



The 67th Texas Tour is in  
**THE BIRTHPLACE OF TEXAS (AND BLUE BELL CREAMERIES), BRENHAM, TEXAS!**  
JOIN THE FUN!  
**May 14-16, 2020**

It's almost Springtime in 2020, and the Eyes of the 67th Texas Tour are upon us! Join the **Gulf Coast Region AACA** for our annual gathering of old cars and old friends - maybe even bring someone new and we'll all make new friends!

Host Hotel

**Holiday Inn Express**

2685 Schulte Blvd  
Brenham, Texas 77833

**(979) 830-5331**

**\$130.99** per night + taxes & fees

Block name 67<sup>th</sup> Texas Tour (Block code MCS)

Overflow Hotel (pet friendly)

**Motel 6 Brenham**

555 Hwy 290 West  
Brenham, Texas 77833

**(979) 836-4590**

**\$90** per night + taxes & fees

Ask for 67<sup>th</sup> Texas Tour Car Show rate

These hotel rates are available for check in as early as Wednesday, May 13 so you can have **fun on Day 1, May 14**. These special tour rates are available until March 13, 2020. Please call soon to reserve your room at this rate.

**The Tour & Events**

**Thursday, May 14** (optional day)

Tour: Plan early to visit two lovely **19th century homes in Brenham**. The **Giddings-Wilkins House Museum (1843)** is the oldest structure in Washington County. JD Giddings built it as a wedding home for his bride, Ann. The happy couple raised a family there, but when mosquito-borne yellow fever struck Washington County in 1868, JD built a new house on higher ground, the **Giddings-Stone Mansion (1870)**. The "new" house is like a lovely palace of Greek Revival architecture.

These houses are **available for touring only by appointment** in a **group of 4 or more**. Call the Heritage Society of Washington County volunteer **Debi Meschwitz** at **(979) 203-9482** between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm to make an appointment. The cost is **\$15 per person** (minimum 4 people) to tour both homes.

Eat: For dinner we'll visit the **Fireman's Training Center Hall** to enjoy a feast of hamburgers and hear **exciting insights into Texas law enforcement** by a representative of the **Texas Rangers** (the guys with **hats and badges**, **not** the ones with **hats and bats**).

**Friday, May 15** - Touring, Eating, and Fun!

Tour: The **Brenham Fire Museum** is first on the Tour. It was built to house Brenham's **rare 1923 American LaFrance Type 38** fire engine. Then we'll drive to the **Chappell Hill Historical Society Museum**. Chappell Hill was founded in 1849, and the museum has exhibits from the Civil War era through the 20th century.

Next on the Tour is picturesque **Washington-on-the-Brazos**, where the **Texas Declaration of Independence** was signed. The last stop before lunch will be a garage tour of a private residence.

Eat: **Lunch** will be at our good friend **Bill Thomas's ranch** in the country town of Richards. Bill is a long-time antique car collector and a member of the Gulf Coast Region AACA.

Tour: We'll continue the Tour by visiting **Old Iron Works**, an automotive restoration shop in Montgomery that also houses **Richard Mitchell's private antique car collection**. If time permits, we can visit another nearby classic car collection or go to the the Brazos State Park for fun.

Eat: Convene at 6:00 pm for an evening meal at the **Fireman's Training Center Hall**.

**Saturday, May 16** - More Touring, More Eating, and More Fun!

Tour: We'll leave Brenham in the morning and tour to the **Winedale Historical Complex**, a collection of **19th century structures on 225 acres** near Round Top.

Continue on to **Round Top** and visit all the antique and "junk" shops to your heart's content. It's on the way to our next stop, the **Texas Cotton Gin Museum** in **Burton**. The museum houses **America's oldest operating cotton gin**. We'll even get to see it ginning up some cotton!

Eat: Lunch will be in the Pavilion of the Cotton Gin

Tour: After lunch it's on to the town of **Independence**, the site of **the original Baylor University**. Then we'll drive to The Antique Rose Emporium and maybe even hear a talk about raising flowers in Southeast Texas.

Eat: We'll cap the Tour with a celebratory banquet at the **Fireman's Training Center Hall**.

Tour Chair - **Wayne Bartlett** (281) 447-1476

Co-Chair - **Jim Johnston** (832) 693-4008

Registrar - **Sandra Johnston** (713) 542-9481 ([2020texastour@att.net](mailto:2020texastour@att.net))

Call, text or email Sandra for help on registration

*To register online, go to the following website:*

**[www.gcraaca.org](http://www.gcraaca.org)**