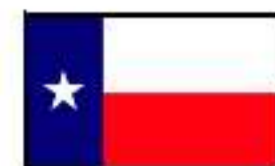




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Come hear about R.G LeTourneau

Thursday, September 18th

Pizza served at 6:30 pm

Meeting starting at 7:00 pm

Speaker: Dale Hardy from the R.G. LeTourneau Heritage Center

A word from our speaker

I was born and raised in Vicksburg MS. In the early 1960's I lived with his parents and brothers in a LeTourneau Tournalayed concrete house in LeTourneau MS, which is south of Vicksburg. My wife and I have lived in Longview for 31 years. We raised our three daughters here. I worked as a carpenter for about 17 years and then decided to change careers. I have worked at LeTourneau, Inc. for over 19 years in the Technical Publications Department. At LeTourneau I am a Technical Writer, I write the Parts Catalogs for the equipment we produce in Longview.

I've had an interest in LeTourneau for many years and I suppose that is because it was such a big part of my childhood. After many years of working at the plant I realized that many of LeTourneau's historical items on the plant property were not being cared for properly. Items such as the archival photo prints and their negatives (which number over 30,000 each), early sales literature, etc. So for years I gathered that material and stored it in the Technical Publications climate controlled storage areas. I didn't know it at the time but interest in preserving LeTourneau history was also growing among several individuals at LeTourneau University. Early in 2002 we met together to express our individual interest and visions. After a long process we became a non-profit organization, the "R.G. LeTourneau Heritage Center" in October of 2002.