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June 8
Oklahoma Route 66 Association Annual Car Cruise. Watch newsletter for
information

NOTICE!



*Your membership
expiration date on the label...*

Calendar of events in Oklahoma Route 66 Communities

- April 11-17* *Cheyenne & Arapaho Pioneer Celebration, Clinton, Ok. For information call 405-323-2222*
- May 1-2* *First Annual Old West KidsFest 5 miles West of Chandler, Ok. on Route 66. Gates open form 10:00 am to 6pm. For information call 405-258-2999 or 918-245-5722*
- May 8* *Nettie Davenport Day and Alumni Celebration Davenport, Ok. between Chandler and Stroud on Route 66. For information call 918-377-2241*
- May 13-16* *Sayre Blue Grass Festival, Sayre, Ok. For information call 405-928-3386*
- June 5-6* *Oklahoma Route 66 Association Annual Car Cruise. Watch newsletter for information*
- June* *Date to be announced. Heartland Cruise (antique car show). Weatherford, Ok. For information call 405-772-7744*
- Sept 4-6* *Elk City Rodeo of Champions, Elk City, Ok. For information call 405-225-0207*
- October 2* *Sayre All Wheels Car Meet, Sayre, Ok. For information call 405-928-3386*



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The President's Corner

by
Ron Burden

I hope all of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It looks as if 1993 will be an interesting and busy year for our organization. The weather has not cooperated with the Board of Trustee's trying to hold a planning meeting. There are many activities being discussed, but we need to meet to formulate plans. The State Cruise will be on June 5 and 6. More details will be forthcoming as they become available.

We are currently looking for a permanent office location for the State Association. Our intent is to locate somewhere near the geographic center of the State in order to be more readily available to all our members and to be more active in our State's Tourism Industry & Economic Development. In the meantime we are looking at temporarily locating in office space that has been offered to us in Chandler. This space is small but we would be able to get our computer working more efficiently and have office help to follow up on correspondence and working support projects for the Association. I want to emphasize, this is temporary.

I would like to express my thanks to Danny Scott and Mary, for allowing us to work out of his place of business in Bethany. Danny and Mary continue to take calls and relay information to me and this has been a great help. They both have sworn to me they will continue working for the good of our

organization.

A Route 66 historic landmark is facing an uncertain future. The Will Rogers Hotel in Claremore, is going on the auction block and a movement is underway to try to save this grand building that was known nationally for its radium water baths. People came from all across America, on Route 66, to visit the Will Rogers Hotel. Let's show our support and help preserve this Route 66 landmark. If you would like to make a donation to help, make your check payable to:

Will Rogers Restoration Committee
PO Box 774
Claremore, Ok. 74018

Your Route 66 Association would like to become more active in local celebrations in communities along the Route. If you know of something coming up, notify the office and we will try to participate and support our Route 66 communities.

Route 66 Association Officers are selected

At a statewide conference on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma College Center in Edmond, new officers were elected for the Oklahoma Route 66 Association, including...

©Ron Burden, President: Burden is Loan Officer for Central Oklahoma Federal Credit

Union, on the Board of Directors for Davenport Chamber of Commerce, Fire Chief for the last 14 years, Elder in the Presbyterian Church, Scout Coordinator for Boy Scout Troop 37 of Davenport and involved with the Davenport School Grant Foundation. He and his wife, Sharon, live in Davenport. They have two children, Todd and Jennifer. Todd and his wife, Liesha have a daughter, Kara. Jennifer is a student at Rose State University.

☺**Don Gray, Vice-President:** Gray is president of the Little Cabin Pecan Co., Inc., in Vinita. He and his wife, Michel, have nine children and seventeen grandchildren. Two of their sons are in the pecan business with their parents. Gray also is on the board of directors of the Vinita Chamber of Commerce and is an officer in the Oklahoma Pecan Association. He is listed in *Who's Who in the Southwest*.

☺**Shirley Mangan, Secretary:** Mrs. Mangan and her husband, C.B. "Buster" Mangan, live in El Reno. Mrs. Mangan has two grown children, Rich and Sandy and two grandchildren. She is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Midwestern Oklahoma Route 66 Association, a member of the Canadian County Historical Society and is presently helping with the Fort Reno cemetery project.

☺**Jackie Kreeger, Treasurer:** She is actively involved in Kreeger Specialty Supplies and several Pizza Hut restaurants as treasurer and bookkeeper. She and her husband, Renick, live in Miami and have two children, Scott and Spring. They are students at Northeastern Oklahoma State University in Tahlequah.

☺**Other officers of the Association include:** Dave Holsonbake, Membership Chairperson; Keith Farris, Resources Chairperson; Sally Farrell, Preservation Chairperson; Danny Scott, Special Events; and Carol Duncan, Publicity Chairperson.

Hats off to these dedicated folks that will

make this Association successful with their donated time and talents!



Attention Members and People Interested in Route 66

The committee for the 1993 Annual Car Cruise need more members and suggestions for this year's event's. Anyone interested in helping, please contact Ron Burden, PO Box 261, Davenport, Ok. 74026.

Please check the mailing label on your newsletter for membership expiration date. Membership dues are used for the preservation and promotion of Oklahoma Route 66.

Advertizing now available in this Newsletter

We have new advertizing rates for the 1993 Newsletters. This newsletter reaches 800+ Association members and numerous pass-along readers 4 times a year. The advertizing rates, per issue, for 1993 are as follows:

Business card size...\$ 5.00

1/4 page.....\$10.00

1/2 page.....\$15.00

Full Page.....\$20.00

Send a copy of your ad and remittance to:

**Oklahoma Route 66 Association
PO Box 66
Davenport, Ok. 74026**

This is our temporary mailing address until we are settled into the new office space. Deadlines for articles and advertizing are as follows:

**January 15
April 15
July 15
October 15**

If the deadline is missed then the article or advertizement would appear in the following newsletter.

There is talk of increasing this publication to 6 times a year instead of just 4 times a year. Please let us know if you would like to have a newsletter every 2 months.

Elk City Car Club Organizing Route 66 Display

The C.A.R.S. Unlimited Car Club and interested people in Elk City, Ok., have taken on the project of a Route 66 museum and display. The site for the project is the Old Town Museum Complex, which is located on Route 66 on the west side of Elk City. The group has presented the proposal for a special display of Route 66 memorabilia and replicas of a gas station, cabin-style motel rooms, a diner, art gallery and a library. Grant money has been applied for to help finance this project.

Some items have already been received and a list is being compiled. Response has been very enthusiastic.

Persons interested in contributing or loaning Route 66 memorabilia or transportation related items may contact Don Mullenix Jr. at PO Box 192, Elk City, Ok. 73648.

New Route 66 Museum at Clinton, Ok.

This past December the Custer County Historical Society held their meeting at the Western Trails Museum in Clinton.

The guest speaker for the evening was Sandy Stratton, Curator at the Territorial Museum at Guthrie, Ok. the topic of her talk was the converting of the Clinton museum to a transportation theme. A large area of the building will be devoted to Route 66.

The Oklahoma State Historical Society, the Department of Tourism and the State Department of Commerce are working together to apply for a grant for federal funding. Some of the future projects that the society wants to implement on Route 66 are traveling exhibits, historical markers on highways to indicate places of interest, informational booklets, sites to be registered as historical sites, work with Route 66 communities to market their towns and a 15 minute video on Route 66.

The present Western Trails Museum will be remodeled and additional space added on. On the south side of the building a 50's style Roadside Park will be set up. Tentative plans include several other displays showing period buildings.

On April 2, a special Route 66 photographic exhibit can be viewed by the public. A free standing exhibit is included with the special showing. The traveling Route 66 exhibit from Chandler, Ok. is

scheduled to come to Clinton within the next few months.

A support group, "Friends of the Highway 66 Museum" is in the process of being organized. The purpose of this group is to become a non-profit organization, who could accept and seek donations and apply for grant and foundation financing for the museum. This group would also provide volunteers to help in doing historical programs which would be of interest to school children and adults. Membership is open to anyone who is interested in Route 66.



Charter memberships are now available. The price is \$1.00. People who are interested may purchase a Friends Membership at the following locations:

Western Trails Museum
2229 Gary Blvd.
Clinton, Ok. 73601

Western Plains Library System
605 Avant
Clinton, Ok. 73601

Linderer Printing Company
117 South 6th
Clinton, Ok 73601

Jake Lewis Insurance Company
1928 West Gary Blvd.
Clinton, Ok. 73601

HELP WANTED: Calling all
preservationists!!!

Preservation or conservation of Route 66 historic places is a major association goal set by founding members. The Preservation Committee was established to work towards this goal. President Burden has asked Sally Ferrell to serve as chairperson and is calling for volunteers representing all sections of the road to serve as members.

If you are interested, please call Sally right away at 405-258-1891 or write to 716 Bennett, Chandler, Ok. 74834. She's anxious to get going and asks for your ideas even if you don't want to be a committee member. Is there anything out there you think might be an important roadside site? What are we in danger of losing?

Education is a part of preservation. Publications helping awareness of roadside architecture can be a part of the work as well as spreading the word about help available from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The National Trust awarded \$3,500 to the Oklahoma Department of Tourism to help fund the State Route 66 Association.

The Oklahoma State Preservation office stands ever ready to distribute leaflets from the U.S. Park Service on techniques for preservation. The Route 66 Preservation committee can help each community by simply getting people and help sources together.

Preservation News Magazine Features Round Barn

Luke Robinson and the Round Barners (The Arcadia Historical and Preservation Society) really made news in this magazine's

Jan/Feb issue. It is a dynamic article with 8 pages of photographs and text focusing on reasons for their winning a 1993 Honor Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

If you are interested in joining the National Trust for Historic Preservation, pick up a copy of the magazine at your news stand or write to:

NTHP
1785 Mass. Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20036

The Trust is planning a special event for Route 66 when it convenes the National Conference next fall in St. Louis. Round Barn author Ken Kiester wants to return to Oklahoma and write about the State and Route 66.

National Trust Offers Seminar

Announcement has just been made of a special addition to the annual statewide Preservation Conference for all those interested in Route 66 development and preservation.

"Oklahoma 66: A Vision Process" is a seminar topic to be conducted by Betty Ann Bierle, Field Representative for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. It will be held in Ponca City, Saturday, May 15 from 10:30 am to 12 noon. This is part of a 3 day conference sponsored by the Oklahoma Historical Society and Preservation Office and several other organizations. Other sessions will also relate to development and preservation of historic corridor. The conference will be an opportunity for Route

66 Association members to meet and discuss concerns with State and National Leaders.

An annual awards luncheon will follow the Saturday morning session. Route 66 Association members and friends are encouraged to attend all or part of the series of events.

Registration information can be obtained by contacting:

State Historic Preservation Office
521 N. Robinson
Oklahoma City, Ok. 73102
405-521-5249

This conference draws attenders from across the State who are interested in Oklahoma history. It has been suggested that the Route 66 Association Members set up a Membership and Activity Information booth during the conference.

"EARLY YEARS" Exhibit is Traveling

The 66th Anniversary Salute Exhibit "26 Skidoo! Early Years of Route 66", produced by the Lincoln County Historical Society & Pioneer Museum at Chandler, can be seen March 14-31 at:

Cotton County Arts Council Depot
Walters, Oklahoma
Call Bob Ann Taylor at
405-875-2322 for information

This exhibit has already toured the Chandler Museum and Sapulpa's Historical Society and Museum in Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

This exhibit of historic photographs, documents, oral histories, video and

newspaper replicas was principally funded by the Greater Oklahoma City Antiques Dealers Association. Arrangements for rental can be made by calling 405-258-2425.

On exhibit now at the Chandler Museum are photographs of the 27 sites being considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

In mid May the Chandler Museum will present a TRACKS exhibit called "Goin' Down the Road Feelin' Bad".

Old West KidsFest at the Read Ranch

The Read Ranch, 5 miles West of Chandler, Oklahoma, is having their First Annual "Old West KidsFest" the weekend of May 1 and 2. The gates open from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free. According to the friendly folks at the Read Ranch they have scheduled the following: 1/2 priced pony rides, pony cart rides, antique and arts and craft dealers, horse drawn hay wagon rides, horseback riding, gunfight shows, face painting, tumble weed races, party balloons, free roping lessons, cowboy pickpocket, tons of refreshments, bar-b-que, snack bar, prizes for best dressed little cowpokes and rootin-tootin fun for cowpokes of all ages. For information call 405-258-2999 or 918-245-5722.

Our new office will be
open soon and is
located at:

901 Manvel Ave.
Chandler, Ok. 74834

MOVING?



Please fill in your old and new address in the form below or call [REDACTED] you don't want to miss out on what's happening in your Route 66 Association!

OLD ADDRESS

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

NEW ADDRESS

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____