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## The 8C-710 1963 Texas Farm Tag Connection



Tom Bade Received the 2005 DeFlumere Medal of Valor.

The following is a true story. A true Ebay story and for those of you who like to Ebay..buying and/or selling, you will love this story!

Several years ago Brian and I attended an estate auction in Waka, Texas...mostly interested in old furniture to paint. Estate auctions are a blast for someone like me, but Brian had to try pretty hard to amuse himself waiting all those long hours for that perfect item to come up for bid. As it turns out, this certain "amusement" has woven quite a thread.

During the Waka auction, Brian purchased, among many sundry items, a box of old Texas license plates. We were just beginning to toy with selling stuff on Ebay and he thought this would make the perfect item. Old, small, flat, lightweight, and best of all....from Texas! I remember laughing at him when he proudly showed me his box of plates. He was so excited you'd thought he bought a car instead of the plates. By the way...he purchased a sleigh that day too.

From time to time, especially as a wintertime project when we're in town, we get out the "booty", get out the camera, and spend a few hours on Ebay. Interestingly

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enough, it seems that as we're researching what we have that might be a hot item, we often find ourselves purchasing rather than selling, which turns out not to be not quite so funny.

This fall, piddling around in the garage a bit, we uncovered the box of license plates and Brian commented that when the winter came he was going to clean them up and list them on Ebay. To make a long story short, he did just that and has sold all but one pair of them. They have sold to folks all over the country and one pair even sold to a bloke in Ireland.

Ebay buyers and sellers are the best kind of people that connect on the Internet. Just the way it was meant to be.... a cyber mom and pop store representing the best of America, simple business transactions that work, by the best way of all, the honor system.

Following is the email exchange that took place at the completion of the sale of 8C-710 1963 Texas Farm Tags. It's a bit lengthy, but absolutely worth the read!

To: geminidesigns@hotmail.com  
Subject: RE: 1963 Texas Farm Truck plates  
Date: Mon, 11 Feb 2008 20:34:03 -0500  
From: daleevans1994@aol.com

Dear Gina,

Thank you very much! This is the first time I have ever done this--it's all new to me. The reason why I tried this is because we are sending care packages to the military in Iraq and Afghanistan and several units happen to be from Texas. The one young girl I have been writing to is from San Antonio and her unit# is 710--that's why I needed those plates. They are all so lonely and lost without things from home so I thought what a great idea to send her unit those plates to hang on the wall. You might be hearing from me again, when I try to track down some more plates for other units.

Oh, how long does it take before you mail them? I have a package of items to send her for St. Patrick's Day and figured I would surprise her and the unit with the plates.

Thank you again.  
Lucille

-----Original Message-----  
From: BRIAN GILLISPIE  
To: daleevans1994@aol.com  
Sent: Tue, 12 Feb 2008 9:59 am  
Subject: RE: 1963 Texas Farm Truck plates

Hi Lucille,  
What a wonderful and great thing you are doing! I have your plates ready to put in the mail today and it should take just a few days for you to get them.

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My mind is going fast...I am also the editor of an online newspaper here and this sounds like a great story with a local connection! We bought those tags at an estate auction...I gave my husband a hard time because he paid \$20 for what seems like a thousand of them and they have been one of the most sellable items we've ever listed..which cracks me up. I sold a pair to a guy in Ireland! I think everyone just loves Texas. Please tell me more and let me work on a story that includes you, your unit, ebay, etc. You can go online at [www.highplainsobserver.com](http://www.highplainsobserver.com) and see what it's about. Thanks for making my day!!! Gina

Gina and Brian,  
My son-in-law (Tom) is the chief of the fire department in his town, here in Pearl River, NY. We have all been to Texas several times and in many different locations. The most recent trip was over the summer, when the family (not me) stopped at the Big Texan Steak Ranch in Amarillo. My son-in-law's brother was going to attempt (and we know it would have been easy for him!) to eat the 72 oz. steak and trimmings. The only problem was he had been sick that day (he had been in a very bad car accident in October 2006--has good days and bad days) and they were all just passing through on their way to the Grand Canyon. Guess they will have to go back to Amarillo!

What a great idea to get the story out for the men and women in the military! They really need help from their fellow Americans, whether they support the war or not. My son-in-law has just written a letter, which he still has to send, to our local paper. He wants to increase the awareness of the need for assistance to our troops. They really need morale boosters, even if it's just a letter from a family or drawings by children. He is such a great person, so giving. He has been a volunteer firefighter for 36 years. The web site that ignited the fire inside my son-in-law is the AnySoldier.com site(special thanks to Brian and Marty Horn!)-a great site! The site works on donations so, getting the word out would do wonders for them to be able to continue this great service. Pay a visit to the site--warning--you, too, might become addicted!!! Tom is currently enlisting the help of his fellow firefighters to acquire new clothing items (sweats and T-shirts), with their fire department logos, to ship to a combat hospital in Iraq, for wounded soldiers to wear while they are recovering from their injuries.

WOW! It's amazing how things happen in life. It would be wonderful if you could do a little story about Tom and his efforts for our troops. Even if you manage to enlist the help of one person, then it is all worthwhile.

He has seen many troops from Texas. He is currently packing and shipping out packages to about 18 units. He said he got the idea about the plates, when they were out to dinner at their local Mexican restaurant (in a mainly Irish neighborhood!), La Cocina. There were different license plates hammered onto the bar area. He thought that would be a great idea, to send a little piece of home to some of the troops. He asked one of the owners, Jim, where he found all the western plates. Jim told him they were there when he and his partner purchased the restaurant. Jim made the suggestion to go on Ebay to look for plates and that's how we connected with you.

Gina--the next time Brian decides to buy some "junk", don't question his madness!

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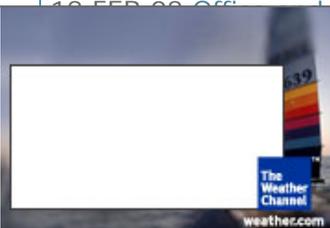
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If you would like to see Tom, just go here-- County of Rockland Office of County Executive C. Scott Vanderhoef ... Pearl River volunteer firefighter Bade rescued an 87-year-old woman from a fire in her home in Pearl ...  
[www.co.rockland.ny.us/Executive/ENews/06/04-04-06.htm](http://www.co.rockland.ny.us/Executive/ENews/06/04-04-06.htm) - 7k -

Thank you both for taking the time to address an important issue. People like you are the reason why America is so great!

If you need anything, give a yell!  
Lucille

So....the story concludes....an old lonely box of abandoned Texas License Plates revived! Who knew in 1964, when those 8C-710 1963 Texas Farm Tags landed a box they would be saved for just the right few people 45 years later, and they would serve a different kind of purpose that would connect one American to another....in a most significant way?

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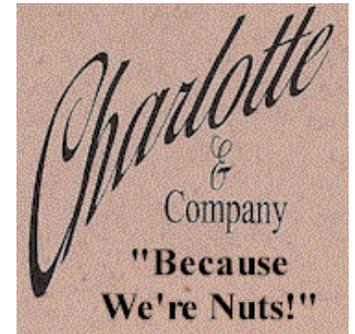
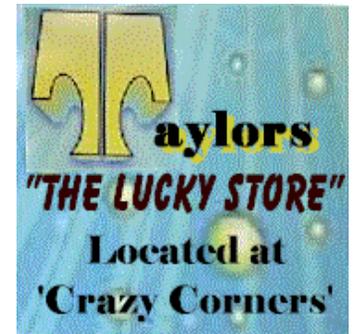
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