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National Preservation Bill Becomes Law

By David Knudson

March 25th, the Senate, once again, unanimously passed the Senate version of the National Route 66 Preservation Bill (S.292). So it was time for the House of Representatives' version (H.R. 66) to run the gauntlet after being shot down before by the House.

On June 14, we received word that Congressman George Miller from Martinez, California was going to stand up and fight it like he did last year. We were also told the vote could be as soon as that day. What to do?

Aha. Time to e-mail all our many supporters on the Internet and ask them to call Representative Miller's office asking him to vote for the bill. Combined with the Route 66 chat line, we determined we had around 160 folks who may call. Before

e-mailing anyone, though, I thought it would be a good idea to call his office first and make sure he was, in fact, going to fight against it again. Rrring...rrrring..."Representative Miller's office," a young lady responded. "....."Yes, my name is David Knudson. I'm with the National Historic Route 66 Federation. Could you tell me how Representative Miller plans to vote on the Route 66 bill?" "I'm not sure," she replied. Then, I asked her if she would encourage him vote for it... "I'll let him know," she said, obviously brushing me off.

That evening after e-mailing our group and the chat line, I called her again. Rrrring.....rrrring.....rrrring.....rrrring. "Miller's, Representative Miller's office." (The same young lady but we are talking a very rung out voice here.) I asked, "Could you tell me how Representative Miller plans to vote for the Route 66 bill?".... "He's voting for it," she quietly muttered. I was of course elated and thanked her. It just goes to show that a few people can make a big difference. It passed unanimously June 30! From there, it went back to the Senate (an odd quirk) and passed there again July 27. On the 29th, it was presented to the President. On August 10th, President Clinton signed the bill into law.

Now the hard part starts...

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE!!

Don't forget the fall cruise in western Oklahoma will be held on September 18. BE THERE!!!

Also, John is giving everybody **NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE** of an annual meeting to be held on **Saturday, October 9th**. It is going to be an all-day affair, with a cookout and possibly some car games. It will be held in the City Park in Bristow. On the agenda of things to discuss will be the printing cost and ad costs of the annual Trip Guide, what will be planned for the year 2000 and also what we would like to plan for the year 2001, which will be the **75th anniversary of Route 66**. There is a small lake in the park and the Bristow Chamber of Commerce assures me there are fish in it. So bring your lawn chairs and fishing gear (and proper license) and let's have a great time and make it a great meet. I do expect to see a lot of representation from our general and business members there. Sharon Burden (918) 377-2355 and Nancy Reed (918) 335-0580 have graciously volunteered to be the committee for setting up the food for the event. If you plan on attending please let them know no later than September 25. They will give you a rundown on the food and what if anything you need to bring with you.

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President's Corner

A big Oklahoma-sized "Hello" to all you rabid Route 66ers. How has everyone been? I hope everybody has found some way of keeping cool, during these super hot days that we've been having here in the land of the red man.

I guess a good place to start this column is right after I left off on the last one. First thing I would like to discuss is the small town weekend Route 66 festival in El Reno, held on the first weekend in June. I attended the festival and had a great time. The Association held a scavenger hunt that was set up by our executive director Joe Kisicki. It was a great hunt. Let's all give Joe a big thank you for the time and effort he spent setting it up.

On a discerning note, I was disappointed in the number of members who turned out for this festival. Not very many of us showed up for it. There were a lot of other folks that turned out for the festivities. They had live music on Friday night at Fort Reno and there was a burnout contest and a car show on Saturday, along with our scavenger hunt. Saturday evening, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., they blocked off all the side streets along Route 66, from downtown to the west edge of town and had a 3-hour continuous cruise on that portion of the Mother Road. It was a blast from the past and there were lots of classic cars and street rods. I want to let the people of El Reno, who put on this event, know that I think it was a big success so keep up the great work.

In July, the Southwest Street Rod meet was held at the Oklahoma City fairgrounds with around 1750 cars on tap. If you missed it you missed some beautiful machinery.

Well that's about all I can think of for now, so I will sign off by saying **I will see all of your bright smiling faces in September in western Oklahoma and in October in Bristow.**

John Ackenhausen The Prez!!

The winner of the El Reno scavenger hunt, 6 yr old

Timmy Hausen.



Little Cabin Pecan Company Has New Owners

After having his pecan grove and gift shop on the market for awhile, the Oklahoma Route 66 Association's eastern vice president Don Gray has found a buyer. The new owners are Pat and Marsha Thomas. They are originally from Bartlesville.

Now a showplace orchard and gift shop, Don says it wasn't always that way. After leaving a 36-year career at Conoco, Don bought the abandoned farm with its grove of pecan trees. Seventeen years later, Don and Michele are ready to retire from this second career. Don's son Donnie will remain on the property through the fall and winter harvest.

Currently, the hours of operation are the same as when the Grays ran the store, with the exception of Sunday. Hours are now 1 to 5 on Sunday. Be sure to stop by the store and say howdy to Pat and Marsha! Don and Michele Gray are now living on Grand Lake.

People Magazine Does Route 66

The July 19th issue of People Magazine ran a 6-page photo spread on Route 66. We know that a lot of people were contacted and interviewed for this issue. Although none of the photos used were taken in Oklahoma, several Oklahomans were quoted – Michael Wallis, Congressman Wes Watkins, and Bill Flannery, the Coleman Theatre summer manager. The article was inspired by the National Historic Route 66 Federation's successful efforts to get a preservation bill passed by Congress.



Oklahoma's Main Street Program Awards

The First National Bank and Trust Company of Miami has been in business since 1907 and is the only locally owned and operated bank in the city. The bank is supportive of all Main Street promotional activities and active in renovating its buildings and properties downtown. Bank President John Finley is active on the Main Street Board of Directors, where he serves as Treasurer. For their efforts, the Bank was awarded the 1999 Oklahoma Main Street Business of the Year. Congratulations!

Coleman Theatre Beautiful News

On Saturday September 18th (unfortunately the day of our western cruise!) the Coleman will present the silent movie classic "Gold Rush Days" starring Charlie Chaplin. Jeff Weiler of Wichita, KS will provide the Wurlitzer accompaniment. Tickets are \$10 and are available now.

A Wurlitzer concert by Lyn Larsen is scheduled for April 1, 2000.

Restoration is still on-going at the Coleman. For more information on how you can help, call (918) 542-6685, ext. 454.

Will Rogers Highway Markers Project

Several people have heard from Darrell Ray in Missouri. He has been trying to stir interest in some 40 Route 66 towns across the 8 states to place Will Rogers Highway markers in each one. Early word is that Vinita has agreed to purchase one. The Clinton Museum in conjunction with the City of Clinton may also purchase one as may Elk City.

Tahlequah Car Show

The Okie Riders wanted to let us know they are holding a car show in Tahlequah at the Tahlequah City Park on October 9th. Unfortunately, that is the same day the Association is holding a meeting in Bristow. But, we thought you might like to know. For more information, contact Jan Ingram at (918) 458-0701. Pre-registration is \$15, \$20 at the day of the show.

Totem Pole on Historic Register

The Totem Pole Park just east of Foyil is now on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Totem was begun in 1937 by Ed Galloway, after he had completed building his home. He also made some 300 fiddles to display various woods from around the world. In 1949, he completed an eleven-sided building as a museum to display the fiddles and other artifacts.

All the buildings on the property site deteriorated after the death of Mr. and Mrs. Galloway. In 1988, the Kansas Grass Roots Art Association led a restoration effort. The Galloway family gave one and a quarter acres and the structures to the Rogers County Historical Society in 1990. The Society then purchased the rest of the land to make a 9-acre park. The home was restored in 1996 and repainting of the various totems were completed in 1998.

Lynn Riggs' 100th Birthday

Lynn Riggs, playwright of "Green Grow the Lilacs" which was adapted by Rodgers and Hammerstein into the musical "Oklahoma", was born years ago – on August 31, 1899. The city of Claremore is celebrating the event on August 28th and the Rogers County Historical Society is offering a 1999 Christmas ornament featuring a surrey with the fringe on top. The ornament is just \$10 plus 2.00 shipping. For more information about the celebration and the ornament, write to the Rogers County Historical Society at P.O. Box 774, Claremore, OK 74018.

Diner and Restaurant Re-open

By John Ackenhausen

For those of you who remember the Route 66 Diner in downtown Tulsa at the intersection of 2nd and Elgin, it was burned up in a fire back in the early part of 1998. Well, it is now THE DINER at 1905 South Sheridan in Tulsa. They opened for business on Memorial Weekend of this year. They still have the Route 66 theme, the clock and toaster collections. Even though it's not in the same place, the food is still great and the atmosphere is what a Route 66 Diner should be. I might also mention that you better get there early or plan on standing in line for awhile.

Also remember Ollies Station Restaurant in west Tulsa, on Southwest Blvd? It too had to close for awhile because of a fire. John Grey did get it remodeled, got the trains on the tracks and running, and Ollies reopened for business on August 2nd, this year. Again the food is great, just like it always was and the trains are running again. We went out on opening night and had to wait in line to get in.

For those of you who haven't heard, Pop Hicks Restaurant, in Clinton, OK, a fixture on Route 66 for many years, burned to the ground the first week of August. I'm sure it will be some time before they decide whether to rebuild it or not. Be sure to read Carol Duncan's tribute to Pop Hick's in this newsletter.

Stroud Update

When the May 3rd tornado hit Stroud, it took dead aim at the Tanger Outlet Center, inflicted severe damage to the Sygma Trucking Company, and pummeled the Stroud Hospital. In the intervening months, several companies have made some decisions that collectively have dealt Stroud an even bigger blow.

The management company which ran the hospital has decided not to stay. The hospital has been closed for repairs since the tornado struck. Although small, the hospital was a full-service one, covering quite a few square miles. Sygma Trucking has decided not to rebuild. They have moved their operations to Pryor. Folks from Stroud and Davenport who worked at this company liked the good wages and benefits the operation provided. Some have made the decision to move to Pryor, but since the new location has little in the way of housing, others have decided to commute – or find new jobs.

Lastly, Tanger has also announced that they are not rebuilding. Officially, they say it's because few of the tenants want them to. But according to community leaders in the area, that is simply not true. Most had agreed in writing that they would do what was needed to stay. Apparently Stanley Tanger, the owner, had been looking for a buyer prior to the tornado. Now, with the twister having dealt such a heavy blow, the speculation is that he just doesn't want to bother. He still owns the land however.

All this is sad news for Stroud and the neighboring Route 66 communities of Davenport and Bristow. The

loss of Tanger is especially devastating. It provided 350 jobs and over half of Stroud's monthly tax revenue. The county also relied on its share of the sales tax revenue for improvements.

But the City of Stroud has not given up hope. They are talking with several companies who have expressed interest in the former Sygma site. They are also talking with Oklahoma City hospitals to see if any would be interested in becoming the management team for the hospital. And the city is hopeful that someone will buy or lease the land from Tanger and put another superstore of some kind on the site.

"Murder on Route 66" Book Review

By Kathy Anderson

I love to read and I love mysteries. Even as a kid, I'd happily curl up with a Nancy Drew mystery. So when I heard there was a new paperback book coming out this summer called "Murder on Route 66" featuring 16 all new short stories, I just had to get my hands on one. After a call to Leslie Schwarz, the senior publicist at Penguin Putnam Inc./Berkley Prime Crime Mystery, a copy was on the way.

The stories are written by well-known mystery writers, most of whom still live along the Route. Carolyn Hart of Oklahoma City had one of my favorites and the editor of the book, Carolyn Wheat, who also penned the last story, once lived in Edmond. In her foreword, Carolyn Wheat relates how the inspiration for this book came about while in Sapulpa.

All the stories are set along Route 66. The book is laid out more or less in an east to west pattern. However, some of the stories are out of geographic order. For example, a story that takes place in what is obviously the Miami/Quapaw area, since it references the Spooklight, appears after a story that begins on the outskirts of Tulsa. Not only does the book span geographical distances, it also takes the reader through various decades.

The book is a great read! The plots were diverse and sometimes a complete surprise till the last few paragraphs brought the particular story together. The stories worked well on many levels - first as mysteries and second as descriptions of a certain era or locale. Since my Route 66 experiences have been primarily in Oklahoma, I found myself wondering as I read a story set in Missouri or elsewhere if the buildings described are real or imagined. Since many of the stories

reference Oklahoma, Oklahomans will especially enjoy this anthology.

A word of caution. Some of the stories deal with "mature themes." Parents should read this book first, before deciding whether to let their teenagers read it too.

The book should now be available at many local bookstores. Suggested retail price is \$6.50.

Round Barn News

After years of negotiations, the Arcadia Historical Society has purchased one-half interest in the adjoining lot to the north of the Barn. Future plans are to use this area for additional visitor parking, once funds become available to develop the project.

As a reminder, the Round Barn Gift Shop is now open seven days a week: Mondays from 11 to 5, Tuesdays through Sundays from 10 to 5.

P.S. – Did you know that there is a Round Barn in Indiana? It is a part of the Fulton County Museum complex in Rochester, IN. Actually Indiana used to have 225 round barns but the number of survivors in that state is down to less than 100. The Fulton County Historical Society has established a National Round Barn Center of Information to help preserve round barns and to collect information and pictures on all of them (219-223-4436). This particular round barn was built in 1924. At one time a tornado damaged the roof – so much for the theory that a tornado can't hurt a round barn! But admittedly, this round barn's roof has a cupola on it, so it isn't quite as aerodynamic.

OKC's Omnplex Events Schedule

Recently we heard from the folks at the "many cool museums under one roof place" or the Omnplex for short. They were pleased that we had listed them in our Trip Guide and wanted us to know their latest hours of operation and upcoming exhibits and events.

Through September 20th: exhibits on Drought Tolerant Plants, Nectar Garden for Butterflies, Peppers: Hot and Sweet, and Bed and Bath Gardens.

Through September 26th: A Show of Hands – a special exhibit about hands at the Omnplex.

Through November 21st: Stardust – follow a NASA mission to capture particles from the comet Wild 2 at the Planetarium on Tuesdays and Thursdays as the Main Feature, Saturdays at noon, Sundays at 4: The

Explorers – take a journey from Tahiti to Hawaii and on to Mars using the stars as guides. Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays as the Main Feature, Saturdays 2 and 4, Sundays at 2.

And from September 1 through October 25 in the Greenhouse, explore a world of olfactory opulence featuring plants and flowers of all kinds.

For more information, call the Omnplex (which is comprised of the Omnplex Science Museum, the Kirkpatrick Center, and the Oklahoma Air and Space Museum) at (405) 602-OMNI (6664). The Museum complex also houses the International Photography Hall of Fame and Museum and the Red Earth Indian Center. Oklahoma's first large-format, dome-screen theater, the OmniDome, will soon also be a part of the complex.

From Our Mailbox...

We don't get too many letters, so when we do, it is a special event! Here is a priceless one from a school student:

Dear Oklahoma Route 66 Association,

Thanks, you're cool. Thanks for trying to preserve Route 66. We studied stuff about Route 66. I'm sorry I still ride on I-40, but Route 66 is so cool. Sorry that no one else rides on Route 66 often.

Thanks, Jared Cotgreave

Well, Jared, it's okay that you still ride on I-40. A lot of us do, too. We take Route 66 when we have the time to enjoy the sites and ride I-40 when we are in a hurry. But rest assured that other people still use Route 66 a lot.



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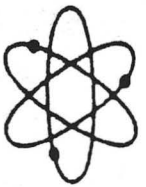


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A NIGHT AT THE DRIVE-IN MOVIES

66 TWIN DRIVE-IN WEST OF WEATHERFORD ON ROUTE 66
GATE OPENS AT 8 PM MOVIE STARTS AT DARK
(MAKE SURE YOU BRING AN FM RADIO)

PREREGISTER FOR THE SCAVENGER HUNT CRUISE
NEXT TO THE CONCESSION STAND

SATURDAY

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

- 8 AM OKLAHOMA ROUTE 66 MUSEUM IN CLINTON
REGISTER FOR SCAVENGER HUNT CRUISE DRINK
COFFEE AND TALK WITH FRIENDS
- 9 AM INDUCTION CEREMONIES
- 9:30 **CRUISE STARTS** RIGHT AFTER THE CEREMONIES
WEATHERFORD TO TEXOLA THEN BACK TO ELK
CITY FOR THE CLOSING
- 5 PM CRUISE CLOSING AT THE NATIONAL ROUTE 66
MUSEUM IN ELK CITY
- 6 PM MEET AT NATIONAL ROUTE 66 MUSEUM FOR THE
ELK CITY ROADRUNNERS SATURDAY NIGHT
CRUISE NIGHT 6:30 TO 9 PM

SUNDAY

ELK CITY ROADRUNNERS ~ CAR SHOW

- 8 AM AT ACKLEY PARK IN ELK CITY, TROPHY PRESENTATIONS AT 2:30
(DETAILS ON OTHER SIDE)

★ ELK CITY ROADRUNNERS ★

4th Annual Rod Run & Car Show

SEPTEMBER 18TH - 19TH, 1999

AT ACKLEY PARK IN ELK CITY, OKLAHOMA

SATURDAY - CAR SHOW AT 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.



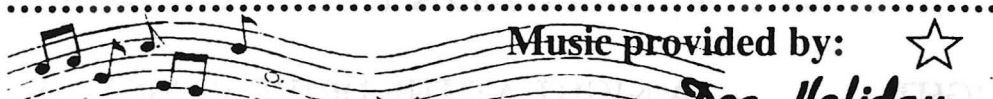
SATURDAY NIGHT IS CRUISE NIGHT!!
FROM 6:30 TO 9:00



SUNDAY - CAR SHOW AT 8:00 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.



TROPHY PRESENTATION AT 2:30 P.M.



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Pre-Entry -- \$15.00 • After September 15th -- \$20.00 • Swap meet area -- \$15.00 per spot

(No Refunds for "No Show" or Weather)

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Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Telephone _____
Swap Meet: Product Line _____
Car Show: Vehicle Year _____ Make _____ Model _____
Class Entered _____ Club Affiliation _____

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 - 2. 40-49 9. PRE 49
 - 3. 50-59 10. 49-72
 - 4. 60-69 11. 73-85
 - 5. 70 and up 12. 86 and up
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 - 1- Participants Choice
 - 1- Long Distance (Driven Car)
 - 1- Ladies Choice

PLEASE SIGN HERE _____

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For More Information Call

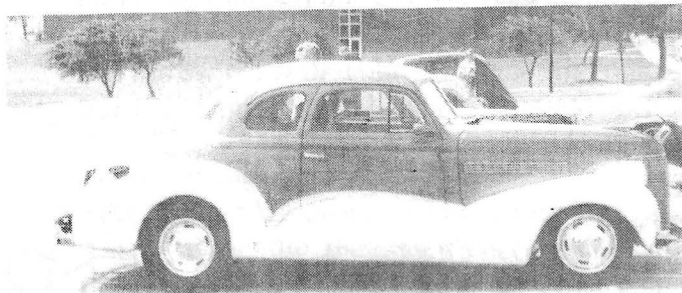
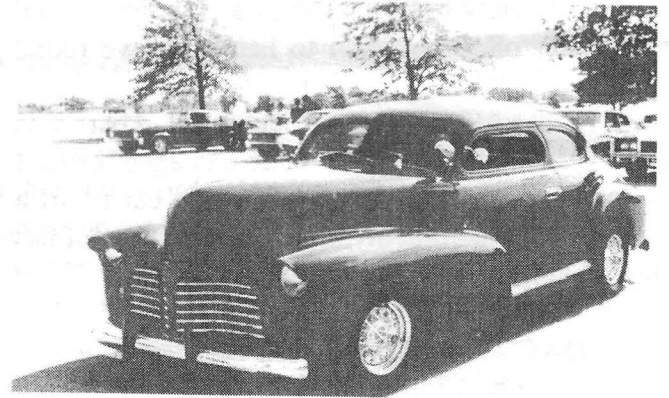
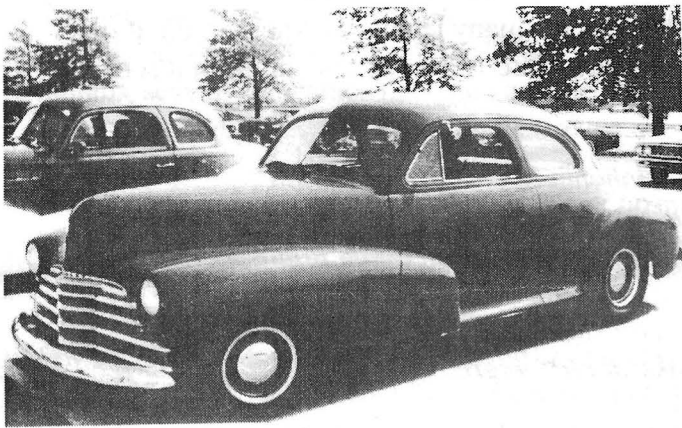
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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August 20, 1999

Dear Friend Of Route 66:

We are extremely pleased to inform you that the Route 66 Corridor Act was signed into law by President Clinton on August 10, 1999. The legislation (attached) which was introduced by Senator Pete Domenici and Representative Heather Wilson of New Mexico, with broad co-sponsorship, recognizes the national significance of Route 66 and the importance of preserving its resources and its story. It directs the Secretary of the Interior to establish, through the National Park Service, a major 10-year program of technical assistance and cost-share funding to stimulate study, planning, preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration of Route 66 cultural resources, among other responsibilities.

The program will be heavily dependent upon cooperation and coordination with state, local, and tribal governments, other federal agencies, non-profit preservation organizations, and individuals. Guidelines will be developed in collaboration with our partners to establish preservation priorities and the processes for providing technical and financial assistance to undertake projects.

The Act provides authorization of \$10 million to carry out its purposes between fiscal years 2000 and 2009. These funds would permit the hiring of full-time National Park Service staff to provide technical assistance in the areas of historic preservation and interpretation, as well as the capability to administer a cost-share grant program, establish a clearinghouse function, and coordinate a research program. With the legislation being approved so late this year, no funds were able to be specifically budgeted for this program as a line item in the fiscal year 2000 budget.

The National Park Service Long Distance Trails Group Office - Santa Fe, which was responsible for overseeing preparation of the 1995 Route 66 Special Resource Study and which administers long distance trails such as the Santa Fe National Historic Trail, will have field program responsibility for carrying out the Route 66 Act. While we will not be able to aggressively initiate the program this coming year given the funding and personnel constraints, we do believe it vital to initiate early contacts with partners and try to help them prepare for the opportunities that the Route 66 Act can make available. By

using fiscal year 2000 as a time for orientation and organizational planning, we should all be better prepared to initiate substantive actions a year from this fall, assuming that full funding will be available in fiscal year 2001.

We currently plan to schedule at least one meeting this winter with our preservation partners to discuss the provisions of the Route 66 Corridor Act and identify the best ways to get ready to take advantage of its assistance opportunities. With the assistance of State Historic Preservation Offices, developing sound preservation plans to study and determine the most important or representative resources needing assistance at the state or local level would seem to be especially important. Potential sources of matching dollars need exploration, too. Also, we should not forget that the Act intends for others to carry on the program after the federal role ends, so all that we do must be placed in the context of creating an active preservation system that can successfully benefit Route 66 and the public for the long-term. There will be much to discuss. We will let you know about meeting plans at a later time.

We are excited about this program and are looking forward to pioneering with you some very special contributions to the preservation of America's highway heritage and the telling of one of its most important stories. Please call me or John Conoboy at 505-988-6888 if we can answer any questions.

Sincerely,



Superintendent

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One Hundred Sixth Congress

of the

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AT THE FIRST SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Wednesday,

the sixth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine

An Act

To preserve the cultural resources of the Route 66 corridor and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act, the following definitions apply:

(1) ROUTE 66 CORRIDOR- The term 'Route 66 corridor' means structures and other cultural resources described in paragraph (3), including--

(A) lands owned by the Federal Government and lands owned by a State or local government within the immediate vicinity of those portions of the highway formerly designated as United States Route 66; and

(B) private land within that immediate vicinity that is owned by persons or entities that are willing to participate in the programs authorized by this Act.

(2) CULTURAL RESOURCE PROGRAMS- The term 'Cultural Resource Programs' means the programs established and administered by the National Park Service for the benefit of and in support of preservation of the Route 66 corridor, either directly or indirectly.

(3) PRESERVATION OF THE ROUTE 66 CORRIDOR- The term 'preservation of the Route 66 corridor' means the preservation or restoration of structures or other cultural resources of businesses, sites of interest, and other contributing resources that--

(A) are located within the land described in para-graph (1);

(B) existed during the route's period of outstanding historic significance (principally between 1926 and 1970), as defined by the study prepared by the National Park Service and entitled 'Special Resource Study of Route 66', dated July 1995; and

(C) remain in existence as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

(4) SECRETARY- The term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Cultural Resource Programs at the National Park Service.

(5) STATE- The term 'State' means a State in which a portion of the Route 66 corridor is located.

SEC. 2. MANAGEMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL- The Secretary, in collaboration with the entities described in subsection (c), shall facilitate the development of guidelines and a program of technical assistance and grants that will set priorities for the preservation of the Route 66 corridor.

(b) DESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS- The Secretary shall designate officials of the National Park Service stationed at locations convenient to the States to perform the functions of the Cultural Resource Programs under this Act.

(c) GENERAL FUNCTIONS- The Secretary shall--

(1) support efforts of State and local public and private persons, nonprofit Route 66 preservation entities, Indian tribes, State Historic Preservation Offices, and entities in the States for the preservation of the Route 66 corridor by providing technical assistance, participating in cost-sharing programs, and making grants;

(2) act as a clearinghouse for communication among Federal, State, and local agencies, nonprofit Route 66 preservation entities, Indian tribes, State historic preservation offices, and private persons and entities interested in the preservation of the Route 66 corridor; and

(3) assist the States in determining the appropriate form of and establishing and supporting a non-Federal entity or entities to perform the functions of the Cultural Resource Programs after those programs are terminated.

(d) **AUTHORITIES-** In carrying out this Act, the Secretary may--

(1) enter into cooperative agreements, including (but not limited to) cooperative agreements for study, planning, preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration related to the Route 66 corridor;

(2) accept donations of funds, equipment, supplies, and services as appropriate;

(3) provide cost-share grants for projects for the preservation of the Route 66 corridor (but not to exceed 50 percent of total project costs) and information about existing cost-share opportunities;

(4) provide technical assistance in historic preservation and interpretation of the Route 66 corridor; and

(5) coordinate, promote, and stimulate research by other persons and entities regarding the Route 66 corridor.

(e) **PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE-**

(1) **IN GENERAL-** The Secretary shall provide assistance in the preservation of the Route 66 corridor in a manner that is compatible with the idiosyncratic nature of the Route 66 corridor.

(2) **PLANNING-** The Secretary shall not prepare or require preparation of an overall management plan for the Route 66 corridor, but shall cooperate with the States and local public and private persons and entities, State historic preservation offices, nonprofit Route 66 preservation entities, and Indian tribes in developing local preservation plans to guide efforts to protect the most important or representative resources of the Route 66 corridor.

SEC. 3. RESOURCE TREATMENT.

(a) **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM-**

(1) **PROGRAM REQUIRED-** The Secretary shall develop a program of technical assistance in the preservation of the Route 66 corridor and interpretation of the Route 66 corridor.

(2) **PROGRAM GUIDELINES-** As part of the technical assistance program under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall establish guidelines for setting priorities for preservation needs for the Route 66 corridor. The Secretary shall base the guidelines on the Secretary's standards for historic preservation.

(b) **PROGRAM FOR COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES-**

(1) **IN GENERAL-** The Secretary shall coordinate a program of historic research, curation, preservation strategies, and the collection of oral and video histories of events that occurred along the Route 66 corridor.

(2) **DESIGN-** The program under paragraph (1) shall be designed for continuing use and implementation by other organizations after the Cultural Resource Programs are terminated.

SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2000 through 2009 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Vice President of the United States and

President of the Senate.

What's Going to Happen to Bridgeport Hill?

One of the new added highway projects is to four-lane S.H. 3/U.S. 270 from Woodward to Seiling to Watonga. The project extends southward from Watonga on U.S. 281 to Greenfield and Geary.

The goal of this highway plan is to connect the northwest part of our state to I-40. The rationale is to provide a superhighway for trucking and tourists through our state and on to Colorado. Hopefully this will entice industries to relocate in the communities along the newly improved corridor.

The course of this project that impacts Route 66 is the routing south of Geary and eastward on the U.S. 281 Spur. The Spur is part of the 1933 Route 66 alignment. Also, the infamous "Bridgeport Hill" is located on the spur, just east of the Pony Bridge. The fear was that in trying to four-lane this connection, the wonderful 2-lane Portland cement stretch on Bridgeport Hill itself would be ripped apart to create a 4-lane road with possibly even the steep grade itself cut down in size to meet current highway grade standards.

Your Route 66 Association was on the job to inquire about this project. Carol Duncan contacted Brent Almquist, Division V engineer for information and help. He contacted the Roadway Design Division for the project plans. We now have a copy of the projected pathway and are awaiting further news from Chris Senkowski and Tom Hubbard, engineers from ODOT (Oklahoma Dept. of Transportation). The preliminary good news is that rather than trying to widen the Spur as it travels Bridgeport Hill, the new pathway will bypass the Hill to the east and head NNW to hook onto current U.S. 281 just south of Geary.

Watonga Cheese Festival

Another event happening the same day as our Bristow event is the 24th annual Watonga Cheese Festival. Watonga is located north of Geary which is a Route 66 community.

Actually, this is a 2-day event, beginning October 8th. Events will be held downtown as well as at the Blaine County Fairgrounds. A 2-day pass costs just \$2.00 and children under 12 are admitted free. For more information, call the Watonga Chamber of Commerce at (800) 306-0018.

Lucille Hamons' Update

Lucille's health continues to fluctuate. She still sees quite a few tourists. She is truly excited about her induction into the Oklahoma Route 66 Association's Hall of Fame on September 18th at the Museum in Clinton. In fact, she is so pumped up that she made her doctor promise that she would be able to go, even if it meant dragging him along with her!

Both of Lucille's daughters will be there and we hope you will too. After the induction ceremony, the Western Cruise's scavenger hunt will begin as cars head out toward Elk City.

Cheyenne Cultural Center Open House

The Cheyenne Cultural Center in Clinton hosted an open house for the dedication of two new facilities. Jane Jayroe, executive director of the Oklahoma Dept. of Tourism and Recreation Dept., gave the keynote address.

Eventual plans for the center include two additional buildings to be completed as funds allow. When complete, the center will house a myriad of activities from the display of artwork and traveling exhibits to "living history" production of crafts from the Cheyenne culture.

These attractions will give the Clinton community a vibrant opportunity to showcase authentic native culture to tourists and students.

So next time you are in Clinton, be sure to stop in. They are located on the east side of town, near the Mohawk Lodge Indian store.

Erick's Route 66 Landmark... Going! Going! Gone!

"The Same Chef Since 1946" read one sign that let travelers on Route 66 or I-40 know that Cal Roger's business was close by. That era has now come to a close. Cal's Country Cooking Café in Erick went on the auction block in July.

Mr. Rogers started in the café business when he got back home after serving in the Navy during the Big War in 1946. It was not unusual from then on to drive by and see a parking lot full of cars, pickups, and trucks.

Cal moved his business several times and his customers moved with him. When the interstate highway came through, Mr. Rogers was forced to move his café to what turned out to be its last location in order to stay in business.

Now he has been forced to sell his lifelong passion – that is, behind his wife Sylvia and his daughter Cheryl.

Cal's place has been on the "Discover Oklahoma" television show and some tourist films. Tour buses made their meal stops there. Rodeo champions and country entertainers could be spotted at the tables. And probably even Erick hometown boys Sheb Wooley and Roger Miller stopped there too.



Other News from Western Oklahoma

The city of Weatherford and General Tom Stafford will split the cost for an addition to the Tom Stafford Space Museum. A model astronaut ready room, 2 F-168 aircraft engines, and a space capsule will fill up the extra room. A new access road has been approved. This road will be a more direct way to get to the museum from Route 66.

Indian artifacts and antique Indian robes were on display at the Old Town Museum in Elk City in July. Joe and Leah Smith from Leedey, OK have been collecting for about 20 years. Mr. Smith is also known for his metal sculptures. He is the creator of the buffalo sculpture that can be viewed from Route 66 close by the pioneer school at the Old Town Complex. A casual glance at the buffalo will leave you thinking that it is the real thing.

Attractions on Route 66 is the subject of Thomas Repp's new book, "Route 66: The Empires of Amusement." A book-signing tour came through western Oklahoma in June. Mr. and Mrs. Repp are no strangers to Oklahoma. They are members of our Association and joined us during our car cruise in September 1996.

The latest Route 66 buildings to be added to the National Register of Historic Places are the First Methodist-Episcopal Church in Vinita and the National Guard Armory building in Chandler.



Our Hillbillies sign is up in Arcadia

*HITCHHIKERS – NEWS FROM OTHER
ROUTE 66 ASSOCIATIONS...*

Missouri 10th Annual Motor Tour

The Route 66 Association of Missouri will hold its 10th annual motor tour September 10-12. It will start in Missouri and finish in Riverton, KS. The tour registration fee is \$25. The cave tour and or group meals are optional fees.

The tour plans to visit the new Route 66 State Park, Meramec Caverns, Devil's Elbow, Munger Moss Motel, 66 Drive-In Theatre in Carthage, and Eisler Brothers Old Riverton Store. At the Saturday evening banquet in Springfield, Jerry McClanahan and our own Jim Ross will give a special Route 66 presentation. For more information, contact the MO Association at P.O. Box 8117, St. Louis, MO 63156.

Y2K Arizona Fun Run/Steinbeck Award

The Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona has announced the dates of its next annual Fun Run. Mark your calendars for May 5-7. The run will start in Seligman and end at Topock/Golden Shores, AZ. For more information call (520) 753-5001.

The National Historic Route 66 Federation, in conjunction with the John Steinbeck Estate, will host their prestigious "Steinbeck Award Banquet" at the Powerhouse in Kingman during the 2000 Fun Run. Previous award winners include Michael Wallis and Tom Teague. The Federation will also host a book signing/get to meet the authors event. Many notables have expressed the intention of attending, so make your plans now to attend both the cruise and the Federation events. For more information about the National Historic Route 66 Federation, call (818) 352-7232.



We are waiting for you.

Getting Your Kicks in Canada

"If you ever plan to motor west..." to British Columbia, that is, be sure to check out the Western 66 Motel on the island of Saanichton, BC. It is located in between the cities of Victoria and Sidney on Mt. Newton Cross Road.

Owners Flo and Charlie Danbrook have several ties to Route 66 and are offering a special 10% discount rate to members of U.S. Route 66 Associations.

The motel is just five minutes from the Butchart Gardens. It is also close to downtown Victoria, Sidney and the Saanich Peninsula, the Washington State Ferry Terminal to Anacortes, and the BC Ferries Terminal to Vancouver and the Gulf islands. Call (250) 652-4464 for more information.

The American Highway Project

The American Highway Project (AHP) is working to preserve America's vanishing roadside culture. AHP associates photograph significant historical and contemporary sites throughout America. These photographs are incorporated into traveling exhibitions, fine art books, and a web site. Individuals and organizations interested in preserving the heritage of our highways, small towns and vernacular architecture are invited to join the AHP.

Memberships range in price from \$15 a year for seniors and students (receives newsletter), to \$25 for an individual (newsletter plus name in newsletter) all the way up to \$1000 for a Benefactor (newsletter, name, mug, and 3 museum prints). For more information, visit the AHP web site at www.highwayproject.org or write to: American Highway Project, 15 Church Street, LeRoy, NY 14482.

Upcoming events of interests:

December 2 Thursday

Bristow, OK Christmas Parade. 6:00 p.m.

For more info on these upcoming events contact: Bristow Chamber of Commerce at (918) 367-5151

December 4 Saturday

Sapulpa, OK Christmas Parade. 4:00 p.m.

For more info on these upcoming events contact: Sapulpa Main Street Assn. at (918) 224-5709.

A Salute to a Special Friend

By Carol Duncan

My name is Route 66 and I lost a dear friend to a fire in August. August 2nd, to be exact. The firefighters tried to save my friend, but they couldn't. My friend's name is Pop Hick's Restaurant. We have been roadside buddies since the mid-'40s. Of course, Mr. and Mrs. Bradford started the small diner in 1936 under their own name, but the location on the northeast corner of Choctaw and Third in Clinton, OK has remained the same.

A man by the name of Ethan A. Hicks sold his welding business and bought the diner to try his hand at the food business. He changed the name from the Bradford Café to "POP" Hicks Café.

Fanny White, a waitress at the café, gave Ethan the name 'POP.' Her sister, Bertha Dean, who also worked there was in on the name change. And so the rest is Route 66 history. 'POP' Hicks Café and later POP HICKS RESTAURANT became part of the Route 66 landscape.

Over the years, as business increased, additions were made. Mr. Hicks added on the back banquet room first and then in 1951 the house and lot next door were bought and a dining room and more banquet space were added.

My friend became widely known up and down my two-lanes as a good place to eat. The waitresses and kitchen staff provided customers with good service, Oklahoma hospitality, and a delicious meal.

During the '50s, Mr. Hicks made a deal with restaurateur Beverly Osborne of Oklahoma City to use his famous recipe for "Chicken in the Rough." A colorful neon sign hung out front with the trademark golfing rooster. This special dish consisted of fried chicken and french fries, served with no silverware and just a finger bowl of water for washing messy fingertips.

A long line of notable figures passed through the doors over the years - many prominent Oklahoma politicians and a few movie stars and show biz entertainers.

My friend enjoyed telling me about being part of a local radio show. KWQE Radio tried something new for the '50s - a remote broadcast. Each weekday along about lunchtime, radio personality and local celebrity Lew Preston as "Uncle Corny" would chat and interview travelers from inside the building. And, of

course, the theme song for the program was "Get Your Kicks On Route 66" as sung by Bing Crosby and the Andrew Sisters.

The '60s rolled around and troubled times came for me. The villain, the Interstate, threatened my livelihood and all my other pals. But through it all, Pop Hicks Restaurant remained a steady influence. Managers and owners came and went but old friends didn't forget us. And new friends were discovering all that we had to offer. Down the road and in through the doors they came. Television crews, filmmakers, and writers recorded our best side and outstanding features. Locals and travelers visited each other, swapping road stories. The clink of coffee cups mixed well with Oklahoma drawls and foreign accents.

I'll miss you, old friend.





Time to reflect on the good times. Coffee with the guys. Biscuits and gravy. Stopping for pie. Meeting friends for lunch. Getting the latest on the Mayor. Having a big breakfast before hitting the road. Just stopping in to say hi! It's interesting, when all the things that are laying around in the back of your mind pop out at the sight of that old sign.

