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## Oklahoma Route 66 Association

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## The President's Corner Ron Burden

Well, it's almost that time of year when we can get out & CRUISE ROUTE 66. Plans are coming together for our June 5th & 6th BLOWOUT. I hope everyone is keeping that weekend open for the fun & activities. I have included a flyer/entry form with this newsletter for your convenience. Things are moving slowly because we are so behind trying to finalize plans. <u>We could certainly use some help from across the Counties to make final preparations for the Cruise and future functions of our Organization.</u>

Have you noticed Route 66 seems to be the topic of numerous ads, promotions and discussions of late? This is what our Association has been working so hard to PUSH. Route 66 is alive and well, and the communities along Route 66 are benefiting from this NEW ENTHUSIASM. <u>It is YOU, our MEMBERS</u>, that make this Association viable and recognizable. "Keep up the good work!"

If anyone has news items or information for the Newsletter, send to Carol Duncan in Clinton or to the State Office. We would like to highlight businesses along Route 66, so send in your information.

See YOU at the Route 66 Cruise June 5th & 6th!

## Europeans to Travel on Route 66

A group of more than 200 Europeans from nine different countries will be shipping their cars by boat to the United States at Baltimore, Md. They plan to go to Chicago and tour Route 66 to Los Angeles. Tentative dates are September and October. The sponsoring group is the Dutch Route 66 Association.

The group identifies themselves as the Club of Ancient Automobiles and Rallies. They have held Road Rallies in the former Soviet Union and Australia. CAAR is a non-profit organization and the members have to pay their own expenses when they attend automobile events. They are hoping to get sponsors to help offset some of the cost. The Polish group is interested in sponsorship by Polish-American firms. If you would be interested or know somebody who would be interested in sponsoring a crew for this rally, contact:

Tomasz Skrzelinski, Polski CAAR, 02-795 Warszawa, UL. Kazury 2B M 12, Fax: 48-22-572222

The schedule for Oklahoma is Tuesday, Sept. 28th and then they intend to move on to Texas on Thursday, Sept. 30th.

## Route 66 Back on Television!

"Route 66" may be brought back to television. Actors Dan Cortese and James Wilder will be the new stars of the television remake of the 1960's CBS-TV series.

Cortese is well known as the young man on the Burger King commercials and he is also known for his work as the host of "MTV SPORTS". Wilder was a regular cast member of the programs "Equal Justice" and "Bronx Zoo". Creator of the original series, "Route 66", Bert Leonard, is the executive producer/writer. The series is scheduled to start in early 1994.

In the opening show, Wilder will play the son of one of the original series' characters. One day he decides to go out to the garage and uncover his dad's old corvette. After looking it over and admiring the car, he decides to take it out for a spin. While Wilder is wheeling down the road, he picks up Cortese, who happens to be hitchhiking, down the same road. And the two go off to seek adventure and rediscover Route 66.

## Hall of Fame Nominations Sought

Nominations for 1993 inductions into the Oklahoma Route 66 Hall of Fame are being sought. The deadline is August 1st. Winners will be announced at the statewide meeting of the association. People, whose career along Route 66, in Oklahoma, illustrates the highway's unique blend of character and the determination of spirit are eligible.

Send nominations to Ron Burden, President, Oklahoma Route 66 Association, PO Box 261, Davenport, Ok. 74026

Write about your nominee in 350 words or less. Be specific as you can when it comes to dates, places, names and so forth.

Route 66 Landmark Hotel Has Been Saved

California Real Estate Developers, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Hodges has purchased the Calmez Hotel in Clinton, Ok.

The Calmez was once a very important stop for travelers and salesmen in Western Oklahoma in the 1930's. The building is to be restored to it original glamour. The ballroom will be restored, including the domed ceiling and the mezzanine overlooking the lobby. In addition to repairing and turning on the large neon sign on the roof that says "Calmez Hotel", the Hodges plan to add another sign that says "On historic Route 66". The sign well be seen at night for miles.

## "Route 66 Businesses Highlighted" Mahanay Brothers Located On or Near Route 66 Since 1945

Mahanay Brothers Auto Parts was established in Clinton in 1945 by F.W. & Gene Mahanay. Succeeding owners included Jackie James from 1979 to 1981 and Larry and Bev Thomason from 1981 to the present.

The Mahanay's opened the store after world war II on Route 66. After a fire, the firm was moved to 215 Frisco Ave., and sold to Jackie in 1979 who sold it to the Thomason's in 1981. It was moved to it present location at 215 S. Fourth in 1988. (This location is on an older Route 66 Highway.)

Mahanay Brothers deal in retail and wholesale auto parts and Dupont Refinishing Systems for Custer County. (This article was reprinted with permission from the Pioneer edition of the Clinton Daily News, Rod Serfoss, Managing Editor.)

#### Ward's R.V. Campground on Route 66 Since 1966!

Frank & Elsie Ward, owners, are Charter Members of the route 66 Association. They have been in business, on Highway 66, since 1966. The Wards's R.V. Campground was an after thought. Frank's wife, Elsie, started the first business by teaching Art (oil painting) in her Art Shop.

"We enjoy people and all travelers are welcome, especially Members of our Route 66 Association." remarked Frank Ward.

The Ward's R.V. Campground is situated on 2 1/2 acres fronting Highway 66. They have reasonable rates, 12 full service hook-ups (30 amp), 180 ft. sealed well, showers and restrooms, trash disposal, dump station, combined office and Art Shop and a Trading Post. Oil paintings, gifts and Route 66 paraphernalia is all for sale.

Between the two large entrances on Highway 66, they have a large Kiowa TEEPEE with a Totem Pole. A new TEEPEE will be set up for campers.

The total setting is on a 25 acre sight facing the Deepfork Valley to the North. Gravel drives provide easy access to the R.V. hook-ups. Also provided to the traveling public is a small shaded picnic area next to the Trading Post.

Ward's R.V Campground is located 19 miles East of I-35 on Highway 66 and 2 miles West of Wellston. Their is a Westbound turnpike entrance at Mc Donalds and an Eastbound exit to Wellston from the turnpike.

## Gladys Cutberth Receives Plaque

Mrs. Gladys Cutberth received a plaque from Oklahoma Route 66 Association Dresident, Ron Burden, in recognition of the contributions made by her and her late husband, Jack Cutberth, to the promotion of Route 66.

The ceremony was in conjunction with the dedication of the new Oklahoma Route 66 Museum in Clinton, Oklahoma.



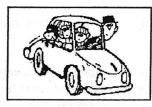


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### Schedule of Events on Route 66, Oklahoma, U.S.A.

Date	Town	Event
May 8	Clinton	Art in the Park(McLain Rodger's Park). For information call (405)323-2222.
May 14-16	Sayre	4th Annual Bluegrass Festival. Family entertainment featuring some of the best bluegrass music. Plenty of accommodations for visitors. Bring your own lawn chairs. For information call (405)928-3386.
May 29-30	Oklahoma City	8:30am-6:30pm The National Cowboy Hall of Fame. 1993 Chuck Wagon gathering. See authentic chuck wagons, cooks from working ranches, sample food and enjoy live entertainment. There is a longhorn cattle drive on Saturday. For information call (405)478- 2250.
June 4-6	Yukon	Chisholm Trail Festival. For information call (405)354-3567.
June 5	Sapulpa	Route 66 Blowout. Form information call (918)224-5709.
June 5-6	(see flyer)	4th Annual Route 66 Car Cruise
June 5-6	Elk City	Red Elk Pow Wow. For information call (405)243-1080.
June 9-13	Oklahoma City	Classic Chevy International South Central National Convention, Hilton Inn Northwest. 1955-57 Chevies only. For information call (405)793-7399.
June 11-15	Chandler	Chautauqua-An American Renaissance. For information call (405)235-0280
June 12	Oklahoma City	Cruize Night-Coit's Drive-In. Sponsors are City Heat Cruizers, Inc. For information call (405)632-5075.
June 17-18	Oklahoma City	"Rod & Custom" magazine's Americruise Tour '93 will be passing through Oklahoma city on the way to Springfield, Mo. They will be making a stop at Parr Automotive.
June 17-19	Claremore	Will Rogers Stampede PRCA Rodeo. For information call (918)341-2818.
June 19	Bethany	Open Show and MCA Mustang Show at Eldon Lyons Park. Sponsors are The Oklahoma Mustang Club. For information call (405)376-3115.
<b>J</b> une 18-19	Stroud	Indian Pro-Rodeo, Sac & Fox Nation. For information call (918)275-5836.
June 21-23	Claremore	Pow Wow & Stomp Dance. For information call (918)341-2818.
June 26-27	El Reno	Fort Reno Indian Territory Days. For information call (405)262- 1188.

## Advertizing is now available in the Oklahoma Route 66 Association 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:

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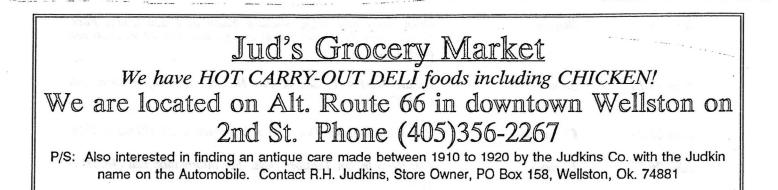
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Deadlines for articles and advertizing are as follows:

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.





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