

**The Eleventh Annual
Gateway to Texas Get-a-Way *Tandem* Tour
October 13-15, 2017
Clarksville, Texas**

Last year, the Tenth Annual Gateway to Texas Get-a-Way Tandem Tour proved to be one of our most enjoyable years as many of our cycling friends and family joined us for this special celebration. One of the highlights was moving the venue for our evening meals and social time to the Lennox House. We are happy to announce that the Lennox House will again serve as the location for our evening meals and social events. We will also have a guided tour of the Lennox House on Saturday night. So, for those of you that were here to enjoy last year's event, we hope you will come back and join us again this year. And, for those that weren't able to make it last year, you will have another opportunity to share the Lennox House, while you visit with your cycling friends and family during the Eleventh Annual Gateway to Texas Get-a-Way Tandem Tour.

This historic home located at 601 West Broadway, Clarksville, Texas was completed in 1897 by Charles David Lennox, Sr. and his wife Sallie Bagby Lennox. Mrs. Lennox's grandfather, Albert Hamilton Latimer, was a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence. The Lennox family amassed their wealth in banking, ranching, farming, timber and later oil and gas production. The home is built in the Victorian style known as Queen Anne. Renovations in 1917 added the portico, the downstairs sunroom, upstairs sleeping porch and garage, as well as adding the tile on the porch. The home is decorated much as a family home would be and is very livable. All contents in the home are Lennox family items and include items from their travels throughout the western United States. The home is now owned by the Red River County Historical Society.

Entertainment will be provided by the always spectacular Don Pierce. There will be an open bar (beer and wine) both evenings at no additional cost. The Lennox House will open at 6:00 each evening and dinner will be served at 7:30.

Accommodations are available at the Courthouse Inn and the Red River Inn, although some rooms may have already been booked. There are also several options available for anyone interested in bringing a camper. There are camper pads and hook-ups at Langford Lake (about a half mile north of town) and next to the Old Jail (in the general vicinity of the Courthouse Inn).

The registration fee of \$110 covers the evening meals on both Friday and Saturday, entertainment on both Friday and Saturday evenings, an open bar (beer and wine) on both Friday and Saturday evenings, and breakfast both Saturday and

Sunday for those staying at the Red River Inn. Participants will be responsible for their own lodging and for lunch.

Schedule:

Friday (10/13)

Check-in/Registration will be any time after 12:00 at the Historic Red River County Chamber of Commerce (101 N. Locust on the Square). Additional directions will be provided at registration to specific accommodations depending on preference (B & B/Red River Inn/Campsites).

A short ride of 20-30 miles will be planned for Friday afternoon, with no specific start time.

The Lennox House will be open for mingling and getting acquainted at 6:00, and Don Pierce will be on hand to provide our entertainment. Also, there will be an open bar throughout the evening. Also, registration will continue at the Lennox House for anyone arriving after 5:00.

Saturday (10/14)

Breakfast will be provided at the Red River Inn between 7:30 to 8:30 for those staying at the Red River Inn or for anyone camping that wants to make their way to the Red River Inn.

Ride Details-we will hold a mass start at 9:00. While there will be a mass start, riders who want to start earlier or later will have that option (anytime between 8:30 to 10:00). Two ride distances will be available with approximate distances of 50 and 75 miles. **(If anyone would like a shorter route, please email me, and we can include a shorter loop).** Red River County is reasonably flat, but very scenic and fun to ride with minimal traffic. The routes will be a marked and SAGed with rest stops every 20-25 miles.

Dinner will be catered and will be served at 7:30, but please come early to enjoy the entertainment and visit with friends. The Lennox House will open at 6:00 and a tour will be provided at 6:30.

Sunday (10/15)

Breakfast will be provided at the Red River Inn between 7:30 to 8:30 for those staying at the Red River Inn or for anyone camping that wants to make their way to the Red River Inn.

Ride Details-The ride on Sunday will start at 9:00 and will cover a distance of 25-35 miles.

Breakfast and ride start times are the same for both Saturday and Sunday.

Accommodations:

The Courthouse Inn Bed & Breakfast located in downtown Clarksville is the most charming option. Space is limited to 6 teams. Call 903-427-0801 or 903-571-0494 to make your reservations. Please indicate that you will be participating in the Tandem Rally as they have blocked all rooms for us for the weekend.

The Red River Inn ([903-427-2278](tel:903-427-2278)) is locally owned and is on par with a Motel 6. They offer remodeled and nonsmoking rooms-some with mini refrigerators and microwaves. The rooms aren't plush, but they are nice and clean. We have many tour participants that routinely stay there.

Camping at Langford Lake or the Old Jail should be coordinated with the City of Clarksville ([903-427-3834](tel:903-427-3834) or [903-427-3836](tel:903-427-3836)). Langford Lake is a reservoir owned by the City of Clarksville, and it is located just north of town. The area surrounding the lake has undergone many improvements over the last several years. There are 12 concrete camper pads and hookups located on the northwest side of the lake in a nice secluded area. Also, the city has developed 3 camper sites next to the Old Jail near the Courthouse Inn.

Support:

Saturday and Sunday rides will include SAG support and directional signage on the route. Rest stops will be provided at 20-25 mile intervals on Saturday only. Maps will be provided for all routes.

Cost:

\$110 per team which includes dinner both Friday and Saturday, entertainment both Friday and Saturday evenings, an open bar both Friday and Saturday evenings, breakfast both Saturday and Sunday mornings as noted, SAG support and directional signage Saturday and Sunday, rest stops on Saturday, great maps, and virtually no traffic. I wanted to share a quick note on costs. The purpose of this ride since its inception has been to provide a great event for tandem enthusiasts, and to promote tourism in Red River County. The ride has been, and continues to be, operated on a 100% break even basis. In order to avoid costs associated with late cancellations, there will be no refunds for cancellations received after October 1st. We are also requesting that registration fees be submitted at the time of registration.

Registration:

Thanks to Laura Dial and our Chamber of Commerce Directors, our registration process has been completely automated. The link to the Chamber website is noted below. The Chamber website includes additional links for registration, payment, information, and our Facebook page.

<http://redrivercoc.com/2010/12/31/bicycling-fall-tandem-tour/>

A standard release will be required to be signed at the time of registration at the ride.

Registration is limited to the first thirty teams registering.

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Information on Clarksville and Red River County:

Population is 3,500 and 12,000, respectively. Clarksville was founded in 1833 and Red River County was the gateway into Texas for the first settlers including Davy Crockett and Sam Houston. The roads are well maintained, reasonably flat, with only minor to modest traffic.