

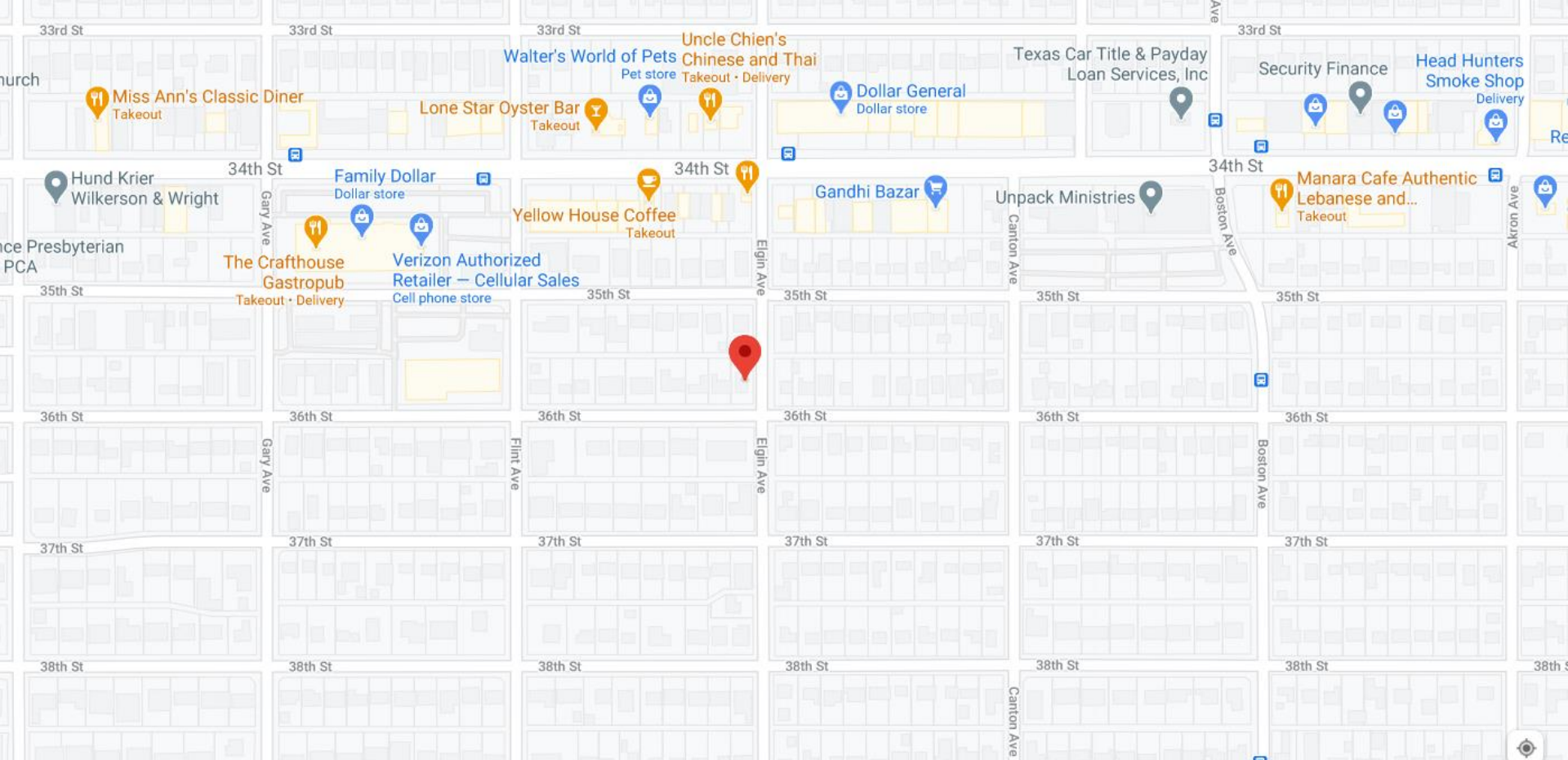
Ed & Rob's Lubbock getaway

October 22-24, 2020





In this time of COVID, shorter, closer trips seem to be the safer way to go. After all... we are about the age of “at risk.” In August we did a quick trip to the Texas Gulf Coast. Where next? There are things to see in Lubbock, like the Buddy Holly museum, and the WW2 glider museum, of particular interest. Ed was returning from their place in Santa Fe, NM, so Rob went to meet him there to explore all Lubbock had to offer.



**As in Ingleside, TX, in August, Ed found an Airbnb.
A 2-bedroom renovated duplex, 3510 Elgin Avenue**

**Pre-
renovation
per Google
maps....**

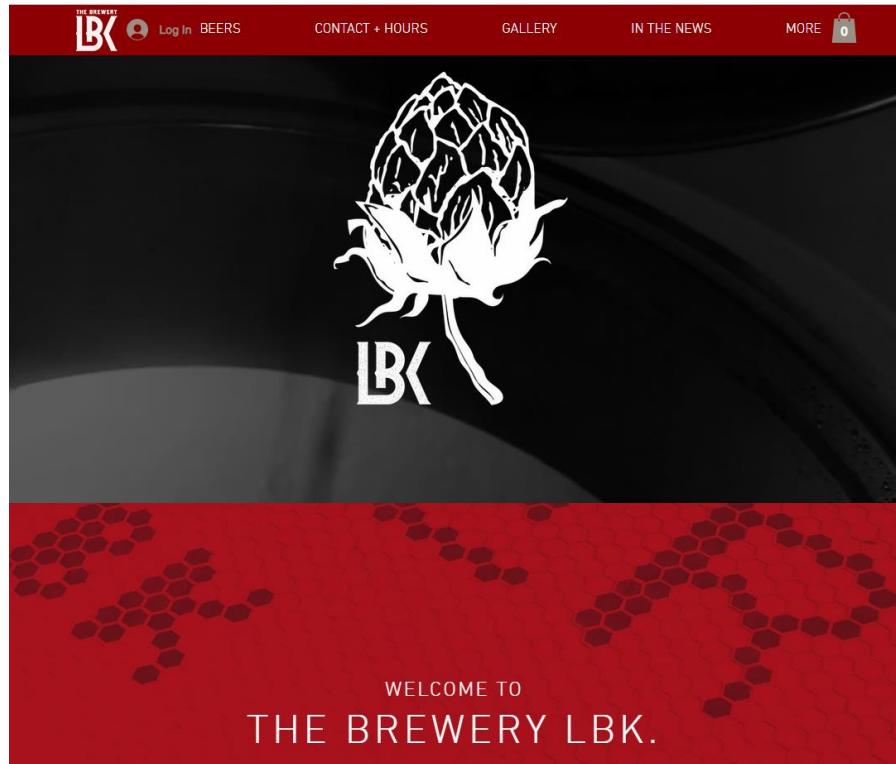


**Current
condition
as we
found it.**



Day #1, 22 October 2020. We both arrived within about 5 minutes of each other... 5:45p-ish where it was a toasty 90°. Our first order of business was to get settled in the house. It was nice... clean, inviting. Time for beer.





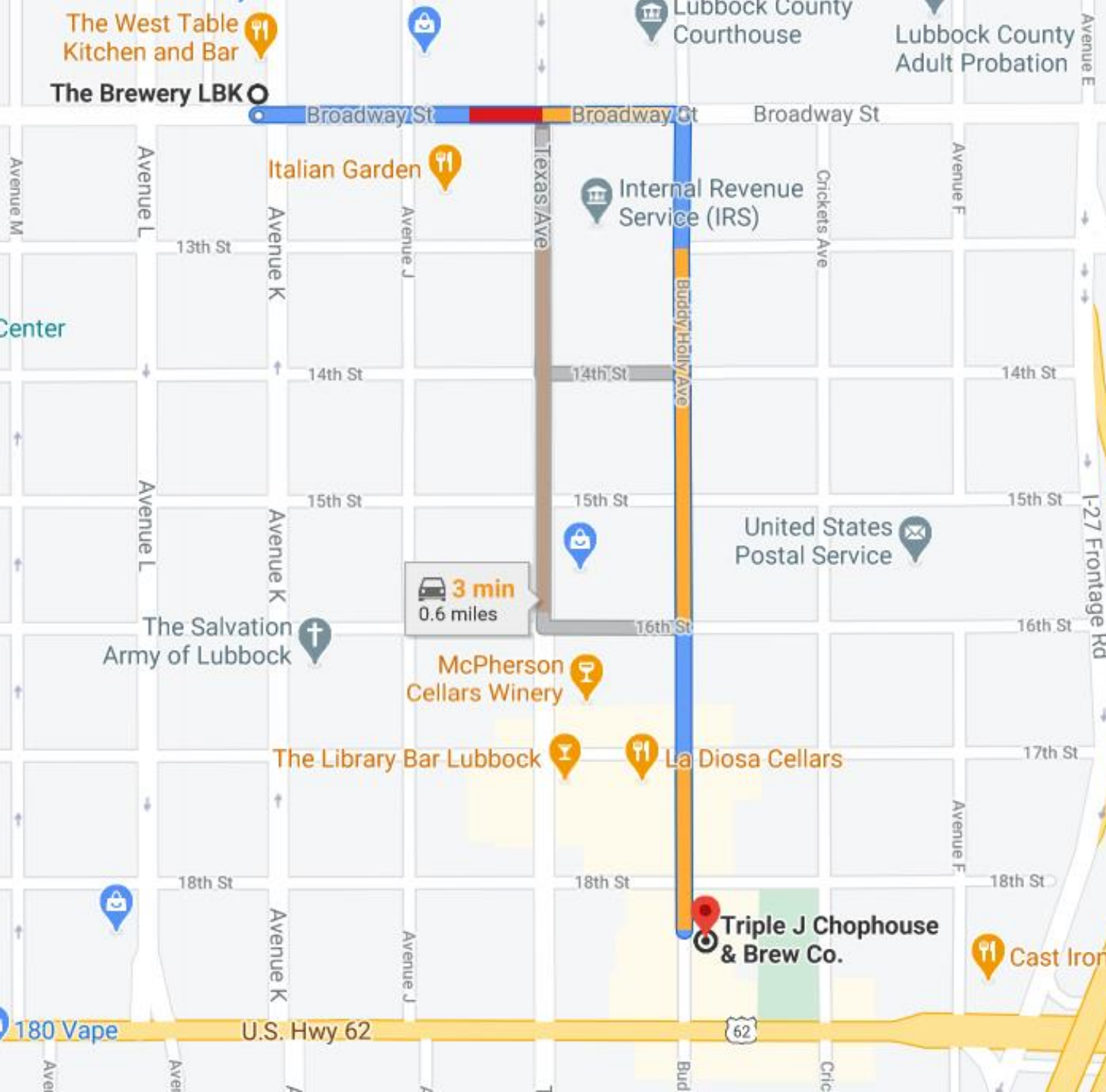
After some research we chose THE BREWERY LBK. Their website says:

***WE ARE PROUDLY LOCATED IN THE HISTORIC PIONEER BUILDING
AT THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN LUBBOCK.***

***THE BREWERY LBK WAS CHOSEN AS ONE OF THE TOP 15
BREW PUBS IN THE COUNTRY BY USA TODAY IN 2020.***



Yes, it was comfortable enough to be outside.



The next plan was to find a place for dinner and a respectable beer menu. Triple J Chophouse and Brew Co. seemed to be the place to go.

In 2008 we ran into a couple of real characters... “Bear” in North Kingsville, Ohio, then some guy that looked like Nicholas Cage in rural Indiana... This guy, seemingly homeless, walked up and down the street a few times before coming in and sitting here. Odd situation. Anyway.... The beer & pizza were good.



The Cactus Theater across the street from Triple J was probably thriving in a pre-Covid day.





After filling a growler with beer for the evening, we went back to the house and watched two movies. The first of which neither one of us can remember. Musta not been that good. Then this thriller with Denzel Washington and John Travolta. Quite a change of character for Travolta since he was in Grease.

Day #2, 23 October 2020. Sometime during the night while we were sleeping comfortably in our beds, an evil cold front passed through. We woke up to temps in the 40s along with gusty winds. We made coffee at the house, and Ed set out muffins Mary Kay had made and sent along. Then it was off to the Buddy Holly museum.

Got here 10:30-ish



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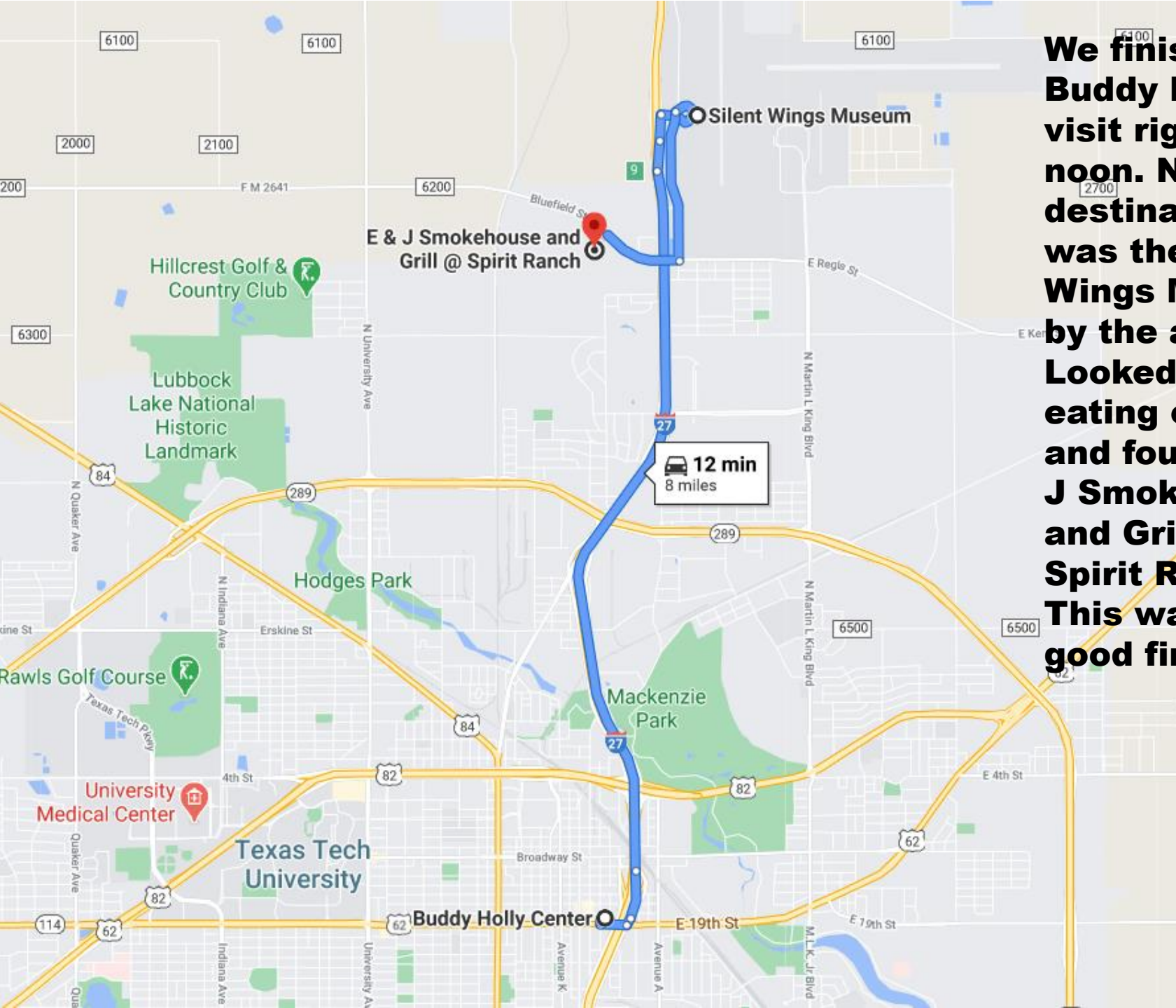
The Buddy Holly
Educational
Foundation

Lawrence M. Lenzi
Eric Café, Chicago, IL
•
Texas Café & Bar -
"The Spoon"
•
John Mueller
Scott Porter, WDP Tour 2000

Meyer Windy Simon
Frank Simon
•
Bliss Texas
Performing Arts Society



Spent an enjoyable hour-and-a-half or so here. Very interesting



We finished our Buddy Holly visit right at noon. Next destination was the Silent Wings Museum by the airport. Looked up eating options and found E & J Smokehouse and Grill at Spirit Ranch. This was a good find.



TEXAS E & J
SMOKEHOUSE
& GRILL

OPEN

What might have been a squash soup along with a loaded baked potato covered in chopped beef. Was fantastic. Accompanied by beer, of course.





The grounds here were awesome. Eating outdoors would certainly have been good without cold temps and strong wind



Snuggled up next to the warmth of the building were these characters waiting on dinner. To eat or themselves as the main course... 😊 just a joke.









Arrived here at 1:15p and spent a full 2 hours looking, reading, and conversing with the museum staff



SOUTH PLAINS ARMY AIR FIELD

DURING WORLD WAR II, NINE PRELIMINARY AND ADVANCED MILITARY GLIDER PILOT TRAINING FIELDS OPERATED IN TEXAS; ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT SITES WAS LOCATED HERE. THE U.S. ARMY AIR FORCES (USAAF) LEASED LUBBOCK MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, AND WITH HELP FROM THE CITY OF LUBBOCK EXPANDED IT FOR GLIDER TRAINING. OPENED IN OCTOBER 1942, THE SITE WAS INITIALLY NAMED SOUTH PLAINS ARMY FLYING SCHOOL, AND LATER RENAMED SOUTH PLAINS ARMY AIR FIELD (SPAAF).

THE MISSION OF SPAAF WAS GROUND AND ADVANCED FLIGHT TRAINING FOR GLIDER PILOTS WHO FLEW THE "WACO CG-4A" GLIDER—THE USAAF'S PRIMARY GLIDER DURING THE WAR. DURING ITS TENURE, SPAAF TRAINED NEARLY 80% OF AMERICA'S COMBAT GLIDER PILOTS WHO SERVED IN MAJOR OPERATIONS, SUCH AS MARKET GARDEN (INVASION OF THE NETHERLANDS), VARSITY (INVASION OF GERMANY) AND OVERLORD (THE "D-DAY" ALLIED INVASION OF NORMANDY, FRANCE). SPAAF CLOSED ON APRIL 1, 1945, MORE THAN A MONTH BEFORE VICTORY IN EUROPE WAS DECLARED. DESIGNATED SURPLUS, THE SITE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE WAR ASSETS ADMINISTRATION IN DECEMBER 1947. IN 1949 THE AIRFIELD RETURNED TO THE CITY OF LUBBOCK FOR MUNICIPAL USE, AND IN 1950 THE CITY BUILT A MODERN AIR TERMINAL.

REGIONAL COMBAT GLIDER TRAINING FACILITIES -- LOCATED IN THE TEXAS PANHANDLE AND SOUTH PLAINS -- WERE VITAL COMPONENTS OF U.S. MILITARY FORCE PROJECTION CAPABILITY DURING THE WAR. IN ADDITION, THE CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THESE BASES CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO LOCAL ECONOMIES DURING THE WAR. IN 1971, FORMER GLIDER PILOTS FORMED THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II GLIDER PILOTS ASSOCIATION, INC., PROVIDING THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE HISTORY OF THE U.S. COMBAT GLIDER PROGRAM. TODAY, A KEY ELEMENT IN TELLING THIS STORY IS THE SILENT WINGS MUSEUM, MOVED TO THIS SITE AND OPENED IN OCTOBER 2002.

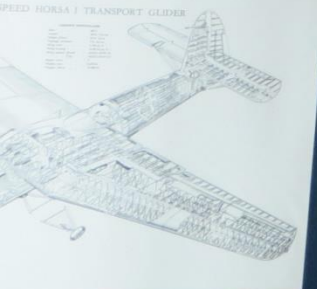
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THE ASSAULT GLIDER PROJECT
INTERNATIONAL AIRCRAFT RESTORATION

CONCEPT & HISTORY
The Assault Glider Project is a joint effort between the United States and the United Kingdom to restore and fly the Assault Glider, a unique aircraft used during World War II. The glider was designed to transport troops and equipment across enemy territory without the need for a runway.

THE ASSAULT GLIDER TODAY
The Assault Glider Project has successfully restored the Assault Glider to its original condition. The glider is now on display at the National Air and Space Museum and is available for flight demonstrations.

THE GLIDER'S ROLE
The Assault Glider played a crucial role in the Allied invasion of Normandy in June 1944. It was used to transport paratroopers and supplies to the front lines, often under enemy fire.



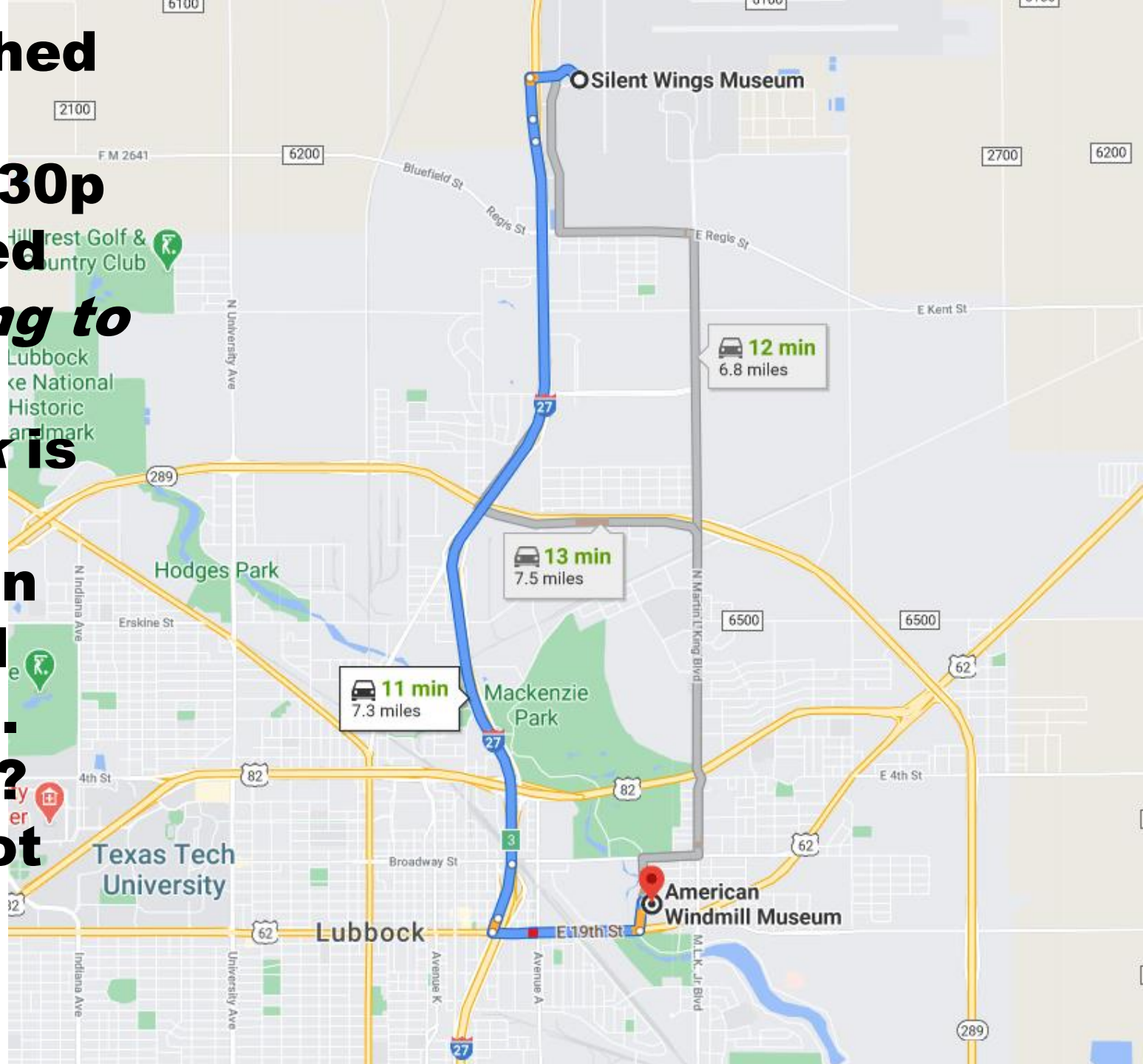




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**We finished
our visit
about 3:30p
and listed
as a *thing to
do in
Lubbock* is
the
American
Windmill
Museum.
Why not?
We've got
time.**



AMERICAN WINDMILL MUSEUM

Inside we celebrate the relationship
between windmills and the railroads.
Over 100 rare and unique windmills and
historic wind turbines are displayed.

Other wind related exhibits include:

Miniature Houses
Garrison Family Millstone Collection
"Legacy of the Wind" Windmill mural
Art Gallery
and the
Museum Gift Shop

Admission

Adults \$7.50

Seniors (60+) & Veterans \$6.00

Children ages 5-12 \$5.00

Children under 5 free

Family of 4 \$20.00

Hours

10:00am - 5:00pm

Tuesday - Saturday

Year Round

**We arrived here about
3:45p.**



Wouldn't have thought of going to a windmill museum, but it turned out to be pretty interesting.

The model trains with villages down to the inth detail was interesting

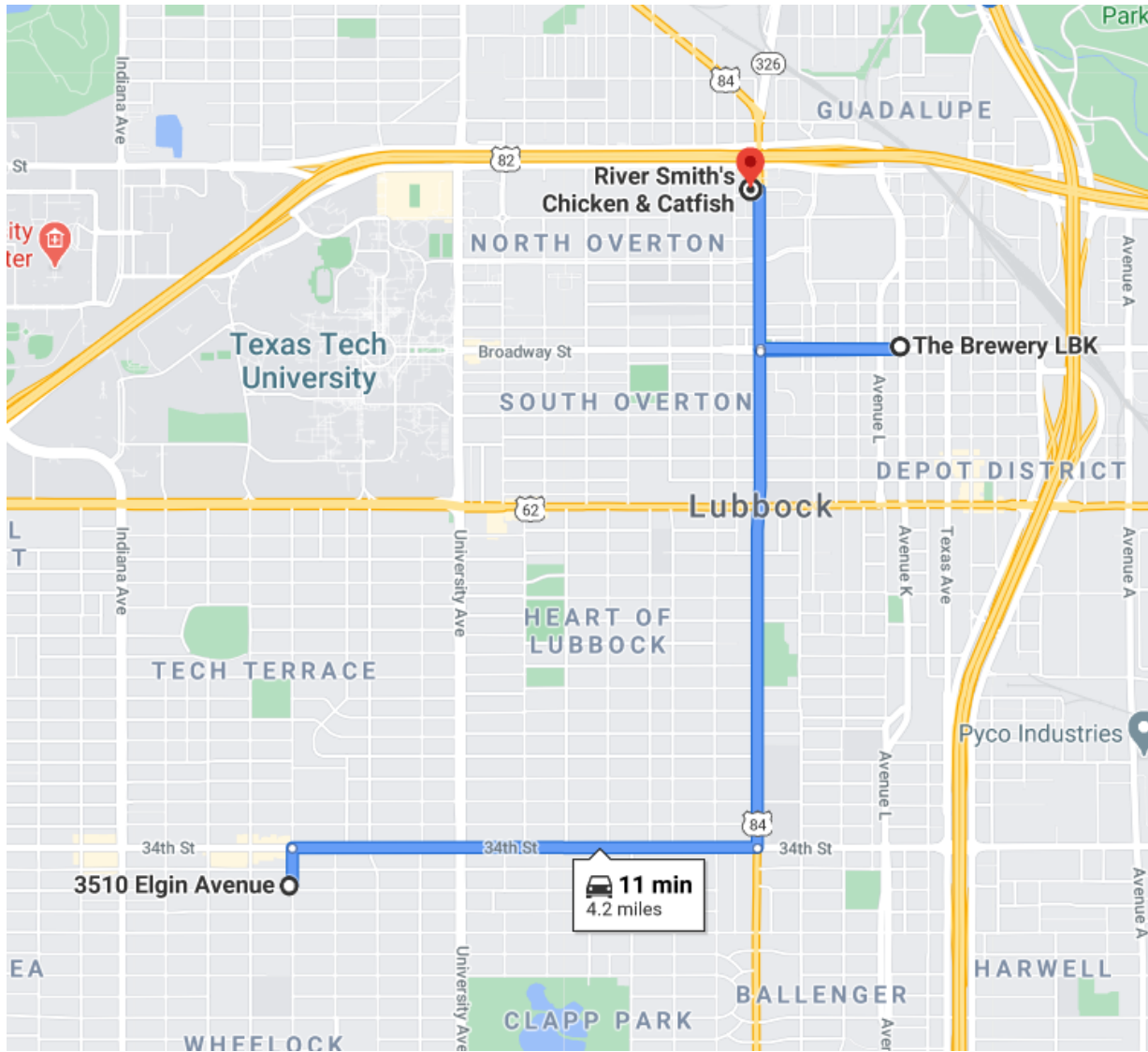




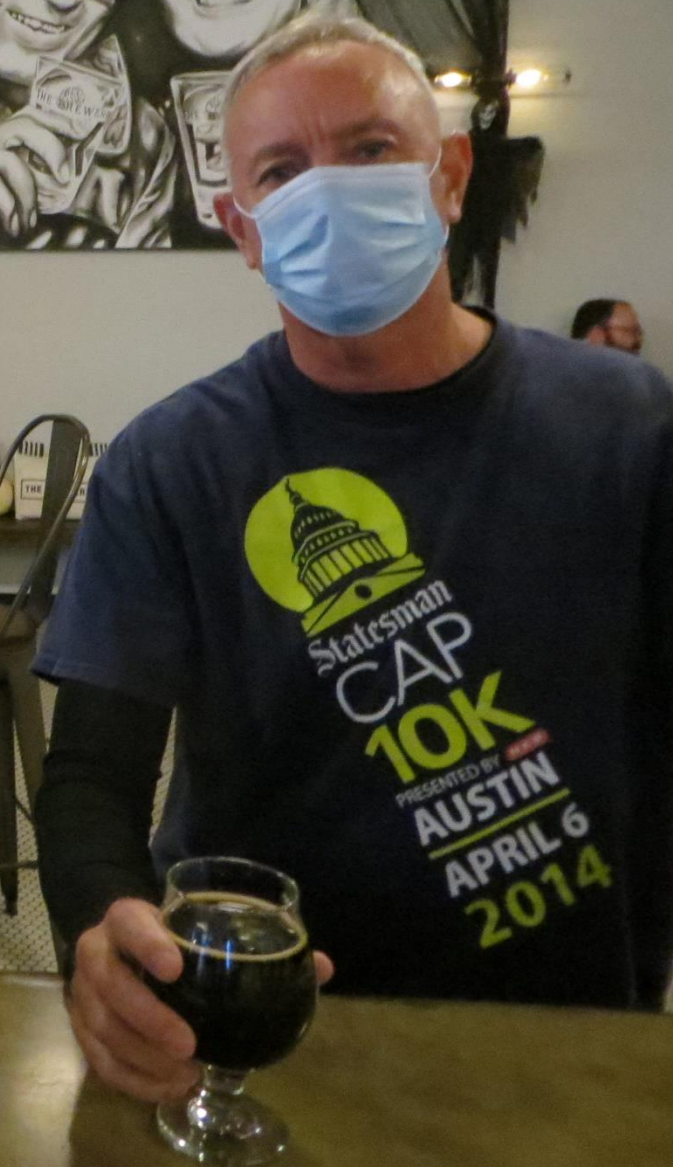




Got back to the house at 5:30p. A rich, full day of sight-seeing Lubbock. Still quite full from lunch, we opted to take a nap before dinner & beer options. That should read beer and dinner options.



Decided to go back to The Brewery LBK for some pre-dinner beer. Friday night fish fry would be dinner for the evening. Not particularly healthy, but tasty.





Man on the left: A middle-aged man with short, light-colored hair and glasses, wearing a dark blue and black plaid button-down shirt. He is sitting at the bar, looking towards the camera.

Man on the right: A middle-aged man with short, light-colored hair, wearing a dark blue t-shirt. He is sitting at the bar, looking towards the camera. The t-shirt features a logo with a green silhouette of the Texas State Capitol building and the text: "Statsman CAP 10K PRESENTED BY AUSTIN APRIL 6 2014".

Growler bottle: A dark blue growler bottle with a white logo of a growler and the text "GROWLER ROOM". A red tag is attached to the neck with the text: "L&L IPA 7-14 No. 10/22/20".





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Welcome to River Smith's

HOOKED AT FIRST BITE

MENU

**ORDER
ONLINE**

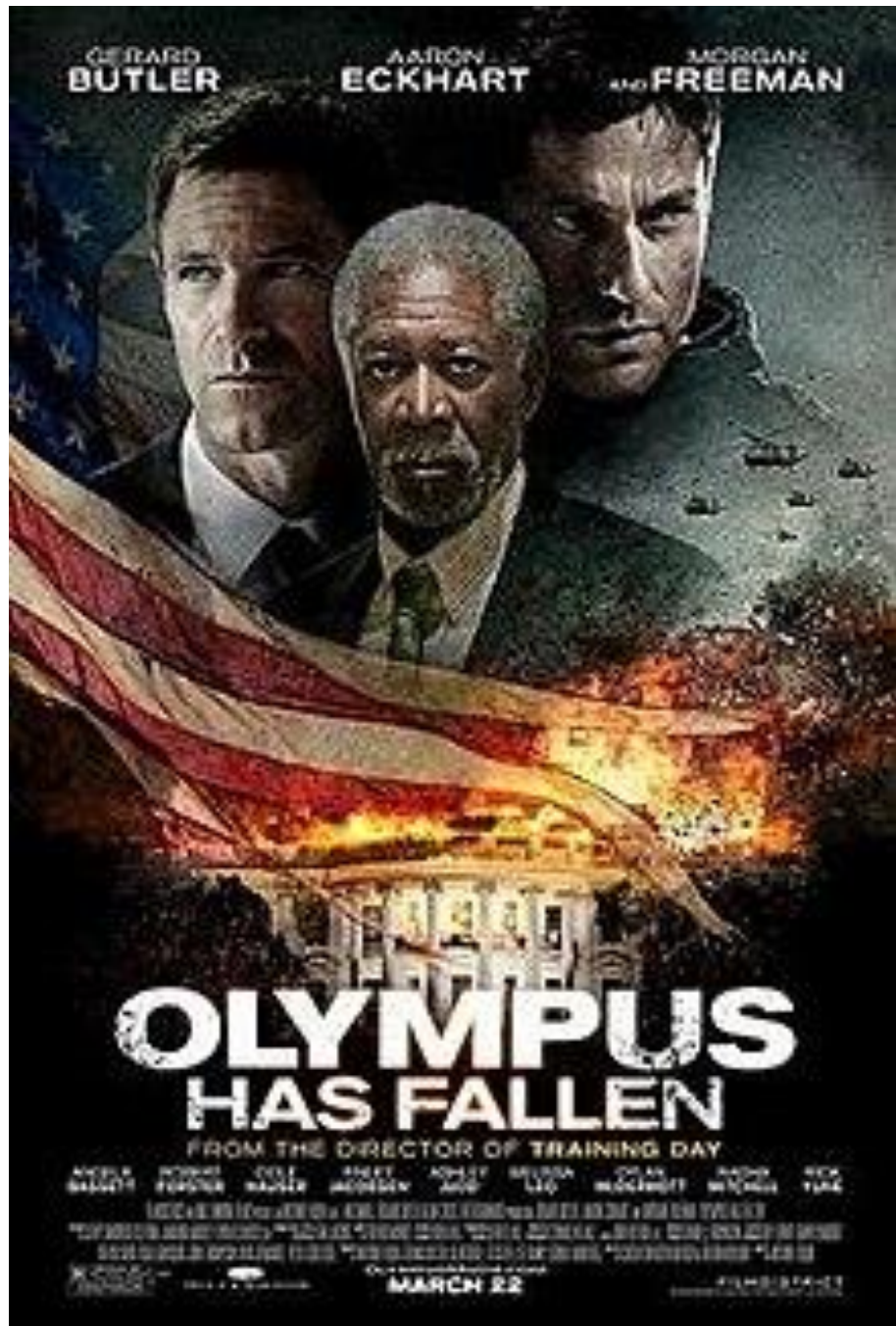
CATERING



River Smith's Gift Cards

*COME BY TODAY TO PICKUP A GREAT GIFT FOR ANY
OCCASION!*

After filling the growler at LBK Brewery for the evening, we came here to River Smith's for catfish and trimmings on a recommendation of a local. Was a good meal.



Following the catfish dinner, we returned to the house to begin work on that growler of beer. Also watched this intense Morgan Freeman movie of 2013, *Olympus Has Fallen*. A second movie wasn't in us since we were getting an early start back home the next day.

3510 Elgin Avenue

6 hr 37 min
419 miles

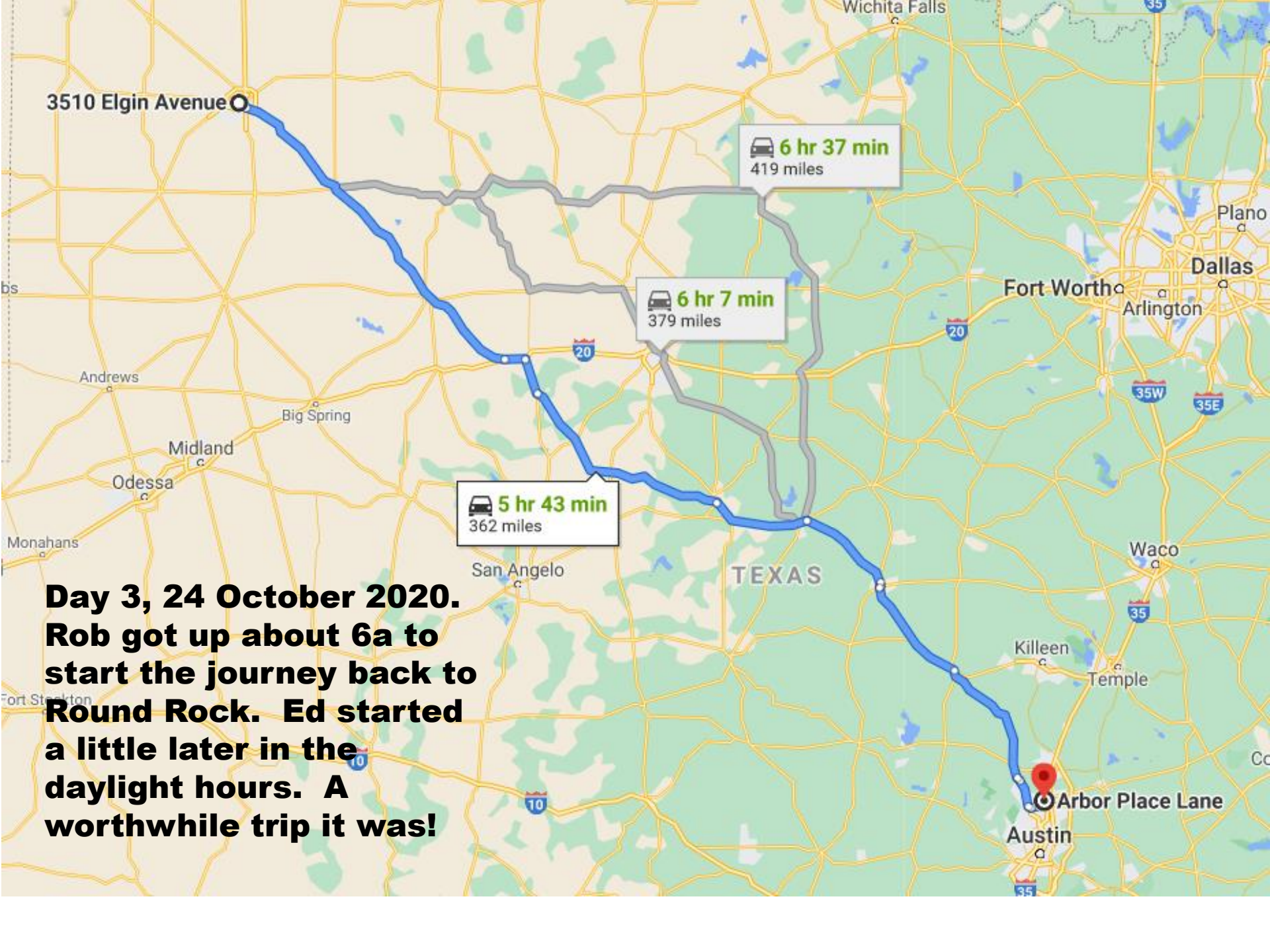
6 hr 7 min
379 miles

5 hr 43 min
362 miles

**Day 3, 24 October 2020.
Rob got up about 6a to
start the journey back to
Round Rock. Ed started
a little later in the
daylight hours. A
worthwhile trip it was!**

Arbor Place Lane

Austin



Other trips these guys have made



Don't forget the city dump (above) and numerous guy trips to Medina, TX





Great Lakes 2008



Euro 2010 (Little Circle)



Northeast 2009



Mid-Atlantic 2011



Scandinavia 2012 (Big Circle)



Out west road trip 2013



Oklahoma "trunk trip" Nov 2013



**Check the box
- a.k.a. Deep
South 2014**



50th state beer – Alaska 2014



San Diego 2015



Euro 2015





Euro 2016



Costa Rica 2017

Philadelphia 2018



And of course, 2002 and 2004 the car-lined banks of the Little Flora Creek in Egypt Mills (north of Cape Girardeau, MO)



And our new Wednesday night hangout: Copper Top Tavern – Pre-covid





**North-Central
California 2019**



Texas Gulf Coast August 2020



Then this recent discovery... about 6 weeks past our initial beer/lunch at BB Rover's and premier wave runner excursion on Lake Travis where Ed broke his ankle... ceremonious sinking of the boat. Summer '99



Another recent discovery, a picture from one of our beer & sandwich get togethers at Anderson/Mopac bridge, possibly December 31, 1999

**As
always,
kudos
and
thanks
to our
brides
who put
up with
our
travels**



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