

Susan's Rally 2010 Driving Directions

Preface: Year 17, even I get this confused! I looked around a lot to find some new spots for you this year and magically they appeared! Wonderful Houston has the ability to recreate itself every year. My theme this year is unique architectural points of interest, some old, some new, some big some little. All in all a star studded cast and I think you will be able to take friends and family to some of these and impress them with your vast knowledge of the city and it's unique characteristics. This has been a hard year for us! Thanks to the fun friends at Momentum Volkswagen/Audi and all their help and support! I hope this tour will bring a smile to your face and a melody in your heart. So sit back, turn your radio on and begin a journey that I hope will be fun, educational and effortless, yeah right! Good luck and see you at Post Oak Grill.

Point 1:

At the Depot turn right and right again at a famous silversmith and revolutionary. When you see one of the United States largest naval bases turn right, you will pass a duck and some turquoise, when you see the Princeton Review turn right and drive to the capitol of Virginia and turn left. At a large pond turn right and go 1 block to Gallery Row turning left, when you see this year's Rathe turn in. You are at Pt. 1. What foremost artist is on display and what is the value of his largest work? 5 pts. _____ & _____

Point 2:

Continue on turning right when you given no choice. Enjoy a residential controversy! These homes have uniqueness and cleverness written all over them. Tell me the house number of the one that stands out to you as the most unique. 5 pts. _____. Pass, Brown and more of the amalgam of uniqueness. At the youngest recipient of the Nobel Prize for Literature and author of Kim turn right. Notice as you stop Houston's new leaning tower or is that an optical illusion? Don't veer till you see a yield sign, you are at point 2 and perhaps the oddest of what is called the Frank Lloyd Wright school of architecture and definitely the one in most need of a makeover. Give me it's number as you turn right. 5 pts. _____

Point 3:

Turn left at Lurleen's state and "It's all about you", and I know it is hard but pass Chocolate, Candy, windmills. Go 1 block and turn right. Then left at the capitol of Virginia and another right when you see modes of transportation for most of Asia. Tell me the brand name of the breast cancer scooter and price. 5 pts. _____. Be sure and thank Matt for his GREAT donation for our live auction of a PINK Scooter!

Continue on to a "Lucky Burger" where you turn left and then right at Mrs. Demenil's major architectural donation and all of it's sub donations, give me the total number of donations as in art homes built to house her ever growing collections in her compound. 5 pts. _____. Turn at Rothko left and at another Wallace's state turn right. Don't be impatient, your next turn won't be till you turn right at the tracks, another controversy still brewing. Pass the South Main and the sponsor of the Sojourn House, our charity. Continue to the largest city in Kansas where you will turn left and right when you view another scooter store. At the Czech Center pull in. You are at Pt. 3 go in and enjoy the crafts from a country barely touched by WWII thus the architectural integrity of this country is in tact. When was this building erected? _____ 5 pts.

Point 4:

Follow the arrows out and stay with Wichita till you find the only living Kennedy left in JFK's family. Turn right. Say hi to a rally point from last year and 5 pts. if you can give me the name of the rally point for next year that is being built across the street or when Bellows was founded. _____ . Pass a classic Houston home and favorite of this individual. Continue on enjoying another former point and architectural perfection at Clayton, turn left at a famous baking soda and another rally point with it's most unique architecture of all the museums. Continue on, passing Dale and Naomi Loftianda, till the dead end makes you turn south, follow the baking soda till you are on a South going North you veer left heading toward Victoria, you have to have a "prospect" of passing that large city in Kansas again, veer north. Stay north once you have passed south, pass the Ellie Lofts, and exit at that old standard street between black and white, turn right at the 14th president, go 4 blocks and turn left after you've had your Groove on, how many railroad cars comprise the multicolor office on your right! _____ 5pts. At a statehouse turn left, you are at point 4! What future stadium are you sitting in the middle of now? _____ 5 pts.

Point 5:

Turn right at the city responsible for most of the early architectural construction (lumber) (this could be tricky if you had a choice) of Texas and drive till original Houston shows up, turn left when you have to go cordless, go under an overpass and pass the homeless, the dome and what seems to be an odd resurgence of civic funding of new buildings. Be glad our majestic old Courthouse is getting a face lift and be glad the government has the money... we don't...lol At 813 stop in and enjoy the oldest standing building in Houston. Give me it's name and when it was built. _____ 10 pts.

Point 6:

Continue on passing the "Rally Master", turn right at a famous Jefferson purchase, say hi to the Magnolia Ballroom, another past rally point, and at the 12th president of the United States exit, stay with him as you turn, then turn left at this season and don't turn right till you see our home city. Travel toward the skyline, pass over railroad tracks and turn left at a former senator who's wife has suffered not only with cancer but with his infidelity, follow this till it leads you past colored houses of turquoise on both sides of the street and down a hill to an amazing foursome! For 5 pts. a piece, give me their names. _____
_____. This is point 6

Point 7:

Continue on since you can't turn around enjoying a place many of you have never seen before! Turn left at a Christmas bush and left again at a "game" piece. Keep driving but you will retrace these steps so throw out the bread crumbs, when you come to the dead end, enjoy a unique view of two of the best Houston architectural masterpieces that often cannot be seen because of the uberstructures built around them! 5 pts. each for the designers of the Penzoil and Republic Bank buildings? _____. This is point 7.

Point 8:

Retrace your steps turning left at a sage, at the dead end welcome some new arrivals via train, and at the circular drive tell me who was W. Dowdy for 5 pts. _____.

Retrace your steps and turn left when there are no options. We should be proud that a building such as this has escaped the wrecking ball, pass the Fire Department Headquarters turning north when you see our home city in print, pass the Alamo, go under an overpass and pass a clock and a Woodland park, yield at a crossroads then at a Main thoroughfare turn left, pass on old theater this is tricky now turn right at the first name of the Secretary of State under Woodrow Wilson, Congressman Hull. You are at point 8 if you are at "204". This is a "green" house made of cardboard not like Philip Johnson's Glass House but probably a lot more practical! This house's kitchen is usable, Johnson's kitchen was made to make martini's...true story! Guess what magazine this house was featured in for 5 pts.? _____

Point 9:

Pass a Buddhist church and enjoy some 40's architecture and a new buying frenzied area, stop at the role that won George C. Scott an Oscar and turn left go 4 block then a Spark. Turn right at what connects you to other cities and countries throughout the world, passing a Jamail's of the past, enjoy what is becoming restaurant row, pass and Empire an a guacamole lover's dream, turn right at "SERVICE" and left at "KEYS", you are at point 9. Go in and get your shopping done, but for 5 pts. how much are Totamo Squash per pound? _____

Point 10

Continue on and at XXVI turn left, take the link north, no thru trucks means turn left not towards Waco, more new Heights architecture, at the Main corridor take the southern option, pass a radio zone and puebla. At a GENUINE Blockbuster turn right, enjoy old Houston , prestigious and Harvard's concrete and brick homage to architecture turn right and at 1 past legal drinking age, turn left but PAUSE and what must be the most unique of all the Heights renaissance. Continue on to Harvard's nemesis turning left, passing old Kaplan Ben-Hur, at a birthday that is designated "sweet" turn left and when you can get high turn right, mixing old with new, pass dignity and grace, and the WWII Memorial, drive till you go under an overpass then cross some tracks and at the a "Hollow " turn left, at Rolland left again. You will retrace till you are at the first rally point 17 years ago! Go in to the museum and tell me what year the Cadillac was made? _____ 5 pts. Continue on till you can make a "U". Pass a hollow and when you are at a Center turn right, go under an over pass, after blue, yellow and green or at a chicken man turn left, pull in when you can see Bedrock, pull in CAREFULLY and go in. Enjoy a touch of nostalgia give me the name of _____? This is Point 10!

Continue west on our nations 1st president and marvel at new CLUB SCENE ! Take a circle and go south back to Memorial Drive turn west and go under a new and old overpass and then 2 more overpasses, pass the Omni and turn south to our final location at 1415. YOU have finished Susan's Rally 2010! Congratulations!