



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS

### NEWS RELEASE

The Montgomery County Historical Commission is pleased to announce its 7<sup>TH</sup> annual ***HISTORY ROAD RALLY*** in Conroe, Texas on Saturday afternoon, January 25, 2019. Chairman Larry Foerster describes the event as *“a fun history scavenger hunt for family and friends of all ages, designed to educate and promote local community history. Each year it features the history of a different area of Montgomery County.”* Last year the History Road Rally was held in historic Montgomery, Texas and the year before in South Montgomery County. This year it will again focus on the early history of the Conroe area. This year’s event will be held at the Conroe Bible Church, 4491 IH-45 North , located on the south bound IH-45 service road south of FM 830.

The History Road Rally is dedicated this year to the memory of **Pat George**, who recently passed away on October 19. Pat participated annually in the event with his team of “Not Quite Over the Hill Gang” who enjoyed the fellowship and fun involved in the search for the answers to clues of historic Montgomery County. Pat was always the driver and kept his team members laughing with his spontaneous wit.

Pat George was a retired business leader, former Conroe city council member, former president of the Conroe Chamber, active civic leader, and beloved member of the Conroe community. His team frequently was one of the top three winning teams in the History Road Rally. Pat's outgoing personality will be missed this coming year, so it is fitting that this event be held in his memory.



Teams of friends and families have two hours to solve written clues to the history of Conroe by driving to various historic sites in the area, writing down the answers to the clues found at each site, and photographing the site with a team member to confirm they went to the site. The use of computer tablets, smart phones and other research tools are encouraged.

The first 100 participants will receive a “History Road Warrior” souvenir button which this year features **the portrait of Isaac Conroe**, the founder of the City of Conroe. Free pizza and drinks will be provided to returning participants as part of the entry fee. Trophies and prizes will be given to the three teams with the highest scores.

The pre-registration fee is \$30 per vehicle if paid in advance and \$40 per vehicle the day of the event. Participants are urged to arrive at the Conroe Bible Church between noon and 1pm that Saturday afternoon to complete final registration and receive instructions. Beginning at 1:30pm each team will leave in its vehicle in two-minute intervals with the written set of clues and should return within two hours. Points are assigned to each clue correctly answered with a photograph of the site visited. The History Road Rally should conclude by 4:30pm that afternoon. The event will be held rain or shine.

For more information about the History Road Rally or to pre-register, contact Sue Ann Powell at 936-525-7311 or Larry Foerster at 936-537-9070. Registration forms will be available at the Montgomery County Historical Commission website: [www.montgomerycountyhistoricalcommission.com](http://www.montgomerycountyhistoricalcommission.com). The Historical Commission thanks the Gullo Ford, Gullo Mazda, and Gullo Toyota of Conroe dealerships for sponsoring the History Road Rally over the past seven years.

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