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President's Corner by Ron Burden

The Western Oklahoma Route 66 Fun Run Rally went off Saturday, September 24, with all participants enjoying the outing. All the communities were great with many having special activities going on for our Cruisers and all those involved. I want to give a **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to the Holiday Inn NW in Oklahoma City, for the use of their facilities as starting point, and to the Mayor and Citizens of Texola for allowing us to meet there for our closing ceremonies. All the communities showed their hospitality to our Cruisers, but I need to recognize Calumet, Hydro, Clinton, Foss and Canute for planning and having special activities centered on our Route 66 Cruise. All our Route 66 Cruisers appreciated the bake sales, flea markets, sidewalk sales, craft shows and good food offered by these communities.

By the same token, I need to make a personal apology to El Reno and all our Business Members and Checkpoint Sponsors there. Our Rally map in El Reno was apparently printed wrong, and we were running on a very tight time schedule, therefore we missed all our stops and did not have time to come back to find all the checkpoints. Many of our Business Members in El Reno had special things planned for our cruisers and **We Are Very Sorry We Missed You!** We will try to do better next time!!

Everyone had a great time and seemed to like the Rally format. I wish we could have had many more participants but there were a number of other activities going on that same weekend. Lets tell all our friends how much fun we had and maybe our next event will be larger.

Speaking of our next event, we are already making plans for next summer - "Save the first weekend in June '95 for Route 66."

ROUTE 66 FUN RUN

Route 66 Roadies had a fine time on September 24, as they participated in the annual Western Oklahoma Car Rally Fun Run.

They started in Oklahoma City and followed the historic highway all the way to Texola. Hydro was about halfway on the fun journey.

Vintage and classic cars of many descriptions were included in the caravan. Of special interest to Hydro area residents was the car driven by Odean and Merrill Huiatt. They were driving their 1938 Oldsmobile, dressed in appropriate Route 66 apparel. When prizes were handed out they received several. One was the Mayor's Choice trophy in Clinton. They won 4th place in the car show held at the closing ceremony in Texola City Park.

Odean is a local farmer/rancher and works at the Hydro Co-op Elevator. His wife, Merrill is a fourth grade teacher at Hydro Elementary School.

Of the many cars entered, several were especially attractive. First place trophy went to Joe Kisicki of Edmond, who was the original owner of the 1966 Dodge Coronet convertible he was driving. Although he has driven it more than 300,000 miles, it never fails as he drives it every day.

Other cars of interest were a 1957 red Chevrolet driven by Bob and Nancy Reed of Bartlesville with 82,000 miles on it; a 1966 Mustang driven by Roger and Teresa Yamell of McCloud; and a

1966 Mustang driven by Jo and Charles Wagner of Yukon.

Participants in the run came from as far away as California and Montana. Members of the Texas Route 66 Association met with the group when they arrived in Texola. A barbecue meal had been planned but was cancelled. Flea market stands were set up near the area of the Texola jail which is now only a shell but is listed on the National Historic Register. It was built in 1910.

Radio station KADS from Elk City followed the caravan all the way. They made live interviews at various stops. Lucille Hamons was interviewed and assured the listening audience, they could surely "Get their kicks on Route 66."

The Hydro area is fortunate to be located so near a tourist attraction that is becoming notable worldwide.

When the ribbon of road was built, it provided a place for cars to drive. Without the mode of transportation, progress would have been stymied. Younger generations, who are used to modern interstate highways, probably find it hard to realize why the Mother Road is so special to so many people. Many have fond memories as they travel along.

Those from Hydro attending the activities in Texola were Lucille Hamons, Lovina Arthurs, Lura Nell Tolle, and Odean and Merrill Huiatt.

Route 66 will always mean "going somewhere."

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

All members of the Oklahoma Rt. 66 Association are invited and encouraged to attend the annual meeting of the Oklahoma Rt. 66 Association. There will be reports on the past years activities, plans for the future, reports from committees, discussion of any bylaws changes if necessary, and election of officers.

This is the one opportunity the general membership of the Association has to make recommendations and changes in the direction of our Association, and we encourage each member to exercise your right and participate in this annual event.

The meeting will be on Saturday, Nov. 19, 1994 at the Armstrong Center in Luther, Okla. The building is located on Main Street in downtown Luther, just south of Hwy. 66. The meeting will start at 1:00 pm but come earlier if you would like, to see vintage buildings and a tour is being arranged. Restaurant facilities are within walking distance of our meeting.

Hope to see you on Sat. Nov. 19, 1994!!

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OLD TOWN MUSEUM GETS NICE GRANT

From: The Elk City Daily News

Plans for major expansion of the Elk City Old Town Museum received an enormous shot in the arm with the announcement by Gov. David Walters of a \$380,000 state grant to construct a Route 66 portion of the complex.

Commitments from some 14 donors have come for other buildings on the Museum tract. The Old Town Museum has been growing progressively through the years and major construction is obviously just ahead.

Chairman of the municipal museum commission is Pat Baker. Anyone interested in participating with a donation for the development and building project ahead should contact her.

This major grant for the museum comes with the support from Gov. Walters and we clearly want to acknowledge his support and help for the project.

We strongly believe in historic preservation. We also strongly believe in tourism development. It only makes sense that these two interest areas work together and pull in the same direction.

Frankly, we have believed that tourism development has needed a more coordinated and directed effort in this area for many years.

This is both a local and a regional need in Western Oklahoma.

We applaud not only such local efforts as that connected with the Old Town Museum but also the regional one involving the development of the Battle of the Washita Historic Preservation area near Cheyenne.

Clearly, historic preservation goes hand-in-hand with tourism. It is important that attention be given to the resources of promotion as well as the development of sites of interest.

GOING SOMEWHERE... ON ROUTE 66

From: The Hydro Review Newspaper

During any given week, a variety of travelers stop in the Hydro area for food and refreshment.

A log of the tourists reveals that many are coming from foreign countries to see what is going on up and down the ribbon of highway known as Route 66.

Among the many visitors at LUCILLE'S the past week were:

Aug. 10 - John and Mickey Adams with their sons Cameron and Kyle - traveled "66" from Springfield, Mo. - going home to Winslow, Ariz.

Aug. 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Anton De Man from Holland - came to the historic station and tourist court - shopped for curios - bought a Hydro Review as did Mark McKeever.

Aug. 12 - Jens Kessler from Frankfurt, Germany - on Intruder motorcycle - traveled Route 66 all the way from California - studying at San Diego State University - internship for a shipping company.

Many tourist come on in to Hydro. We always hope they like what they see and take time to visit and shop in our stores. Most

of the local news-stands including Lucille's. Hydro Food Mart, Steve's Royal Restaurant, Northside Drug and Quick Shop are selling out.

The word is out! Hydro is a good place to live. Maybe some of the tourists will decide to come back and make this their home.

In the meantime, you can bet they'll remember the friendly little town where parking is in the middle of Main Street. After all, that's what it is there for. **WELCOME ROUTE 66 TRAVELERS!**

HYDRO-"THE CADDO QUEEN"

In 1901, the government convinced the Indians of the Comanche, Kiowa, Wichita and Caddo Reservations to take allotments. This allowed settlement to the remaining lands. Settlers registered at the land office in El Reno and Lawton. The persons, whose names were drawn, were allowed to select and file homestead claims.

On August 6, 1901, the town of Caddo was established, but the name was later changed to Hydro. There was already a town called Caddo, Oklahoma.

By nightfall on Aug. 6th a tent city had been set up and lumber was being unloaded to build the first businesses. One of the first buildings was the Hotel Caddo. Many salesmen stayed there while selling merchandise to area merchants.

Hydro had the first newspaper in Caddo County. A two-story building was built by A. D. Eakin to be used as an Opera House and other activities. It later became the first public school in the county. School supplies were scarce and the few books, they had, were shared by as many as 225 children in one room. The Eakins Hall was the site of the first Sunday School also.

1901 was a growth year for Hydro. Many businesses were built and started. The town had every type of business, that most frontier towns had, and maybe even a few more.

The first Hydro Fair was held in Sept. 1904. It was called Hydro Carnival and Harvest Home Festival. It won for Hydro the title of "Caddo Queen--A Prize-Winning town of Western Oklahoma".

Gradually over time, the businesses in Hydro moved to higher ground to get away from low land close to the creek. The whole town turned out and celebrated, when the last building, the depot, was moved by 500 railroad workers and engine, and a flat car.

Oftentimes in the early days, the first buildings in the young western towns were made of wood. Fires were always a danger. Many homes and communities were burned to the ground. This happened to Hydro in 1910. But the pioneer spirit motivated the townspeople to rebuild.

Hydro in 1994 is a modern small town. The old and the new mixed together to form a progressive outlook. The Route 66 traveler will find friendly hospitality here.



The Main Street of America



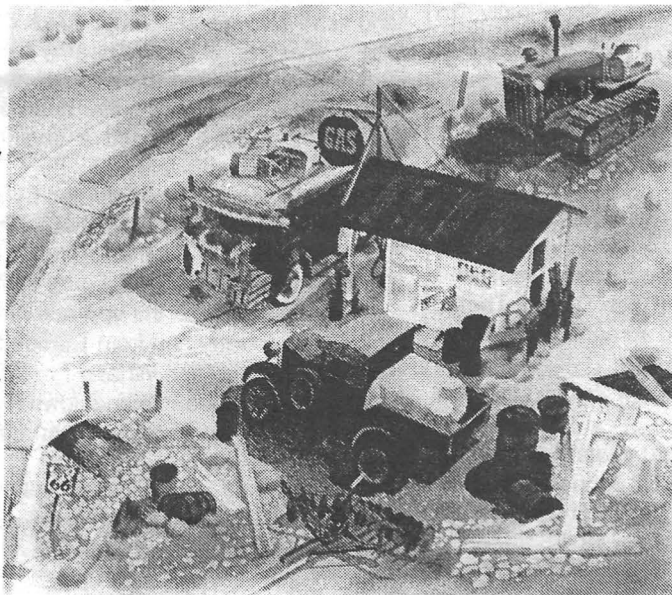
We crossed the Mississippi this morning on the Chain of Rocks Bridge and here we are motoring west in the Show-Me State. We'll try to make it to Meramec Caverns by nightfall, to see where Jesse James and his gang hid out. But not before stopping to cool off at the 66 Cafe with a Grapette and the best lemon meringue pie this side of the Ozarks.



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Finally, we made it to the last gas for 150 miles and an ice cold lemonade. Boy, it's hot enough to make a rattlesnake sweat! What an adventure we've had going west on 66, a two-lane world of Burma Shave signs, motor courts, roadside diners, reptile shows, turquoise jewelry and this gas stop out in the middle of nowhere . . . somewhere east of Barstow.

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WHALE TO BE RESTORED FOR ROUTE 66 NOSTALGIA

by Zeta Davis

CATOOSA, Okla. (AP) - The big blue monster visible off Interstate 44 has sat idle for so long it's part of the weedy landscape for auto travelers. The Blue Whale of Catoosa has a part in Route 66 nostalgia that's about to be revived.

As civic leaders talk about restoring the attraction of the old water amusement park, Zeta Davis, owner of the 80-foot-long grinning whale, remembers it as a gift from a man who loved her.

Her late husband, Hugh S. Davis, designed and built the whale, the last feat in a career that involved adventures most never try.

When her husband retired, she said, she encouraged him to relax, an impossible non-activity for the creative man. So while he didn't stop working, he just didn't tell her what he was up to.

"I'd come home; I'd see pipe going up in my yard. He wouldn't tell me what it was."

He framed it with sucker rod pipes and covered it with cement, then coated it with a brilliant turquoise paint. For two years, he let her wonder. For two years she guessed - incorrectly. Finally, "to shut up my mouth," he told her it was a whale, it was their wedding anniversary, and it was her gift.

She was thrilled to receive something "I don't think any other woman ever got for her anniversary."

But then, the Davis' seemed always to have appreciated each other's whims and achievements.

Davis' home - the one with an 80-foot whale in their yard lake - is filled with items straight from a Route 66 souvenir hawker, and eminent Indian artwork collected from friends long ago, and wooden furnishings beautifully fashioned by Hugh Davis. There, in stacked shelves and drawers and battered scrapbooks, are the records of the unusual life they spent together.

Zeta Davis hasn't stored her life away because she isn't through with it.

Hugh Davis, born near Tulsa, was barely 20 years old when he joined famed world explorers Osa and Martin Johnson on their journeys into Africa and the Central and South American rain forests. He filmed movies that documented their work.

On his return to Oklahoma, he became director of Tulsa's Mohawk Park Zoo, a post that added to the celebrity from his world trips.

On a blind date in 1938, he met a feisty young woman who fit his adventuresome nature; in three months they were married.

Zeta Davis' scrapbooks prove that she was photogenic as well as daring. From the 1940's to the 1960's, local newspapers and national magazines displayed photos of the pretty zoo director's wife babying baboons, bottle-feeding bears or raising chimps at home with her own children.

Many of the pictures show her draped in snakes. Hugh Davis, a reptile specialist, often had assistance in his programs from his wife.

"I worked the pit with a bunch of hot rattlers," she recalled.

The family traveled the Southwest collecting snakes from under rocks; went on university lecture circuits and ran an alligator ranch at Catoosa, where Zeta was chief alligator herder.

The whale, she emphasized, was only for them. But kids sneaked in and swam anyway, so Hugh built concrete tables and chairs, and she added a floating schoolroom ark and some other features. They hired lifeguards and began to charge a small fee.

Until 1988, when Hugh's health made it impossible for him to work anymore, the early day water park was a regional attraction.

Hugh Davis died in 1990, an event still difficult for his widow to discuss.

But when she does, she tells about the nighttime skinny-dips they took, about the trespassers she ran off at gunpoint, about their children swinging from trees over the pond, about the families who returned year after year.

Davis hollowed out the belly so people could walk inside the mouth, slide out the side, climb into the loft, peek out the portholes and dive off the tail.

They brought their favorite creatures - turtles, snakes, bullfrogs and fish - and planted water flowers.

Families set up camps nearby for overnight stays.

The Davis' moved to the property near Catoosa in the 1950's. Next door, Hugh Davis' sister and her husband, Wolf Robe Hunt, an Acoma Indian, opened a trading post that became famous because it sat on Route 66.

In fact, they were surrounded by the famous highway. It went past the front of their house, then highway planners moved it to the back of the house. Then it became I-44 and, although, "I was one of the first ones to beat the dust off it," Route 66 lost prestige.

Its reputation is on the upgrade these days, and as tourists from across the country and from Europe follow its nostalgic directions, they look for the Blue Whale.

"These people run up and down Route 66," said Davis. They've seen the big blue attraction in the guide books that are so prolific now, and they pull in.

The property where the whale resides is posted with signs threatening dire consequences to trespassers, in the firm language Zeta Davis coined and Zeta Davis means. The petite great-grandmother can still back up her rules with a shotgun.

She grants access easily; she's only keeping an eye out for the kind of vandals who have taken apart the whale and the park furnishings "piece by piece," she said disgustedly.

Good memories turned sad keep her from visiting the whale often.

"I had a chance to sell the whole kit and caboodle. I could have used that money, too, but they wanted to doze it in and build a trailer park. I called all the kids together. They said, 'Oh, no, Granny!'"

Her children, grandchildren and now a generation of great-grandchildren have all been taken to the lake for fishing and swimming.

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Lisa Houde, Catoosa Chamber of Commerce executive, said the city is working out an arrangement with Davis. She will retain the property; the city will maintain it.

"It's a landmark here in Catoosa. We'd like to see it cleaned up."

The revival of the road has revived curiosity. "I must get a call once a week," Houde said.

In the fall, when the weather is cooler, the snakes thin out and the paint will stick, volunteers from the chamber and the Catoosa Historical Society will gather at the whale.

A souvenir shop might go into the old ticket booth, she said, but the whale will be free for passersby to enjoy. Swimming will not be allowed again, but tourists and locals might want to picnic and take pictures.

DOUBLE WEDDING PERFORMED AT LOCAL ROUTE 66 SITE

From The Sayre Record, August 10, 1994

Brothers Gerald and Harold Pierce have made a lifetime of "Kicks on Route 66," but their experience on the historic highway reached an ultimate high Saturday. Gerald and Harold arranged for a double wedding ceremony to be held outside of Sayre on Route 66 - a ceremony to be remembered for a long time. Gerald and his bride Wilma Parson, and Harold and his bride Judy McClusky were joined in holy matrimony by Rev. Tom Cooksey of Sayre near the Hext junction off Route 66.

All four parties are Route 66 enthusiasts, and in fact it was when Gerald proposed to Wilma June 6 at this Hext location, that the decision was made to come back to the memorable spot for the wedding!

All four are Ft. Worth residents.

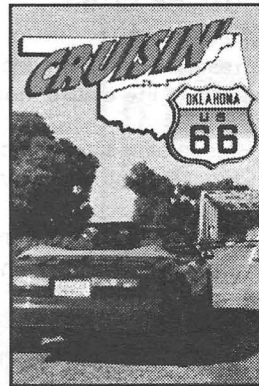
Harold has traveled the historic road all the way from Amarillo to Needles, California. He's taking every spare moment now restoring his '41 Chevy so that he and Judy can make another trip down 66 soon.

Gerald meanwhile owns a '54 Chevy and is planning another trip down "The Mother Road" to New Mexico with his bride Wilma!

The double ceremony took place on the "old, original" Route 66, now grown over with trees and brush. But, the Pierces didn't seem to mind -- in fact, the natural branches served as a nice backdrop for pictures, not to mention the good shade on a hot summer day! Attending the ceremony with the foursome and Bro. Cooksey, was Wilma's son and daughter-in-law Evert and Karon Taylor who busied themselves with video and camera equipment during the unique service.

And what about honeymoon plans? Well, if you guessed that the two newly wed couples planned a trip down Route 66, you're right! In separate vehicles, the newlyweds were heading east of 66 (never to travel an inch on the interstate) towards Banner where they planned to eat a meal before heading south to Ft. Worth.

And be on the look out for Gerald's '54 Chevy and Harold's '41 Chevy near Sayre this fall. Surely more "Kicks on Route 66" are to come.



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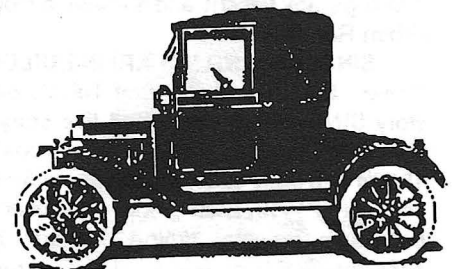
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SEVEN OF STATE'S ELEVEN MOST ENDANGERED HISTORIC PLACES ARE IN ROUTE 66 CITIES

by Sally Farrell

Following a survey conducted by Preservation Okla., Inc., eleven Oklahoma historic places were named to the state's most endangered list for 1994.

The list was announced at the State Preservation Conference in May at Ft. Sill by president Hiram Champlin and executive director Robert Erwin.

The list, created to increase awareness of Oklahoma's historic resources and the danger of losing them, included the following properties located along Historic Oklahoma Route 66:

CENTER THEATRE - 415 Couch Drive, Okla. City, eligible for listing in National Register of Historic Places. Designed in the Modeme style, the downtown cinema compliments nearby buildings of the municipal complex and was completed in 1946. It is owned by the Urban Renewal Authority which plans to make the location a parking lot if the General Services Administration chooses not to renovate the building for office space.

FORT RENO - 3 mi. west, 2 mi. north of El Reno. Established in 1874, Fort Reno served as a military post until 1949. Operated today by U.S. Dept. of Agriculture as an agricultural experiment station, many original buildings remain, most not in use. Wood framed buildings and cavalry stable are in need of stabilization and funding shortages are cited as reason for USDA's inability to better maintain the property. It was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1970.

MAYO HOTEL - 115 west Fifth St., Tulsa, was constructed in 1925, a George Winkler design including classical elements in exterior detailing. The 18-story landmark is vacant following an unsuccessful effort in 1980 to rehabilitate the building. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

NORTHEAST SECOND STREET - OKLA. CITY - PORTIONS OF THE 200 AND 300 BLOCKS - (Eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.) Northeast Second Street is a collection of eight one and two story buildings, part of the historic area associated with Oklahoma City's African-American business community, a viable commercial center from 1924 through the early 1960's. "Deep Deuce" was also important in American Jazz history, as many early jazz musicians practiced their art in the district. All buildings are vacant and threatened by neglect, vandalism, and Urban Renewal.

SINCLAIR AND McFARLIN BUILDINGS - Tulsa, 11 East Fifth Street. Built near the end of Tulsa's early boom period, the nine story SINCLAIR Building and five story McFarlin Building across the street predate the Art Deco construction boom of the late 1920's and early 1930's. The Beaux Arts-inspired Sinclair Building, completed 1919, is an emblem of Tulsa's leading role in America's petroleum industry during the first half of this century and associated with career of oilman Harry Sinclair. The building is unoccupied though in good condition. The McFarlin Building, built

in 1918, is 19th century in concept and Florentine in style. Significant architecturally and one of two Tulsa buildings associated with oilman, banker, philanthropist and civic leader Robert McFarlin, it is included because the buildings' histories are intertwined and a threat to one is considered by man in the preservation community as a threat to both.

SKIRVIN HOTEL - One Park Avenue, Oklahoma City, listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. Designed by prominent Oklahoma architect Solomon Layton, the hotel was built 1910-1911 and became the social and political center of the capital city. It is vacant with no rehabilitation plans and is for sale.

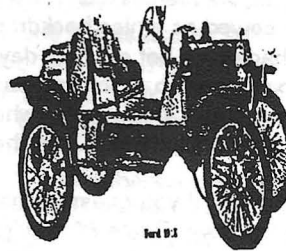
WESTFALL'S PHILLIPS 66 FILLING STATION BUILDING - Chandler, 707 Manvel Avenue; Built in 1927 by Phillips Petroleum Company in their popular "cottage style" design, it has been in operation until 1993 with good maintenance. Now closed and for sale, there is no protective ordinance to protect the structure which is considered the best preserved example of the type on the entire eight-state route.

Members of the Rt. 66 Association Preservation Committee invite you to visit these properties and to forward your comments and concerns regarding places you feel represent Oklahoma and Rt. 66 history.

More information concerning these sites and the remaining four listed Oklahoma endangered properties may be obtained at offices of PRESERVATION OKLAHOMA, INC., 405-232-5747; P.O. Box 25043, Okla. City, Ok. 73125-0043.

CITATION OF MERIT AWARDED

Members of the Lincoln County Rt. 66 Association chapter received a pat on the back from the State Historic Preservation Officer with award of a Citation of Merit for accomplishment in rescuing and restoration of the Meramec Cavern billboard auto garage West of Chandler on Rt. 66. Also receiving the award were Luke Robison of Midwest City, Chandler High School teacher Kent Barton and students, property owner Dale Calvin and the Meramec Cavern Company, Stanton, Mo. It was a joint effort in sharing expenses and volunteer labor that saved the structure, often a target of photographers.



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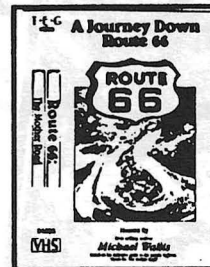
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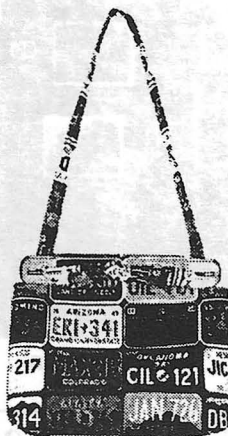
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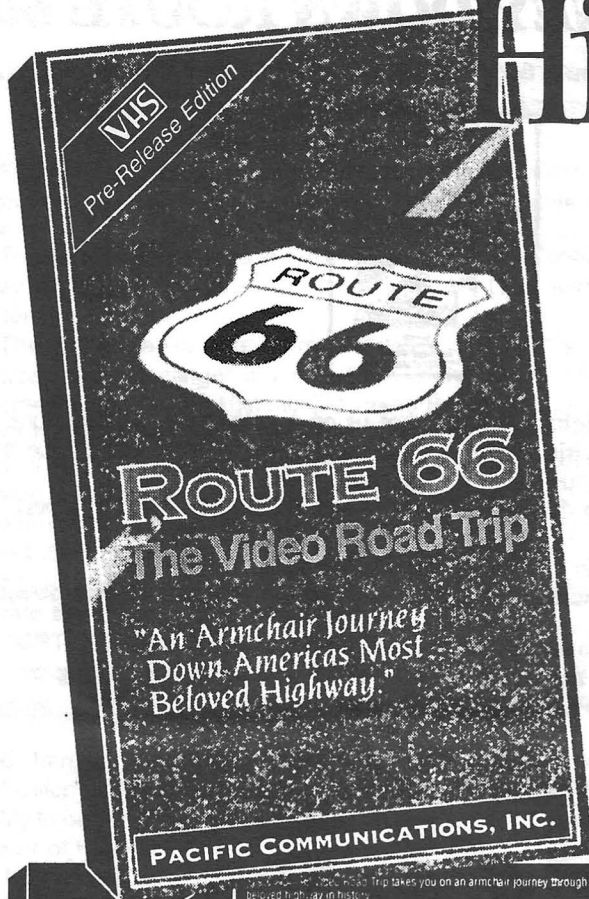


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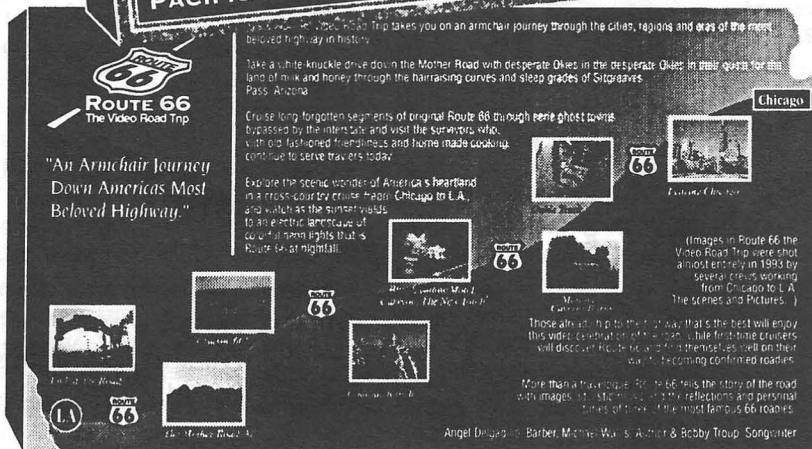
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Pacific Communications' latest production, *Route 66: The Video Road Trip*, is the first coast-to-coast video tour of the world's most beloved highway. A special early release of the new film is being offered to state association members in appreciation of their support.

"We've worked on a lot of productions and we've never come across a group of people that were more supportive than the Route 66 folks," said Jim Jenner, president of the 18-year-old Pacific Communications, Inc. [PACCOM].

The film's field producer, John Paget, adds, "In producing this video, we wanted to capture the spirit and essence of The Road. This special release is our way of giving something back to the people who keep Route 66 alive."

The video will be available at the end of October for \$24.95 per copy at 1-800-368-3748.

"As a way of saying thanks and helping clubs continue their efforts to promote The Highway, we'll make a contribution to each association for the VHS tapes their members order," Jenner added.

"The film won't be released to the public until the spring of 1995," said Jenner. "This allows association members to be the first to see and own this exciting documentary while benefiting their state associations."

The Video Road Trip offers the first armchair drive down one of America's most famous roads from its beginning at Lake Michigan in Illinois to its final destination where it meets the Pacific Ocean in California.

Since its inception, Route 66 has been commemorated in a wide variety of mediums. Several books, maps, songs, and other artistic means have celebrated the uniqueness of the road. And now, *Route 66: The Video Road Trip*, adds video to the list.

Jenner said, "Route 66 is a moving experience which is best captured in a motion picture. Our crews spent over two months on The Road shooting more than 40 hours of visually exciting footage."

Paget recalls, "Members from every state club offered to help us with this film as soon as they heard about it. Their response was overwhelming and many said they feel this video is long overdue."

Viewers will enjoy broadcast quality film footage, an original music score and interesting stories from singer Bobby Troup who wrote the music and lyrics to *Get Your Kicks on Route 66*, author Michael Wallis of *Route 66: The Mother Road*, and founder of the Route 66 Arizona association, Angel Delgadillo.

"The film blends historical and aerial footage with original shots to create an informative piece with stunning visual impact," said New York's Doug Kahan, producer of the award-winning video *America By Air* and a contributor to the program.

Pacific Communications, an international video production company headquartered in Olympia, Washington, has been producing award-winning video programs and television commercials since 1976.

A DEATH ON 66 William Sanders

"The novel's hard-boiled tone is softened by...Sanders' deftly deployed sense of humor and irony." --Publishers Weekly

"Goes down as smooth and easy as a shot of Jim Beam." --Kirkus Reviews

Route 66: one of America's major arteries, inspiration for stories, songs, and TV shows, a legendary stretch of blacktop lined with tourist traps, junk shops, and dilapidated dives like the Flying Tiger Club outside Tulsa, Oklahoma. It's at this last location that private eye and novelist Taggart Roper, last seen in *The Next Victim* (SMP, 1993), finds himself tangled in a mess of murderous proportions in William Sanders' latest mystery, *A DEATH ON 66* (Pub date: February 17, 1994/\$20.95).

The job seems simple enough: track down the source of mysterious threats received by music legend and Flying Tiger Club owner Hondo Loomis. But a visit to the suspect of choice, local racketeer Freddie Manzano, convinces Roper that someone less obvious--and more dangerous--is responsible. When two-bit crook Jimmy Wilburn is found murdered in a dumpster behind the club, Roper is declared Suspect Number One by the local cops and Manzano. Meanwhile, Loomis has received more threats, promising that he will be next. What's the connection between Wilburn and Manzano? And why is poor Roper, who just wants to finish his latest novel, getting leaned on by the cops, the crooks, his client, and his girlfriend? The answers to these questions are as surprising as this hard boiled novel is entertaining.

Booklist praised William Sanders' first Taggart Roper mystery, *The Next Victim*, for its "great dialogue and wonderful witty characters," and called it "a must for suspense fans looking for buried treasure." Popular thriller author Rex Miller declared that "Sanders' writing speedshifts through every gear: real, surreal, funny, and viper-mean." William Sanders has found these gears and more in his latest suspense vehicle, *A DEATH ON 66*.

About the Author: William Sanders is the author of more than thirteen novels. He lives in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

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FRENCH TRAVELERS LIKE OKLAHOMA ROUTE 66

International travelers are finding their way to the Hydro area via Route 66.

On Wednesday, Sept. 14, four young women from France stopped at Lucille's Station and Curio Shop. They were Isabelle Mouton, travel guide from Lille, just north of Paris; and Sabah Diab, an accountant; Mouzita Valerie, office work and Mouzita Valerie, office work and Uliezny Annie, computer programmer, all from Paris, France. In an interview, Isabelle Mouton, the interpreter for the group, stated that in 1992 they saw a TV documentary about the celebration of Route 66's 66th birthday.

When planning their trip to the United States, they remembered the program and interviews of important stops on the historic highway. Because Lucille Hamons was featured, they wanted to meet her in person.

They had arrived in Los Angeles Sept. 3, and planed to follow Route 66 all the way to Chicago. They were traveling in a van and enjoying the highways in this country.

A comment was, "Your roads are wide and long." They said, "The country of France is smaller than some of your states..especially Texas."

The four French ladies were impressed with the landscape in western Oklahoma where the horizon is far, far away.

They will be eagerly awaiting to receive copies of this issue of "The Hydro Review." Hopefully, it will be a treasured memento of their short visit in the Hydro area.

Edmond's Heritage Day will be Highlighted by Horseless Carriages

The Edmond Historical Society Museum will be host of a vintage car show presented by the Horseless Carriage Club of America, Sooner Region, at the first annual Heritage Day on Sunday, November 6th from 10:00am-5:00pm.

For this one day only, thirty-five antique automobiles ranging from the very early brass age of the 1900's to the mid-thirties can be viewed at the Edmond Historical Society Museum, 431 S. Boulevard. This is the first time for many of the cars to be displayed in public. Admission to the vintage car show is a \$2.00 donation to help the museum's expansion efforts.

Also, McKibbin's Tea Room will be preparing Heritage Day fare at the museum for the public's enjoyment

throughout the day.

The Edmond Historical Society is a non-profit organization which operates the Edmond Historical Society Museum at 431 S. Boulevard, Edmond. The Museum is located in the *old armory building* which was built by the WPA in 1936. This historic building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. For more information on the event or to purchase a ticket, please contact the Edmond Historical Society, (405) 340-0078.

Edmond Historical Society Announces Roll of Honor and Preservation Awards at 1994 Heritage Dinner

The Edmond Historical Society will be hosting the 1994 Heritage Dinner on Thursday, November 17th at 6:30pm in the University of Central Oklahoma Ballroom. Highlights of the evening will include entertainment and the presentation of the Roll of Honor and Preservation Awards.

The Roll of Honor recipients are selected by the Edmond Historical Society from nominations of persons who have made outstanding contributions to the growth and development of Edmond. Preservation awards are given in various categories to groups or individuals making significant contributions toward the preservation of Edmond's history. The Edmond Historical Society is delighted to honor these outstanding Edmond citizens.

Cost for the dinner is \$12.50. Reservations are required and tickets must be picked up by November 11th at the Edmond Historical Society Museum, 431 S. Boulevard, Edmond.

For more information on the Heritage Dinner or to make a reservation, please call (405) 340-0078.

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HILLBILLEE'S CHICKEN

We are pleased to be introducing Hillbilee's Chicken. An eating establishment in a lodge-type setting, featuring homestyle fried chicken, BB-Q and the best Chicken Fried Steak in Oklahoma! We will have live entertainment and artist Chuck Endres, whose hand-carved caricatures are a humorous addition for those "cruisin' Route 66" and just want to unwind. Our seating capacity will be up to 100 people both inside and out, for those who wish to enjoy our patio and can appreciate dining in Oklahoma's crisp Autumn air; or just like to relax beside a slow-burning fire year round. We are eventually going to offer special rates for those of our guests that would like to stay in our cozy little log cabins. Breakfast becomes a very pleasant and welcome treat when served deliciously hot, specially prepared and delivered to our guests.

Our cabins will be decorated with cherished antique furnishings in a romantic motif. Guests will enjoy stretching their legs on a scenic nature walk, or perhaps, sipping fresh, iced-tea as they get in some practice on our fine putting range. For ladies, gentlemen, and young people alike, our wonderful little gift shop will provide travelers with some much needed traveling necessities as well as a variety of hand-crafted gifts.

If you are just "cruisin" and don't want to get out to dine, we also have "Lil' Billee's," an Indian Taco stand for those on the go. It will have a nice deck area for summer time eating enjoyment. In the summer months we are also planning to open a fresh fruit and vegetable stand for the health-conscious as well as fresh produce lovers.

Also in the planning phase, with the help of the Oklahoma Health Department, is a lagoon system which will not only help our waste management needs; but provide an ample water supply for our horticultural tree farm and landscaping needs. Our plans will include restroom facilities for those traveling Route 66 in their mobile homes and cars. Rest stop areas aren't easily accessible for travelers these days, so we are sure that this attraction will be greatly appreciated.

Arcadia has many different attractions to explore for sight-seers and lake-goers alike. Lake Arcadia is just 2 miles away, the Historic, Round Barn, just west of us, and several other historic buildings which are registered with the Historical Society are close at hand as well. The east boundary of the 1889 Oklahoma Land Run and the first bridge built in Oklahoma are just a few miles to the east, plus many more exciting features. An Arcadia Museum is

in the works for the near future also. The Orin Mixer Farm with his beautiful Longhorn Cattle and unique rock formations are among some of the eye pleasing scenery along the historic Route 66 which are sure to reward the avid sight-seer with many interesting sights.

Advertising is now available in the Oklahoma Route 66 Association Newsletter

We have new Advertising rates. This newsletter reaches 900+ Association Members and numerous pass-along readers 6 times a year. Our mailings are now international.

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November 1	November 15



If the deadline is missed then the article or advertisement would appear in the following newsletter. Prices subject to change without notice. (July 1994 lbb)



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Dear Member,

Your membership is very important to the Association. Only through membership can the goals and purposes of the Association be accomplished. Whether this be through good works, contributions, volunteerism, etc. your active membership is vital.

Please fill out and return to: Oklahoma Route 66 Association, 901 Manvel Ave., Chandler, Ok. 74834 (405)258-0008



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