a young age of 86 he is still a Life Time Committeeman (Trail Ride Committee) and one of the only founders of Texas Cattlemen's Trail Ride who is still participating and not watching from Heaven.

We continue to honor our military service members that are still unaccounted for. We will wear back western shirts with the POW/MIA (Prisoner of war, missing in action) emblem. Malcolm Cox one of our former Tail Bosses, was a Vietnam Combat Veteran and was very passionate and involved with the POW/MIA efforts. Alex Henson wagon #2 driver served for 9 years in the United States Navy as a Sea Bee. There are thousands of service members from the previous wars that are still unaccounted for. We have carried a list of the Vietnam War veterans names still unaccounted for, from the state of Texas with us throughout our ride. Our mission is to let the families of those veterans and the public know they are not forgotten.

Texas Cattlemen's also continues to promote breast cancer awareness. Thursday, February 22nd is our "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" day. Our riders wear pink to show support for those who have been affected by breast cancer.

History

Four friends formed the Texas Cattlemen's Trail Ride Association to promote youth and education through the show. Willie "Billy Nelson Jr", Bobby Laird, Lyndall Tutt, and Nelson MacKenroth. Billy being the only founder left to keep the tradition going. Floyd Stewart and Keith Nelson are two of the original Board of Directors who still participate with Texas Cattlemen's Trail Ride.

Texas Cattlemen's Trail Ride will carry the US Flag honoring the Veteran, the POW Flag to honor those currently held captive and who have perished while in captivity, and the Breast Cancer Awareness Flag in support of those who have been affected by breast cancer.

The Texas Cattlemen's Trail Ride's goal is safety, having fun, humane treatment of animals, and upholding the image and values of the Western Heritage.

Participates This Year

Wagon #1 Iron Horse Guest Ranch located in Plantersville, TX. Driven by Navy Veteran -Alex Henson and pulled by Belgian horses Ace and Cash

Wagon #2 also from Iron Horse Guest Ranch with their new Percheron horse team liberty and Justice Driven by Nicki Henson

Iron Horse Guest Ranch encourages youth to develop leadership skills thru horsemanship training. This is their 9th year of participation to Houston!

Wagon #3 is owned by Randall and Melody Page of Cut N Shoot, Texas. The "Support Our Troops" Wagon is an Amish made wagon from Missouri. It is driven by a Vietnam Veteran, Floyd Stewart of Conroe, Texas

Texas Cattlemen's 2024 Daily Schedule

Sunday February 18, 2024: Gather up at Henry's Hideout 46010 FM 1774, Plantersville, TX 77363

Monday February 19, 2024: Starting at 10 A.M. Leave

Henry's Hideout- RIGHT on FM 1774 (.4 mile)

RIGHT on E Holly Hill Dr. (1.1mile) E Holly Hills Dr. & Mill Creek Run {Break}

Continue straight, turns into N Loop Dr., turns into Walnut Dr. turns into Dewberry Ln. {.6 mile) RIGHT on Mill Creek Dr. (.3mile)

LEFT on Oak Forest Dr. (.2 mile)

LEFT on Magnolia Dr. (.4 mile)

LEFT on FM 1774 (.1 mile)

RIGHT on Wade Rd. (Break) (.4 mile) Continue straight on Wade Rd. (.7 mile) RIGHT on Riley

Rd. (.4 mile)

RIGHT at 25896 Riley Rd. into Iron Horse Ranch (Lunch) LEFT on

Riley Rd. (1.5 miles)

RIGHT on FM 1774 (.4 miles)

LEFT into Henry's Hideout

Daily Distance 6.5 Miles - Overnight Camp Henry's Hideout (46010 FM 1774, Plantersville, TX 77363)

Tuesday February 20, 2024: Starting 8:30 A.M.

LEFT on FM 1774 (4.0 mile) (Break) FM 1774 before intersection of FM 1488 RIGHT on FM 1488

LEFT on FM 1774 (3.5 mile) (Break) - ACES Bar & Grill, 37125 FM 1774.

FM 1774 Continue straight onto TX-249 (2.5 mile)

RIGHT on Wright Rd., then immediate LEFT on Wright Rd. (Lunch) Bethel Baptist Church. At the intersection of Wright Rd. & Coe Road, LEFT on Coe Rd., RIGHT on TX-249. (2.6 mile)

RIGHT on Decker Parie-Rosehill Rd., Right into back parking lot of Lindo Acapulco Mexican Grill (Break)

Leaving parking lot - LEFT on Decker Parie-Rosehill Rd. RIGHT on

TX-249 (2.7 mile)

RIGHT on Brown Rd., immediate left behind Exxon station and circle around (Break) RIGHT on

TX- 249 {1.9 mile)

RIGHT on Alice Rd. (.5) - VFW (14408 Alice Rd.) on the RIGHT.

Daily Distance 17.7 Miles Overnight camp VFW 14408 Alice Road, Tomball, TX 77377 Wednesday February 21, 2024:

Layover at VFW Hall, 14408 Alice Rd., Tomball, TX 77377

Thursday February 22, 2024: Starting at 8:00 A.M. LEFT
on Alice Rd.
RIGHT on TX-249
RIGHT on Northpointe Blvd
LEFT into parking lot behind CVS Pharmacy on Northpointe Blvd (3.8 mile) (Break)
RIGHT on TX-249
RIGHT into Target parking lot on right side (just past Jones Rd.) (2.7 mile) (Break)
RIGHT on TX-249 (1.4 mile) - School visit at "Houston NW Church" on Maranatha Road - (Lunch)
@ 11:30
LEFT on Cypresswood Rd.
RIGHT on TX-249
RIGHT on N. Gessner Dr. (2.8 mile) (Break) Denny's parking lot.
RIGHT on N Gessner Dr.
LEFT on Fallbrook
RIGHT on Fallbrook Pines (2.6 mile) (Break)
LEFT at the intersection of Fallbrook Pines and Derrington Rd. continue and circle around behind
warehouses and back out to Fallbrook Dr.
RIGHT on Fallbrook Dr.
RIGHT on Fairbanks N Houston
LEFT on Breen Dr. (3.8 mile)
RIGHT on Hollister St. (.2 mile) to pasture for overnight
Daily Distance 17.2 Miles Overnight camp 7687 Breen Dr. Houston, Texas 77088

Friday February 23, 2024: Starting 8:00 A.M.

RIGHT on Breen Dr. (.8 mile)
RIGHT on N Houston Rosslyn Rd. (1.3 mile)
LEFT on S. I (lein Circle. School visit "Eiland Elementary". LEFT
on N Houston Rosslyn Dr. {2.1mile}
LEFT on Behan Dr. (Break)
RIGHT on N Houston Rosslyn Rd., continue to Antoine, continue under Highway 290 LEFT on
Feeder Rd.
RIGHT on Ramus St. {4.3 mile)
LEFT on Hurfus Dr. (Break) continue on Hurfus Dr. LEFT
on Dacoma St.
RIGHT on Mangum Rd. (.7 mile)
LEFT on Hempstead Rd. (.3 mile)
RIGHT on N Post Oak. (2.5 mile)
RIGHT on Chatsworth Dr. **(LAST Break)**
LEFT on N. Post Oak Ln (.2 mile)
LEFT on Memorial Dr., continue under Woodway Dr. {1.0 mile) LEFT on
W Memorial Loop Dr., continue on E. Memorial Loop Dr. RIGHT on
Memorial Dr. (2.4 mile)
LEFT into Memorial Park at S. Picnic Ln continue around to Southeast End #10
Daily Distance 16.5 Miles Overnight camp Southeast End #10 Saturday

February 24, 2024: Parade Day