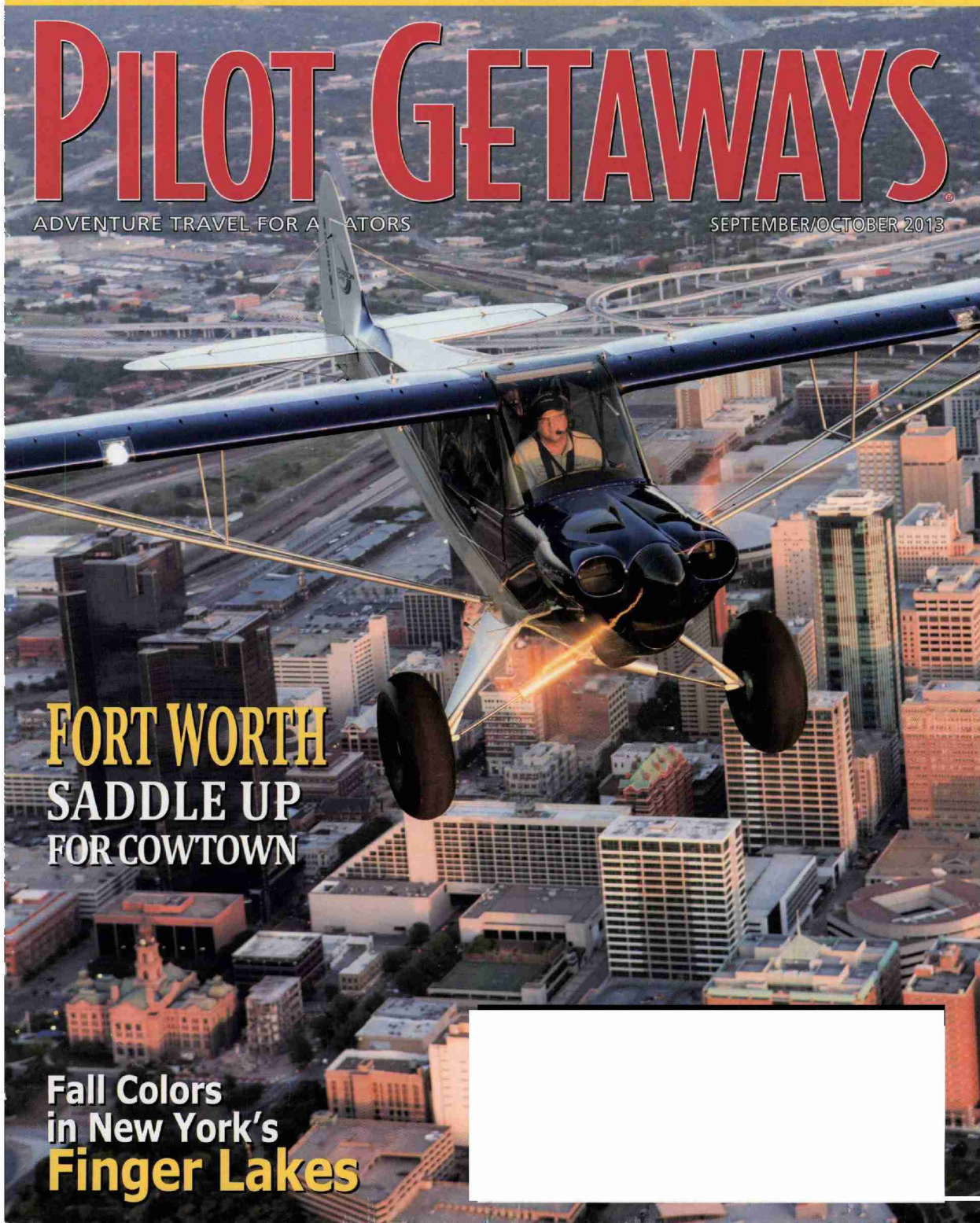


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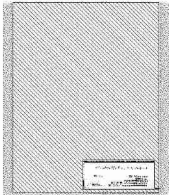
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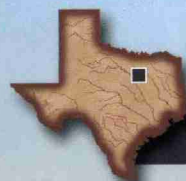
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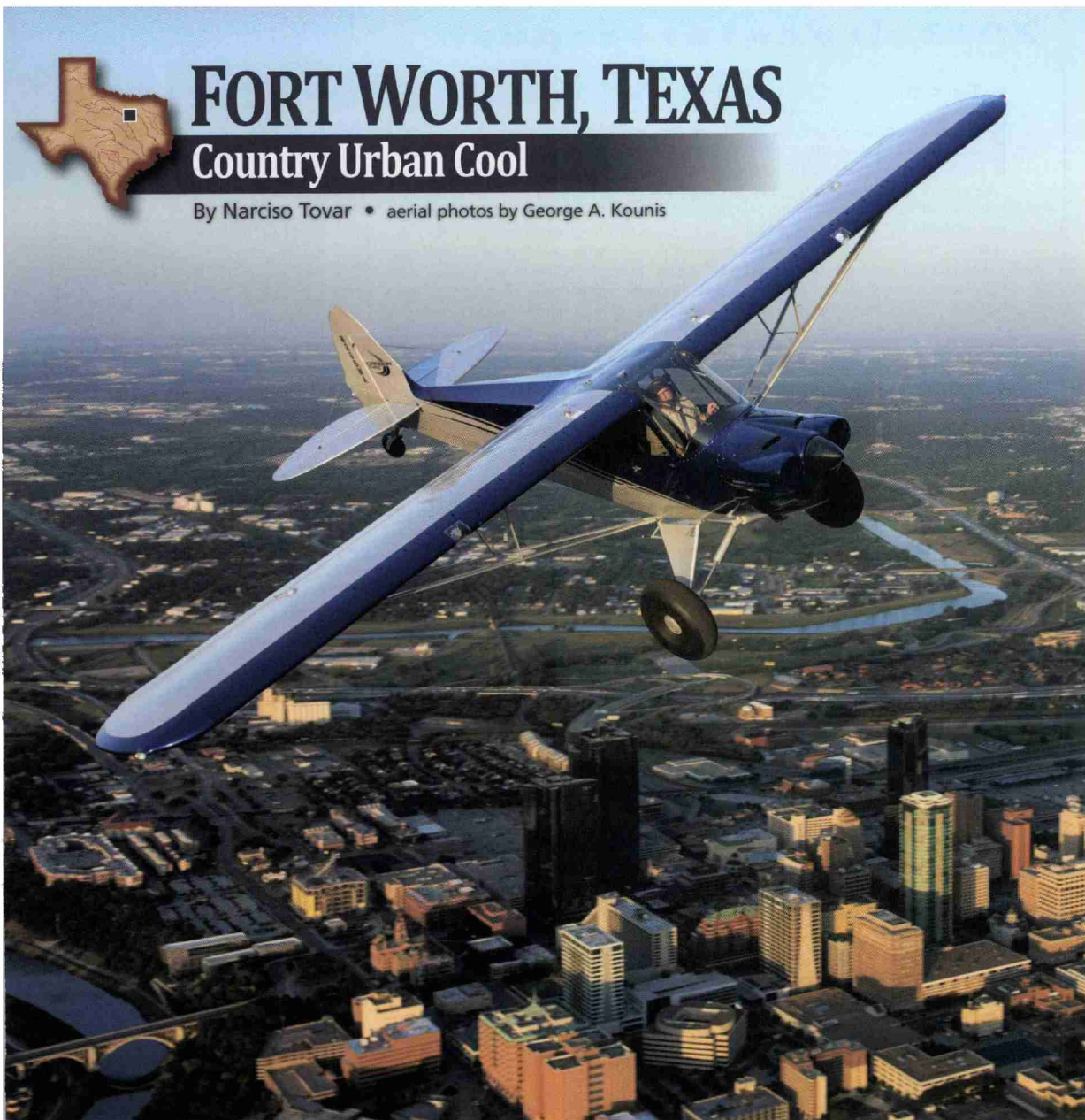




FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Country Urban Cool

By Narciso Tovar • aerial photos by George A. Kounis

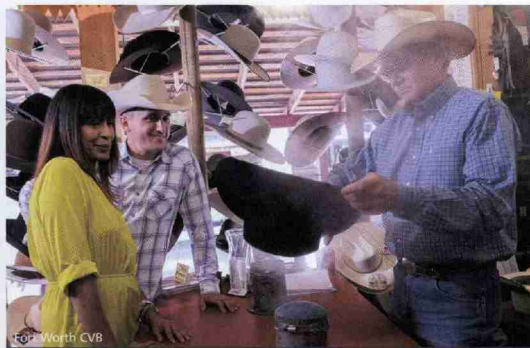
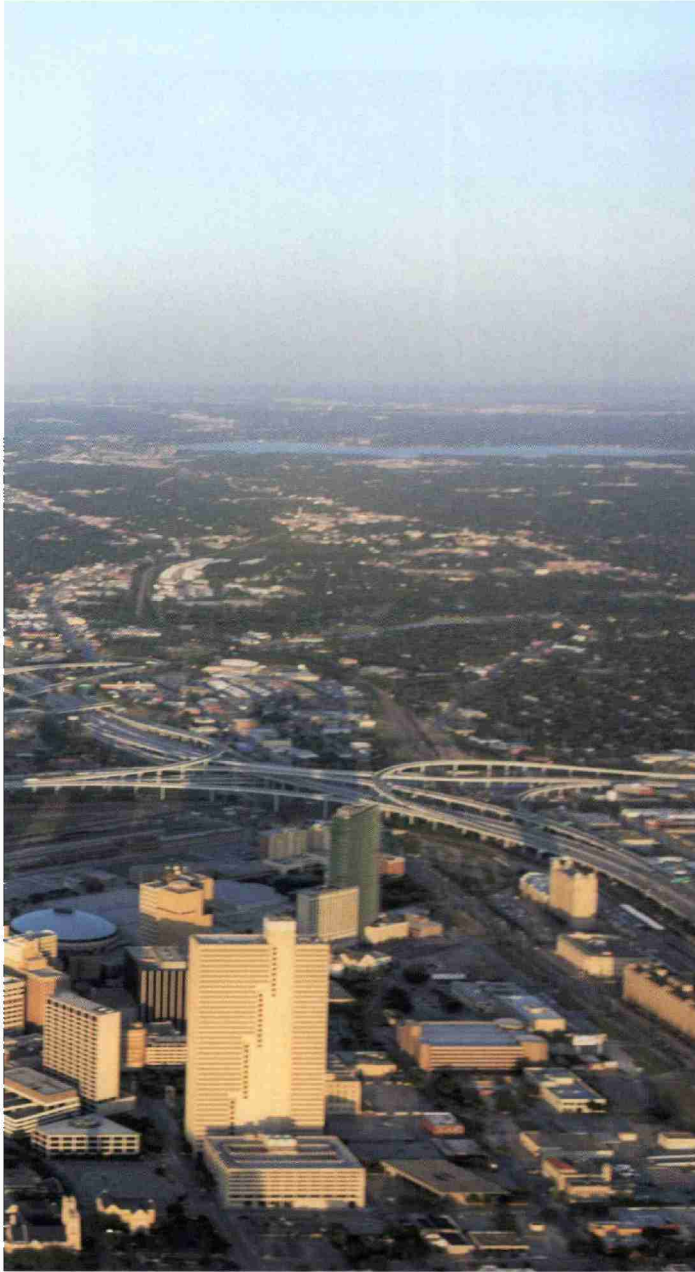


As a native Texan who spent nearly six years in New York City, I have come to realize that odd myths exist about the people and culture of Texas: myths like everyone talks with a Texas twang, or everyone has a cowboy hat, owns a horse, and lives on a ranch, or Texans live and die by the state motto "Don't mess with Texas." The state motto is, in fact, "Friendship," and no other city represents this motto better than Fort Worth.

Its layout seems designed to help visitors easily discover new neighborhoods, fun shops, unique spots, and great restaurants. Fort Worth, known as "Cowtown," has added modern elements while preserving beauty and tradition. As a city grows and evolves, the attitude of the people can change, but this town maintains its cowboy tradition of charm and hospitality while exciting us with true culture and innovative architecture.

Flying There

Fort Worth Meacham International Airport (FTW) is about 5 nm northwest of downtown Fort Worth and about 17 nm southwest of Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW). FTW is under the 4,000-foot floor of the DFW Class B Airspace. From the south, west, and north, approaches are straightforward, and you can remain below the Class B. You may need to contact the Fort Worth Naval Air Station JRB/Carswell Field tower



Clockwise: Scot Warren and Steve Aughinbaugh fly in a Cub Crafters Carbon Cub over downtown, about 3 nm south of Meacham International; The Fort Worth Herd in the Stockyards is the world's only cattle drive that runs twice a day, every day; Get your Western duds topped off with a custom-fit cowboy hat; Every Saturday, you can tour the Rahr & Sons brewery or find their beers in town bars.



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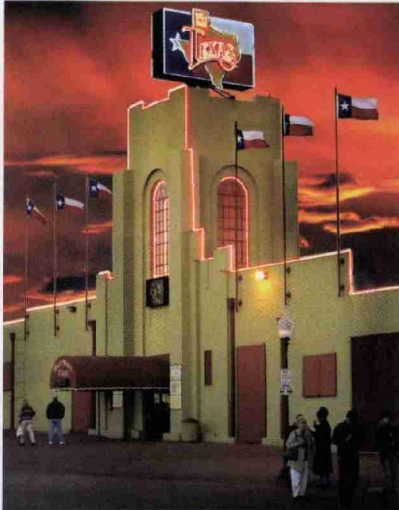
From the east, call Dallas Approach on 124.3 MHz (northeast) or 125.2 MHz (southeast). Although there is no published VFR corridor, you can usually get a clearance through the Class B westbound directly over the top of DFW to Fort Worth. Otherwise, to divert around the north side of the Class B core, you can fly over Lake

Lewisville by Lakeview Airport (30F), and then continue to Fort Worth Alliance Airport (AFW, tower 135.15 MHz) below 3,000 feet. To divert around the south side, you'll either need to remain more than 20 nm south of DFW, or switch frequencies quickly to transition the Class D airspaces of Dallas Executive (RBD, tower 127.25 MHz), Grand Prairie (GPM, tower 128.55 MHz), and Arlington (GKY, tower 128.625 MHz) airports. Watch out for several towers as high

as 2,549 feet MSL (1,731 feet AGL) 7–10 nm south of GPM.

Meacham International has two parallel runways: 16/34 and 17/35 (yes, they're really parallel, despite their different numbers), and one crosswind runway, 9/27. Since all FBOs are northeast of the intersection of runways 9/27 and 16/34, you'll have a long taxi if you land on Runway 17/35, which is at the far west end of the airport.

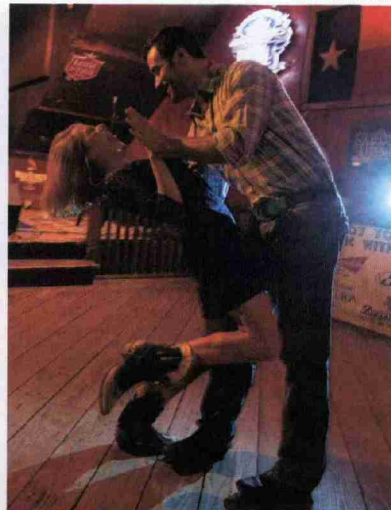
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Clockwise: Billy Bob's Texas, the world's largest honky-tonk; Catch a concert at Bass Performance Hall, recognized as one of the top 10 opera houses in the world by Travel + Leisure magazine; Cut a rug at the White Elephant Saloon in the Stockyards; The Vintage Flying Museum showcases warbirds at Meacham, south of Rwy 9/27; The Woodshed Smokehouse features all things grilled, roasted, and slow-cooked.



Narciso Tovar

Vintage Flying Museum

History

Although William Jenkins Worth was born in 1794 in Hudson, N.Y., to Quaker parents, he rejected the pacifism of their faith and began a U.S. Army career in 1813, distinguishing himself early on in the battle of Chippewa and later, as a general in the Mexican-American War. After the war, the War Department transferred him to Texas in 1848.

In January 1849, General Worth proposed building 10 forts to mark where the west Texas frontier began from Eagle Pass to the confluence of the West Fork and Clear Fork of the Trinity River. Unfortunately, Worth died in May of the same year and General William S. Harney assumed the late general's position. Within a month, under Harney's order, a post was established on the banks of the Trinity and named Camp Worth in honor of Worth. On Nov. 14, 1849, the War Department officially granted the name "Fort Worth" to the post.

From then on, after nearly being wiped off the map from the effects of the Civil War

and Reconstruction during the 1860s, Fort Worth earned a reputation for welcoming many a weary traveler into their general stores and saloons. It also served as a good resting point for cowboys driving their cattle to Abilene and Kansas, making it quite practical for many northern cattle buyers to set up headquarters in Fort Worth and earning it the nickname "Cowtown."

It was from those humble beginnings that Fort Worth flourished in a variety of industries, including meat-packing, gas, and oil. And it is from this rich heritage that Cowtown has grown to become the 16th largest city in the U.S. and the top tourist destination in Texas, welcoming nearly 5.5 million visitors each year.

What to Do

Fort Worth's attractions start right at the airport, with two aviation museums. The **Vintage Flying Museum** in a large B-29 hangar just south of Runway 9/27 houses a collection of warbirds including two Douglas A-26s, a C-49J, a North American

F-86F, and even a Cessna 140. You can tie down on the small ramp in front of their gate for short visits (call them for access through the gate), admission \$3-\$8, open Fri 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun noon-5 p.m., 505 N.W. 38th St., Hangar 33 South, 817-624-1935, www.vintageflyingmuseum.org. The **Veterans Memorial Air Park** houses a large collection of aircraft from an O-1 Bird Dog to a Blue Angels F-18 and an F-14D Tomcat in a facility just off the airport to the southeast, admission \$1-\$5, open Wed 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 330 Ross Ave., 817-841-8661 or 855-733-8267, www.facmuseum.org.

In "Cowtown," we'll start with the historic **Fort Worth Stockyards**, not only because it is one of Texas's most popular tourist destinations, but also because it gives everyone in your family a taste of cowboy culture at its finest. Even though the Stockyards had a reputation for being a "disreputable entertainment district" known all over the West, it is nowadays as safe as it is fun, www.fortworthstockyards.org.



The FBOs are at the northeast quadrant of the field, so you will have the shortest taxi if you land on Runway 16/34.

So, when you arrive at the corner of East Exchange Avenue and Main Street in the Stockyards, I recommend that you start off by paying a visit to **M.L. Ledy's**, where they have been offering handmade Western products for "discriminating customers" across the world since the 1920s. The craftsmanship that goes into their boots alone is stellar and their staff is always on-hand to answer any questions you may have, 2455 N. Main St., 817-624-3149 or 888-565-2668, www.leddys.com. Once you've made your selection for a fine pair of boots, walk over to the other side of the street to **Fincher's White Front** to get decked out from their full line of Western wear. One of the great things about this place is that third and fourth generation customers visit the store, 115 E. Exchange Ave., 817-624-7302 or 877-428-2668, www.fincherswhitefront.com. After you've selected some threads, top off your look with a custom-made hat from **Maverick Fine Western Wear** across the street at 100 E. Exchange Ave., 817-626-1129 or 800-282-1315, www.maverickwesternwear.com.

A short walk down the hand-laid brick streets of the Stockyards brings you to **Stockyards Station**, with plenty of interesting and savory places to visit, 130 E. Exchange Ave., 817-625-9715, www.stockyardsstation.com. Founded by one of the pioneers of country music, Ernest Dale Tubb (aka the Texas Troubadour), **Ernest Tubb Record Shop** is filled with country music records, tapes, CDs, videos and memorabilia. They are particularly generous to local talent and host live music, both inside the store and just outside their front door, 140 E. Exchange Ave., 817-624-8449, www.etrrecords.com.

From there, walk 10 minutes north through the Rodeo Plaza to **Billy Bob's Texas**, the world's largest honky-tonk. Even if you're not a fan of country music, there's plenty to take in. The very skilled Wendell Nelson (no relation to Willie) conducts dancing lessons every Thursday, Sunday, and Monday night; see a concert from the likes of David Allen Coe to Blues

Traveler; or catch some professional bull riders in action on Friday and Saturday nights...yes, bull riding. No mechanical bulls here—this is **Billy Bob's** in Fort Worth, y'all! And the competitors are legit. In fact, world champions like Tuff Hedeman, Ty Murray, and Adriano Moraes have all earned their stripes in the Billy Bob's arena, 2520 Rodeo Plaza, 817-624-7117, www.billybobstexas.com.

The **downtown area of Fort Worth** is one of the easiest cities to walk around in, and also provides a great deal of shopping and entertainment to boot. Begin at the southern part of **Sundance Square**, a 35-block entertainment and shopping district, www.sundancesquare.com, and see a nice mix of art pieces that reflect the region's brightest talent to artists that hail from as far as Vietnam at the **Milan Gallery**, 505 Houston St., 817-338-4278, www.milangallery.com. Be sure to make time to visit **Earth Bones**, a local favorite stop for eclectic gifts (like a recycled plastic hand chair), silly greeting cards, and quirky finds (like the Dr. Who Disappearing Tardis Mug). Your inner geek will thank you, 308 Main St., 817-332-2662.

An aquatic oasis designed by world-renowned architect Philip Johnson, **Fort Worth's Water Gardens** offer water features like an aerating pool, a quiet pool, and an active pool with water tumbling down a series of terraces into a small pit. At sunset, lights illuminate the pools and show off the beauty of the gardens, 1600 Commerce St., www.fortwortharchitecture.com/water.htm.

Recognized as one of the top 10 opera houses in the world by Travel + Leisure magazine, **Bass Performance Hall** is designed much like a classic European opera house. This 2,056-seat hall features performances from the likes of The Blue Man Group, Bill Cosby, and Texas favorite Lyle Lovett, 525 Commerce St., www.bassball.com.

Jazz legends like Ellis Marsalis and Cyrus Chestnut have performed at the **Scat Jazz Lounge**, consistently recognized by Downbeat magazine as one of the Best

100 Jazz Clubs in the World. You'll find it in the basement of the historic Woolworth building. The drinks are as solid and strong as the music and vibes, 111 W. 4th St., 817-870-9100, www.scatzjazzlounge.com.

Just a few miles west of downtown, Fort Worth's **Cultural District** is arguably one of the best in the U.S. (perhaps in the world), just south of Camp Bowie Boulevard and between University Drive and Montgomery Street, www.pglinks.net/FWCulture. Each of its five internationally recognized museums is acclaimed for its collections as well as its architecture. My three favorites follow:

The Kimbell, designed by American architect Louis Kahn, houses extraordinary works from giants like Monet, Picasso, and

Matisse, as well as stunning Egyptian, Asian, and African art. A must-see is the first known painting from Michelangelo called "The Torment of St. Anthony" that depicts the devil's minions clawing and tugging away at the saint in mid-air. Painted when he was 12 or 13 years old, it is one of only four surviving panel paintings by Michelangelo, 3333 Camp Bowie Blvd., 817-332-8451, www.kimbellart.org.

The **Modern Art Museum** exhibits an impressive collection of art from contemporary artists like Andy Warhol, Jackson Pollock, and Mark Rothko. A 1961 oil painting from Adolph Gottlieb called "Apaquogue" caught my attention; it displays what looks like three faded-edged

circles floating over what looks like (to me) a chaotic arrangement of thick brush strokes. Designed by world-renowned Japanese architect Tadao Ando, the museum provides a serene backdrop through its concrete and glass structure surrounded by a tranquil reflecting pond, 3200 Darnell St., 817-738-9215 or 866-824-5566, www.tbemodern.org.

Women like Annie Oakley, Georgia O'Keefe, Patsy Cline, former Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, and even Jessie from "Toy Story 2" are celebrated at the **National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame**, the only museum in the world dedicated to honoring women of the American West. Exhibits highlight the contributions some cowgirls have made through their amazing courage and pioneering spirit. At the Bronc Ride exhibit, you can saddle up on a modified life-sized training bull used by rodeo riders, but completely safe for anyone in your family. They capture your ride on video and composite it with old-style rodeo footage; you can download your personal, 10-second video the next day from their website, 1720 Gendy St., 817-336-4475, www.cowgirl.net.

If you're in the mood for some award-winning ales, drive five minutes south from the Fort Worth Convention Center to the **Rahr & Sons Brewery**, the first—and arguably the finest—craft brewery in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Producing five seasonals, four core brands, and an assortment of other options, they have won 15 nationally-recognized awards, including a Bronze Medal at the 2008 World Beer Cup for Bucking Bock and 2009 National Grand Champion from the United States Beer Tasting Championships for Iron Thistle. Every Saturday, you can tour the brewery from 1 to 3 p.m. and sample a variety of their beers on tap while you listen to live music onsite, \$10 including a souvenir pint glass, 701 Galveston Ave., 817-810-9266, www.rahrbrewing.com.

A taste of nostalgic Americana is less than a two-minute drive north of downtown, right off of Main Street. The **Coyote Drive-In** is only about four months old, but has already won over a legion of fans. Who could blame them? They show double features of new release films every night, offer a fully stocked concession stand (beer and wine included), and a family-friendly environment, all with a spectacular view of the Fort Worth skyline. Moreover, since a system transmits the movie sound track to your car stereo, you can enjoy the latest blockbuster in the comforts of your own air conditioning or in the open air. You can clearly see how the stars at night really are big and bright deep in the heart of Texas, 223 N.E. 4th St., 817-717-7767, www.coyotedrive-in.com.

Where to Stay

Just a short walk from the Convention Center is one Fort Worth's premiere hotels—and my favorite—the **Omni Hotel**. The 614 rooms on 15 floors of a 33-story building are



Omni Hotel

Above: The Omni Fort Worth Hotel offers luxurious accommodations in the heart of downtown Fort Worth. Right: Sundance Square is a 35-block entertainment and shopping district.



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spacious, from the 369-square-foot deluxe rooms all the way up to the 1,825-square-foot Omni Suite. On-site amenities include two restaurants, two bars, and the lavish Mokara Spa. On our visit, the customer service was superb. Everyone had a smile on their face and made you feel welcome, \$219-\$497, 1300 Houston St., 817-535-6664, www.OmniHotels.com.

Closer to Sundance Square and near the Stockyards District, the pyramid-shaped **Worthington Renaissance Hotel** has earned a four-diamond AAA rating since 1981. Aside from being minutes away from lots of shopping and restaurants, it also offers great downtown views and decorative touches that include Western art and architecture. The 277 guest rooms feature high-speed Internet, desks, and tech-

nology panels with charging outlets for your electronics, \$169-\$409, 200 Main St., 817-870-1000, www.marriott.com.

For the full Stockyards experience, rooms at the **Stockyards Hotel** reflect the décor of the Old West and early 19th century. Room 305, the Bonnie and Clyde Suite, is the actual room where Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow checked in during their 1933 stay. Aside from having bragging rights for staying in the same room as a pair of notorious outlaws, guests can see historic artifacts that include Bonnie's .38 revolver, photographs, newspaper clippings, and a poem written by Bonnie for Clyde, \$199-\$389, 109 E. Exchange Ave., 817-625-6427, www.stockyardshotel.com.

For a listing of area lodging, activities, and dining, contact the **Fort Worth**

Convention & Visitors Bureau at 508 Main St., 817-698-3300 or 800-433-5747, and at 130 E. Exchange Ave., 817-624-4741, www.fortworth.com.

Where to Eat

Risky's Barbeque has the feel of an established honky-tonk, with dark wood rafters and neon lights, offset by red-and-white tablecloths. There is usually a cowboy clown entertaining visitors with a variety of balloon animals. This raucous and active restaurant claims to serve "the best darn BBQ this side of anywhere!" Traditional Texas dishes include all-you-can-eat barbeque beef ribs, rubbed with "Ricky Dust" (a barbecue rub that imparts a smoky flavor with a small kick of pepper), filet, rib eye, and flatiron steaks; entrées \$6-\$16, open

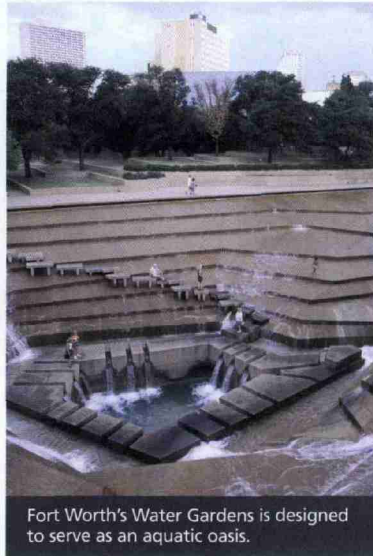
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For a more intimate setting, the **Reata** delivers award-winning Southwestern cuisine with a Texas twist. Amongst the white tablecloths and proficient waitstaff, you can see the restaurant's flair through its bevy of Texas-themed art, from a mounted buffalo head to gilded saddles. On the menu, appetizers range from traditional fares such as Tortilla Soup and a house salad to unique dishes like the Tenderloin Tamales with Pecan Mash and the Chile Dusted Jumbo Scallops with Pecan Cream Sauce. Entrées feature such items as a Pan-Seared pepper Crusted Tenderloin with Port Wine Sauce, a Pork Shank with Chorizo Black-Eyed Pea Hash and Blackened Buffalo Rib Eye with Cook's Butter, entrées \$12–\$44, open 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m. & 5–10:30 p.m., 310 Houston St., 817-336-1009, www.reata.net.

For something a bit more dynamic, the **Woodshed Smokehouse** offers alternative dining and live music five nights a week in their "backyard" nestled up to the Trinity River. Coming from the artful mind of Chef Tim Love and skillfully blending all things grilled, roasted, and slow-cooked over different woods, this restaurant is both open and inviting. Their spit features a rotating "animal of the day," which could be beef, lamb, cabrito (goat), or wild game, entrees \$7–\$28, open Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri–Sat 11 a.m.–11 p.m., 3201 Riverfront Dr., 817-877-4545, www.WoodshedSmokehouse.com.

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Fort Worth's Water Gardens is designed to serve as an aquatic oasis.

The **Rodeo Goat**, recently named the purveyors of DFW's Best Burger by dfw.com, is always bustling with hungry carnivores, ordering up such favorites as the Whiskey Burger with Irish whiskey cheddar, blackberry compote, and bourbon candied bacon or the Caca Oaxaca with chorizo, avocado, queso fresco, pico de gallo, tobasco-mayo, and a fried egg. And why not? Every ounce of beef they serve is house-ground organic and the toppings are fresh. Burgers run \$8–\$10, open Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–12 a.m., Fri–Sat

11 a.m.–2 a.m., 2836 Bledsoe St., 817-877-4628, www.rodeogoat.com.



Transportation

Each of the main districts are only about three miles from one another, so Fort Worth is a very walkable city. If you'd like some exercise, check out the Fort Worth Bike Sharing initiative, which lets you pick up a **bicycle** at one of several stations and drop it off at another when you're done, www.fortworthbikesharing.org.

Enterprise and Avis provide **rental cars** at Meacham Airport. Enterprise can deliver cars to your FBO or pick you up there. Avis will deliver the car to the FBO for pickup and dropoff during FBO business hours (even if Avis is closed at that time) for Avis Preferred members.

The **Fort Worth Transportation Authority**, known locally as The T, services the Stockyards National Historic District, the Fort Worth Cultural District, and downtown's Sundance Square, 817-215-8600, www.the-t.com. For **taxi service**, the Fort Worth Convention & Visitor's Bureau recommends Yellow Cab at 817-426-6262.

I have a friend who has been bragging about Fort Worth for years. And, to be honest, I always thought Fort Worth was interesting, but not quite like "The Big D" known as Dallas. Well, I was right. It is not like the Big D. In fact, it feels like my old stomping grounds of New York City and Brooklyn, but with the charm of Texas, the cowboy grit of the Old West, and the sophistication of a big city. Well done, Fort Worth! I can't wait to return for another adventure in the future. ■

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