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Presidents Corner

We held three very successful events this year to commemorate some very special activities. Our June cruise covered the Northeastern part of our state starting with the Sapulpa Route 66 Blow-out and concluding at the Coleman theater in Miami. Our 2nd event was a mini cruise in August to commemorate the opening of three Route 66 satellite museum exhibits in Edmond, Arcadia, and Chandler. The cruise started at Lake Overholtsler in Bethany, proceeding to Edmond, to participate in their satellite exhibit opening. We then proceeded to the Round Barn in Arcadia to help with their satellite Exhibit opening, then on to Chandler's Museum of Pioneer History to participate in their satellite opening ceremony. The day was made more enjoyable by the cruisers looking for Route 66 Sites along the Route to answer Route 66 Trivia questions. The day wrapped up at the park in Chandler with prizes awarded and all participants having a good time.

Our third event was a very special cruise in Western Oklahoma in September. The occasion was to commemorate the grand opening of the Route 66 Museum in Clinton, Oklahoma. There was a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday morning with many dignitaries in attendance including four Presidents of Route 66 State Associations.

There was entertainment all day, a large car show, Two 66 mile mini-cruises, Museum tours, Awards Ceremony and the day concluded with a dance Saturday night. I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to all those who worked so hard to make the events work so well!

It was my pleasure to chair an open forum meeting, Saturday afternoon Sept. 23rd. The meeting was held to discuss the future of the Route 66 Associations of all eight states through which Route 66 passes. We talked about what

the state associations are doing now with some discussion on possible coordination of all states to eventually establish a database of information that can be used to promote Route 66 at the state level as well as national and internationally. A special thanks to the Route 66 state association presidents; Ron Robb from Missouri, Scott Nelson from Kansas, and George Rook from Texas; for their input and ideas of where we go from here. Special thanks also to Michael and Suzanne Wallis, Jim Ross, Kathy Anderson, Tom Myers and John West!

If you missed any of the activities this year, you missed a great experience. Please take the time to go to Clinton and tour the "Route 66 Museum". I guarantee you will be amazed at the facilities and enjoy your time there.

Gettin' Her Kicks

California Woman putting heel to toe in traveling Route 66 Cross Country

When margie McCauley decided to travel to Connecticut to see her sister, she opted not to drive or fly or even take a train. The 67 year-old Californian is walking on her journey across the country.

When the landers, Calif., resident, but Oklahoma native began thinking about her trip, she had no idea how she would get to her sister's. Then she read about historic Route 66. She thought it would be an interesting road to take, and would make it easy to map her journey.

So on May 6, McCauley started walking. A cart holds the items she needs including clothes, water, food, an umbrella and a squirt bottle filled with water she uses to scare away stray dogs along the way.

One canine, though, she is more than happy to have tag along. Four-year-old Lolly pop accompanies her on the road.

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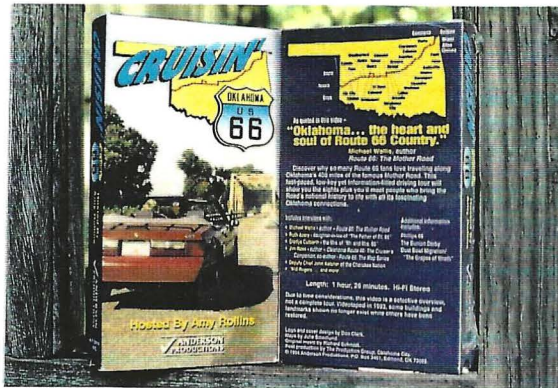
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"She hates it," McCauley describes her pet's affinity for road life. "She wants to go home."

Still, Lolly pop goes right alongside. The cart is equipped so Lolly Pop can pull it, but her harness was lost in a storm in New Mexico. McCauley said she and Lolly usually cover 15 to 16 miles a day, but it's been so hot here lately they've covered only seven or eight.

The people have been generally nice, she said. She said she has been amazed and encouraged by the hospitality along the way. Individuals see her and offer her and Lolly food and water and many times a place to sleep at night.

A man in Clinton let her sleep in an old recliner under a shade tree in his front yard. The Route 66 Association got her a motel room in Weatherford last night. "Most people go out of their way to help," McCauley said.

The Californian said she has thoroughly enjoyed her journey, although sometimes it does become frustrating.

"You can't let it get you down or get the best of you," she said. "things always work out."

Although she tries to stay on Route 66, the Road Disappears in some places and she has to walk on I-40.

"I've seen lots of little towns and met many nice people," McCauley said. "I've gained insight into small towns and their struggle, and American life."

"People are in such a hurry now. It's very different for us to leave the comfort of home and go out and do something uncomfortable.

"It's easy to cling to comfort," McCauley said some of her family and friends think she's crazy and some tell her to go for it," She phones her seven children once in a while.

"They're getting used to it," she said. "But they miss me."

The native of Okmulgee hopes to be in the city of her birth by the end of this month for her 50th high school reunion.

She hopes to someday travel back along her route and visit the people and places she's met. She tries to get the names and addresses of people so she can write to them and let them

know how she's doing.

McCauley said she has learned much on her journey.

"You realize you're so insignificant when you're out on the road," she said. "The world is a bigger place than you ever realized."

McCauley used to have a business back in California, but it failed. Had it not failed, she wouldn't be doing this, she said.

"Life has a funny way of working out," She said.

Advice from the road warrior? "Do what you want to do while you can. Don't ever get disappointed don't be afraid and trust in god," McCauley said. "there's always a rainbow somewhere."

She started walking again on her way to a veritable highway 66 institution, Lucille Hamons.

"You know, when I was a child I used to sit under a big cottonwood tree in western Oklahoma and always say I wanted to see more than that cottonwood tree," she said.

That she is.

Weatherford Daily News, Friday, September 1, 1995 By Kristi Hill Staff Reporter.

Is your membership current?

Your Oklahoma Route 66 Association depends on the membership dues of its members as the primary source of support for nearly all of its activities! It requires many devoted hard working people to make the association function but it also requires money to maintain the necessary day-to-day operations of the association.

We are at a very important crossroad and we need to make a decision of which direction to go. Route 66 has become an important attraction for our state and for our country with many wonderful things happening to enhance its allure. We must act now to continue the important work that has been done. To do this we, need the support of all our members. Please check the expiration date of your membership which is on the label of your newsletter. If it shows an expired date, Please take this time to renew your membership!

"Why not give a membership to a friend for Christmas?"

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Route 66 Museum Open

The Route 66 Museum officially opened on Saturday September 23, 1995. The ribbon was cut by many dignitaries including the Governor, Lt Governor, The mayor of Clinton, Several state Senators and Representatives, and the presidents of four of the eight Route 66 State Associations.

The tour through the museum is like taking a walk through time back to the beginning of Route 66, then continuing on through the dustbowl era, the pre & post war period, the neon & excitement of the 50's & 60's, and continuing on to the

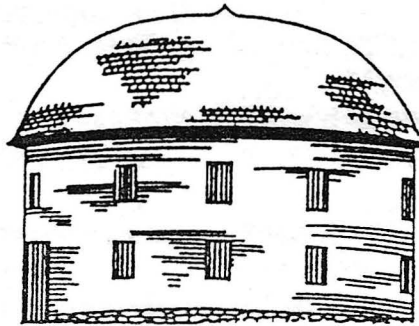
present. The museum will be a major tourist attraction with a facility that is unrivaled.

Make an effort to visit the museum in Clinton, Oklahoma soon. It is located on Gary Blvd., Very easy to find. "Follow the Signs"! I know you will be very proud of this outstanding museum.

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