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## Come Celebrate the Mother Road's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Us!

Born in 1926, decommissioned in 1985, Route 66 is still alive and kickin'. Virtually every Route 66 state has at least one special event planned to commemorate the diamond anniversary of America's most famous Road and Oklahoma is no exception.

We have chosen to celebrate in the heart of summer – July 13-15. Chances for rain will be slight and it is just one week before the big doings in Albuquerque.

Friday and Saturday are cruise days. Take one day or two to get your passport stamped. We encourage everyone to take two days – you'll enjoy the scenery more, have lots of time to shop and sightsee, and get in on the opportunity to visit all the checkpoints and be in the running for a special \$250 cash prize. Saturday night we're going to have a lot of fun out at Route 66 Traders Flea Market just west of Yukon - we're going to have a sock hop that will be deejayed by Kent Jones of KOMA Oldies Radio, complete with a 50s costume contest! And Sunday, of course, will be the car show, closing ceremonies, and the drawing for the 1966 Mustang, worth \$10,000!

Our Association has been working hard to make this the best cruise ever. We are laying the foundation for annual event so big that we hope it will draw an easy 500 cruisers each and every year. So, this is the inaugural cruise they'll be talking about for years to come – DON'T MISS IT!

You'd think that an old historic road would have a slow pace of life. Not our Route 66 and certainly not our Association! We're caught up in the midst of change and what a wild ride it is!

First, Joe Kisicki has resigned as Executive Director. He came out of retirement several years ago and has found that he does not have the free time he once had. He is currently living in Washington, D.C. with the occasional commute back to Edmond. We will miss his dry humor, his expertise, and his classic car among other things.

Joe and I became involved in the Association around the same time back in 1994. Together, we created the concept of the Trip Guide in 1996. Up till then, cruise booklets were the only means of advertising for our business members and the only tourist information for Route 66 travelers. Given the booklets' very short life and limited distribution, it seemed that we could do something better. We decided to create a more complete tourist guide to Route 66 in Oklahoma – something along the line of the Frontier Country and Green Carpet Country publications – something that would provide all kinds of helpful information and would also have maps and photos and other fun things, plus offer affordable advertising rates for our small businesses that are the heart of Oklahoma Route 66. And so the Trip Guide was born.

Joe has promised to keep in touch via e-mail, which is a good thing as we try to transition his knowledge to our new Executive Director – John Ackenhausen.

Yes, after stepping down as President, John has really stepped into it now! And for those of you who haven't heard yet, John took one step too many and managed to break his right leg in two places. The breaks were nasty and will take a while to heal. Hopefully he will be up and around well enough to shake a leg at the upcoming sockhop, Cruise and Car Show!

Speaking of which...the e-mails and phone calls are flying fast and furious as your board hammers out the details for our HUGE cruise! READ ON....

Kathy Anderson, President

Folks, our cruise and car show has the potential of becoming a monster hit, despite the fact that it is the same weekend as the big Street Rod Show in Oklahoma City. We have had a lot of inquiries via the Internet (go visit our new web address: [www.oklahomaroute66.com](http://www.oklahomaroute66.com)) and we're about to launch into phase two of our publicity campaign here in Oklahoma. Our big fear is that we will be swamped by last minute registrants (pre-registration ended June 15, everyone must now register on-site) and not have enough help to check-in everyone.

Why do we think we will be swamped? No way are Oklahomans going to pass up the opportunity to win our grand door prize – a 1966 Mustang GT Coupe worth \$10,000! We are also hopeful that some of the diehard Route 66 Road Warriors who are headed to Albuquerque's big event will time their trip to come through Oklahoma and participate with us since the New Mexico celebration is being held the weekend after ours.

We all hate to wait in long lines. So will our cruisers – especially in the heat of mid July. We are in real need of volunteers to help during the check-in process in Miami and Erick and during the final check-in in Yukon. You can still cruise and be a helper. No special skills required – just a willingness to share a warm Okie smile, help others fill out our very simple entry forms, and at the sockhop and closing, receive the completed passports from cruisers and make sure they are filled in correctly. If you can help, give John Ackenhausen a call at (918) 712-7229. If you don't call us, we WILL be calling you. So let's share our enthusiasm for Route 66 for others and let them know our state is special!

By the way, the car show judging will be "people's choice." This is because all the car clubs we contacted either wanted to participate in the show or were already committed to the Oklahoma City street rod event.

Oklahoma Route 66 Association proudly presents  
**The Mother Road's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
**Cruise and Car Show**

**Friday July 13 – Sunday July 15, 2001**

Come One, Come All - Gas up your mini-van, sedan, motorcycle, or favorite classic car. Register for the Celebration Cruise then travel Oklahoma's stretch of the Mother Road and you just might drive home in a restored 1966 Ford Mustang!

The **West Cruise** will begin at the Erick Honey Farm west of Erick, the **East Cruise** will begin at Waylan's KuKu Burgers in Miami and both will end at the Seaba Station in Warwick. Take one day (Saturday, July 14) or two days (Friday July 13 and Saturday July 14, which is what the Association recommends) to complete the cruise of your choice, getting your passport stamped by at least one authorized check point in each Route 66 community. **Closing festivities** and the **Car Show** will be held Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup> at Route 66 Traders Flea Market, west of Yukon.

Other special events include Thursday and Friday night activities at both starting points, a Saturday night sockhop by DJ Kent Jones of KOMA Radio with a best '50s dress costume contest at Route 66 Traders, and a Sunday cash jackpot drawing for cruisers who stopped at every single possible checkpoint on their portion of the cruise.

The **Car Show** is open to all classes and models. First and second place trophies for all classes will be given as well as a special "Spirit of 66" Award.

There will be lots of **door prizes** for those cruisers who complete the cruise, turn in valid passports, and are present for the closing ceremonies. **The Grand Door Prize will be a 1966 Mustang Coupe!** See reverse side for registration form and visit our web site at [www.oklahomaroute66.com](http://www.oklahomaroute66.com) for more information.



*1966 Mustang GT Coupe*  
(Value: approx. \$10,000)

*Restoration by:*  
Classic Restorations  
3322 Southwest Boulevard,  
Tulsa.

To be eligible to win, you must register for the Cruise, participate in the Cruise, turn in a complete and validated Passport, and be present at the closing ceremonies for the drawing.

*The Grand Door Prize has been made possible by Phillips Petroleum Company.*

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise is sponsored by Phillips Petroleum Company, Bartlesville, OK



# 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise and Car Show Registration Form

Since we have passed the Preregistration deadline, fill in this form and bring it with you to either Miami or Erick from 9 am-5 pm on Friday July 13 or 9 am-10 am on Saturday July 14.

**State Association Annual Memberships (check one):**

Join now and save on your registration fees! And if your membership has expired, use this to renew!

Individual \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Business \$35 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Supporter \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ Benefactor \$100 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sub-total \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Cruise and/or Car Show Entry Fees:**

Non-OK Route 66 Association member \$25 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member \$20 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extra passports \$15 each \_\_\_\_\_  
 Car Show entry if doing cruise \$10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Car Show only \$15 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sub-total \_\_\_\_\_

**Limited edition, 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Oklahoma Route 66 Cruise T-Shirts:**

100% cotton, Hanes Beefy Tees silk-screened with our own design and the Phillips 66 logo.

Once they're gone, they're gone. So first come, first serve!

Large \_\_\_\_\_ Cost is \$12 per shirt, any size  
 XL \_\_\_\_\_  
 2X \_\_\_\_\_  
 3X \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sub-total \_\_\_\_\_

There will be a \$20 recovery fee for bad checks. Re-payment must then be made via money order.

**GRAND TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**Car and Driver and/or membership information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Car make and model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Names of passengers for extra passports:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Cruise and car show entrants must have a valid driver's license and current proof of insurance. Winners are responsible for their own taxes. By submitting this form, you hold harmless the Oklahoma Route 66 Association and anyone connected with the Cruise and Car Show from any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgements, and/or claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant to his or her person or property. Each entrant agrees to indemnify all of the foregoing entities, firms, persons and bodies of and from any and all liability occasioned or resulting from the conduct of entrants or any participant assisting or cooperating with entrants. Any behavior that management deems as poor character on the part of entrants can lead to eviction or restriction, without refund of entry fees.

**Check your Starting Point:**

**Erick** \_\_\_\_\_ (Honey Farm – 2.5 miles W of downtown Erick on 66, then 1 mile N, going under I-40, Exit 5)

**Miami** \_\_\_\_\_ (Waylan's KuKu Burgers, 915 N. Main)

Will you take one day to cruise or two? (We recommend two.) \_\_\_\_\_

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise is sponsored by Phillips Petroleum Company, Bartlesville, OK



# Oklahoma Route 66 Association 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Car Show

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place Trophies each class
- Spirit of Route 66 Award
- Best of Show Trophy
- Only one class per entry

## *CLASSES:*

### Original/Restored Original

Cars	Trucks
1900-1930	1900-1930
1931-1950	1931-1950
1951-1960	1951-1976
1961-1970	1977-2001
1971-1981	
1981-2001	

### Street Rods 1900-1949

Coupes Roadsters/Convertibles	Sedans Trucks
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### Street Machines - includes all Custom and/or Performance Cars & Trucks

1950-1959	1960-1969
1970-1979	1980-2001

### Pony Cars

<b>Camaro</b>	<b>Mustang</b>	<b>Barracuda</b>	<b>Firebird</b>
<b>Cougar</b>	<b>Javelin</b>	<b>Challenger</b>	<b>etc.</b>
1964-1970	1971-1980	1981-2001	

### Muscle/Intermediate Cars

<b>Chevelle/Malibu</b>	<b>Fairlane/Torino</b>
<b>GTO/Tempest/LeMans</b>	<b>SuperBee</b>
<b>Cutlass/442</b>	<b>Regal/G.S. etc.</b>
<b>Roadrunner</b>	<b>Charger AMX etc.</b>
1964-1970	1971-1980 1981-2001

<b>Corvette</b>	1953-1967	1968-1983	1984-2001
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<b>Thunderbird</b>	1955-1960	1961-1967
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### Motorcycle all years

Domestic	Foreign
Stock	Stock
Custom	Custom

# 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise and Car Show Schedule of Events

## ► Thursday, July 12, 2001

**Meet your fellow two-day cruisers!**

### **West side**

*Erick*

Casual, dutch-treat dinner at Rafter-T's, north side of I-40 and Exit 7 – from 66 at the traffic light of Roger Miller and Sheb Wooley, go north on Sheb Wooley and then under the Interstate. 7 pm – 9 pm

### **East side**

*Miami*

Casual, dutch-treat dinner at Pizza Hut Express, 101 "A" Northwest. Early bird registration too. 6 pm – 10 pm

## ► Friday, July 13, 2001

### **Registration Day 1**

Advanced registrants can pick up their packets. On-site registration begins. Start the cruise if you like – we recommend you do! A two-day cruise means you can take your time and go for the special all-checkpoints-visited cash jackpot!

### **West side**

*Erick*

Registration. 9 am to 5 pm

Erick Honey Farm.

On 66 (Bus. 40), go 2.5 miles west of stoplight in downtown Erick, then 1 mile north. Located on north side of I-40 Exit 5.

Swim Party. 4 pm – 6 pm

Erick Municipal Pool.

Hot Dog cookout & door prizes. 6:30 – 8 pm

Park across from pool. Free!

Must be present to win door prizes.

### **East side**

*Miami*

Registration. 9 am to 5 pm

Waylan's KuKu Burgers, 915 N. Main.

Discount dinner for cruisers, mini car show.

6 pm – 10 pm

Pizza Hut Express, 101 "A" Northwest.

## ► Saturday, July 14, 2001

### **Registration Day 2**

Advanced registrants can pick up their packets. Brief on-site registration. Everyone cruises today!

### **West side**

*Erick*

Registration from 9 am to 10 am only!

Erick Honey Farm

### **East side**

*Miami*

Registration from 9 am to 10 am only!

Waylan's KuKu Burgers

### **Fun Central**

*Yukon*

First opportunity to turn in cruise passports

5 pm – 8 pm

Route 66 Traders Flea Market.

Highway 66 and Richland Road

'50s Sockhop, costume contest, 50/50 pot

8 pm – 11 pm

Hosted by KOMA Oldies DJ Kent Jones. Free for registered cruisers and car show participants and their families! \$5 charge for those not registered.

## ► Sunday, July 14, 2001

### **Car Show, Closing Ceremonies**

#### **Fun Central**

*Yukon*

Route 66 Traders Flea Market

Turn in cruise passports

8 am – 10 am

On-site Registration for Car Show

8 am – 12 noon

Car Show judging

12 noon – 2 pm

Car Show awards, Cruise closing ceremonies, door prizes, All-checkpoints-visited cash award, etc. Mustang drawing.

2 pm - ???

**When making reservations, ask if they have an OK Route 66 Cruiser's Discount!**

**Western OK Motels  
for Western start point**

**Old Hotel Bed & Breakfast**

311 West Main  
Sayre, OK 73662  
(580) 928-5446

**Western Motel**

315 NE Highway 66  
Sayre, OK 73645  
(580) 928-3353

**Comfort Inn**

I-40 at Exit 7  
Erick, OK 73645  
(580) 526-8124  
Continental Breakfast

**Log Cabin Campgrounds & RV Park**

I-40 at Exit 7  
Erick, OK 73645  
(580) 526-3287

**Days Inn**

I-40 at Exit 7  
Erick, OK 73645  
(580) 526-3315

**Elm Motel**

823 West Roger Miller Blvd  
Erick, OK 73645  
(580) 526-3155  
just 2 or 3 rooms available

**Holiday Inn**

I-40 & Hwy 6  
Elk City, OK 73644  
(580) 225-6637  
Restaurant

**Elk City/Clinton KOA**

I-40 Exit 50 Clinton Lake Rd  
P.O. Box 137  
Canute, OK 73626  
(580) 592-4409

**Yukon Area Motels  
for Sockhop, Car Show  
and Closing**

**Super 8 Motel**

I-40 & SH 81 - Exit 125  
El Reno, OK 73036  
(405) 262-8240

**Economy Express**

I-40 & SH 81 - Exit 125  
El Reno, OK 73036  
(405) 262-1022  
Continental Breakfast

**Western Sands**

I-40 & SH 81 - Exit 125  
El Reno, OK 73036  
(405) 262-9195

**Hampton Inn**

I-40 & Garth Brooks - Exit 136  
Yukon, OK 73099  
(405) 350-6400  
Complimentary Breakfast Bar

**Best Western Inn & Suites**

I-40 & Mustang Rd - Exit 138  
Yukon, OK 73099  
(405) 265-2995  
Breakfast Buffet

**Super 8**

I-40 & Mustang Rd - Exit 138  
Yukon, OK 73099  
(405) 324-1000  
Restaurant next door

**Economy Inn**

850 West Main  
Yukon, OK 73099  
(405) 354-2096

**Miami Area Motels  
for Eastern start point**

**Best Western Inn**

2225 E. Steve Owens Blvd  
Miami, OK 74354  
(918) 542-6681  
Restaurant

**Super 8 Motel**

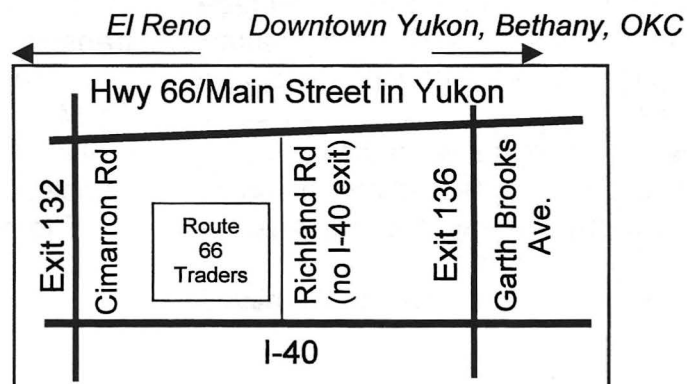
2120 E. Steve Owens Blvd  
Miami, OK 74354  
(918) 542-3383  
Toast and Coffee Bar

**Townsmen Motel**

900 E. Steve Owens Blvd  
Miami, OK 74354  
(918) 542-6631  
Restaurant

***Note: When arriving at any motel, exercise standard Route 66 Road Warrior precautions – when in doubt, ask to see a room first!***

**Saturday night and Sunday activities will be held at Route 66 Traders Flea Market, just west of Yukon. Look for the signs on Hwy 66. Traders can be seen from I-40, but does not have direct exit access from the Interstate.**



## New Book on Oklahoma Route 66

At long last, Jim Ross' new book about Oklahoma Route 66 is out. Appropriately titled *Oklahoma Route 66*, the book is based on more than a decade of archival research and field work. In addition to narrative text and an introduction by Michael Wallis, the book contains 204 pages, 62 hand-crafted maps and more than 240 images, including historical documents, vintage postcards, and period photographs never before published.

To get your copy, write to Ghost Town Press, 13100 E. Old Highway 66, Arcadia OK 73007. Cost is 12.95 plus \$3.50 shipping. Or, come to the Association's Cruise & Car Show. Copies will be available at either start point and at the closing ceremonies at Route 66 Traders in Yukon on July 15. Jim plans to be out at Route 66 Traders on Sunday and he'll be glad to autograph your copy.

### Wallis Publishes New Edition *Route 66: The Mother Road* to Mark Highway's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary By Michael Wallis

A couple of summers ago, while motorcycling with a pal on an original stretch of Route 66 in northern New Mexico, I lost focus on a sharp turn. In a heartbeat I was in trouble. The highly charged racing cycle – hundreds of pounds of gleaming steel and chrome – left the pavement and launched me into time and space. I sailed through a stand of piñons and cedars until my cycle crashed to the earth.

When the dust and debris settled, I carefully moved my legs and arms and lifted my head ever so slightly. I realized that I had not broken any limbs nor my neck. The helmet and leathers had protected me. Warm blood trickled down my face and neck. I tasted the blood and dirt in my mouth and I smelled sap from broken branches and scarred tree trunks.

A soft Spanish voice mumbled in the background. I opened my eyes and saw a young woman kneeling nearby. She was just finished crossing herself after a prayer.

"I'm alive," I told her. "I'm not dead! I'm alive!"

"Gracias, Dios," she whispered. "Gracias Dios."

Then my friend was there. He helped me to my feet and stopped the blood streaming from wounds. He guided me out of the thicket and rushed me to the hospital.

After several hours of x-rays and Demerol injections, I limped out of the emergency room. I had thirty-five stitches in my face and a new sense of purpose in my heart. My eyes swelled and turned purple and black and my body ached for a couple of weeks. Folks thought I either had been in one hell of a bar fight or else had taken up rodeoing.

By summer's end – after I gave up on the racing motorcycle and finally mastered my sweet Harley – I understood just how important that spill in the trees had been for me. The episode had been a great learning experience. I had endured more growing pains on the open road and as a result I felt more alive than ever. I had mastered a new skill – motorcycling – on a stretch of vintage highway that has always been an important part of my life.

It was then I decided the time had come for me to make yet another journey down my beloved Route 66 – the Mother Road.

It was time for me to take stock of the people and places along that venerable ribbon of asphalt and concrete.

It was time for me to produce a new edition of my book *Route 66: The Mother Road* for the thousands and thousands of people who have come to realize what Route 66 symbolizes.

I would ride Route 66 and give my readers a fresh look – up close and very personal – of the winding ribbon of asphalt and concrete that ties together so many layers of the land. I would produce an updated edition for all those people who have asked me to tell them more about the Mother Road. I would explain what has transpired on America's Main Street since my book was first published in 1990. My editors at St. Martin's Press agreed. The new anniversary edition will serve as my gift to the highway and its people.

The prospects excite me.



## **Association Accepting Nominations for Oklahoma Route 66 Hall of Fame**

Time to put your thinking caps on and nominate two people (one living, one deceased) for our Association's highest honor. Past recipients include Michael Wallis, Cyrus Avery, Don Mullenix, Jack Cutberth, Lucille Hamons, and Kent Ruth.

Submit your nominations in writing along with a brief explanation on why this person should win the award. Deadline for submissions is August 1. To date, no one has submitted any names.

The winner will be announced on November 10<sup>th</sup> 2001, in order to truly honor the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Route 66, which sprang into being on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1926.

## **Sayre Plans Centennial Celebration**

By Carol Duncan

In September, Sayre will have a celebration weekend for their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Planning has already started. Committees are being formed. Barbara Birden will be event chairperson.

Lynn Hickey, local rancher, will host a chuckwagon supper on his ranch on Friday September 14<sup>th</sup>. Round-up groups have been invited to camp out under the stars. There will be plenty of barbeque for everyone. The public is invited. The price of admission? Dress up in 1901 style.

On Saturday morning, there will be an old time cattle drive through town. The Oklahoma Opry Band will provide some good country music on the courthouse lawn. FFA benefit auction, cowboy poetry, Farmrail exhibit, car show, tractor display, and quilting exhibit will attract people of all ages to the Sayre downtown area. A ranch rodeo is slated for Saturday evening. Also, the downtown streets will be lined with craft booths.

The Sayre folks have plans for the best Centennial party. So keep the weekend of September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in mind.

## **Association has new web address**

Cheryl Nowka, our web master, has transferred our Association web site to a new domain name – one that will be easy for everyone to remember. Go check it out at [www.oklahomaroute66.com](http://www.oklahomaroute66.com) – and thanks, Cheryl!

## **Updating of Association database**

We are in the process of updating our database. We will be mailing out inquiries shortly to folks who appear to no longer be current members. If you do receive such an inquiry and you are a current member – please excuse us and try to dig out your last cancelled check so we know the appropriate renewal date to enter! Thanks!

## **Route 66 Mourns Loss of beloved Roadie, Cheryl Cory**

By Cheryl Nowka

Since 1991, Cheryl and Earl Cory have been traveling Route 66. They would spend as many as four to six months a year in their motor home living at different RV parks from IL to CA while they visited with business owners and sought out old lost portions of the Road. Cheryl kept journals full of photos and stories of her interviews with people on Route 66.

In May, Cheryl and Earl were finishing up their 2001 Route 66 tour by visiting Cheryl's sister in Ogden UT when tragedy struck – literally. Cheryl was hit by a car and died just a few days later.

In October 1998, Cheryl and Earl were filmed by a TV crew from Tulsa while they were visiting Cheryl's longtime friend and my mom, Lucille Hamons. The TV crew filmed Cheryl and Earl driving into and leaving Lucille's in their new Corvette. A memorial cross for Cheryl has been placed beside the one for my mom that is located in front of her station on old Route 66, which is just west of the turn up into Hydro.

Cheryl Cory was a member of two Internet groups that have taken her untimely death very hard. They have made a memorial site for her.

You can visit these at

[http://route66newsletter.com/Cheryl\\_Cory.html](http://route66newsletter.com/Cheryl_Cory.html)

Cheryl was born May 5, 1955 in Salt Lake City, the daughter of John and Anita Thompson Funk. She married Earl R. Cory on May 4, 1985 in Hollister, CA. She was raised and educated in Layton. She lived in Montana and Wyoming for the past four years. She loved to travel the old Route and enjoyed spending time with her nieces and nephews as well as visiting her friends. Cheryl also served five years in the U.S. Army.

Surviving are her husband, Earl Cory of Cody, WY; three grandchildren; her father, John Funk, Palm Springs CA; one brother Tom (Malynda) Potter, Tacoma WA; two sisters Cindy (Jay) Fackrell, Ogden and Traci (Preston) Pearson, Layton; and seven nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday May 22 in Ogden. Route 66 friends that were able to attend were Bob Moore and Paul and Sandi Taylor of *Route 66 Magazine*, Peter Harpin from Phoenix AZ who represented one of Cheryl's online Route 66 eGroups, and Reid and Nan Soundup from Salt Lake City.



Photo by Peter Harpin

### E-mail Bag

*From Pete Woodman and Ron Miles, England*

For many years I have promised myself to "get my kicks" and thought it appropriate to start on my 66<sup>th</sup> birthday – August 5, 2001. Ron, also 66, agreed to accompany me. I decided to do the trip in something "different" and have arranged to ship my Fiat Panda to the States in July, ready to start in Chicago on my birthday. More importantly, the car used to be driven by my wife Sheila, but due to diabetes from 1966 and since losing her driving license to diabetes-induced retinopathy, she is unable to drive. I have decided to raise funds for Diabetes UK and friends here are sponsoring us at the rate of 66 pence a mile. That way we aim

to raise 2400 miles worth of 66 pennies (1600 English pounds). Look for us in Oklahoma around August 10-12 as we travel in a blue, non air-conditioned 999cc Panda!

### HITCHHIKERS – News From Other Route 66 States

*Dateline: Missouri*

The Route 66 Association of Missouri will hold their Motor Tour September 7-9. They are calling their event *Searching for Will, One of the Old Road's Most Famous Celebrities*. Their event will begin in Sullivan MO and end at the Will Rogers Memorial in Claremore. For more information contact Gary Adkins at (314) 832-2536.

*Dateline: New Mexico*

July 20-22, "Remember the Route" and the Steinbeck Awards Banquet will be held in Albuquerque, NM. Too big for all the events to be listed in our newsletter, we urge you to contact Denise Petree at (505) 836-9670, e-mail her at [dgpetree@aol.com](mailto:dgpetree@aol.com) or visit the New Mexico Route 66 Association web site at [www.rt66nm.org](http://www.rt66nm.org)

Fire destroyed the famous Santo Domingo Trading Post, located along the 1926-32 alignment halfway between Albuquerque and Santa Fe. The original structure dated to 1881 with a two-story Mission revival-style building added in 1920. The business had been closed since 1994 and the site was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Arson is suspected.

### Errata from the Show Me State!

For those of you who might also be members of the Missouri Association and receive their newsletter, we'd like to correct some errors in their Spring 2001 publication about Oklahoma.

They had a very nice tribute to friends and businesses that have passed away in the last several years along the Road in various states. Unfortunately, some of the sections dealing with Oklahomans are wrong or misleading.

Gladys Cutberth's husband was Jack, not Jac. His title was Executive Secretary of the National

US 66 Highway Association and not President of the United States 66 Association.

Route 66 Diner in Tulsa did burn down. But Willie Spears reopened in a new location with a modified name (The 66 Diner) at 19<sup>th</sup> and Sheridan but then had to shut it down too.

Ollie's Station is open for business, not out of business, as the header would imply. He began rebuilding right after the fire and always intended to reopen.

Pop Hicks will not be rebuilt. The site is up for grabs and whoever gets the property can build whatever they want to on the site. The last leasee of the restaurant may someday open a new one, but it will not be Pop Hicks.

Buffalo Ranch Dairy Ranch has a new owner. The rest of the Buffalo Ranch property is vacant once again.

Owl Drug Store in Sayre is up for sale. It is not totally closed down. Folks who wish to book special events can contact the owner who will gladly reopen for the event.

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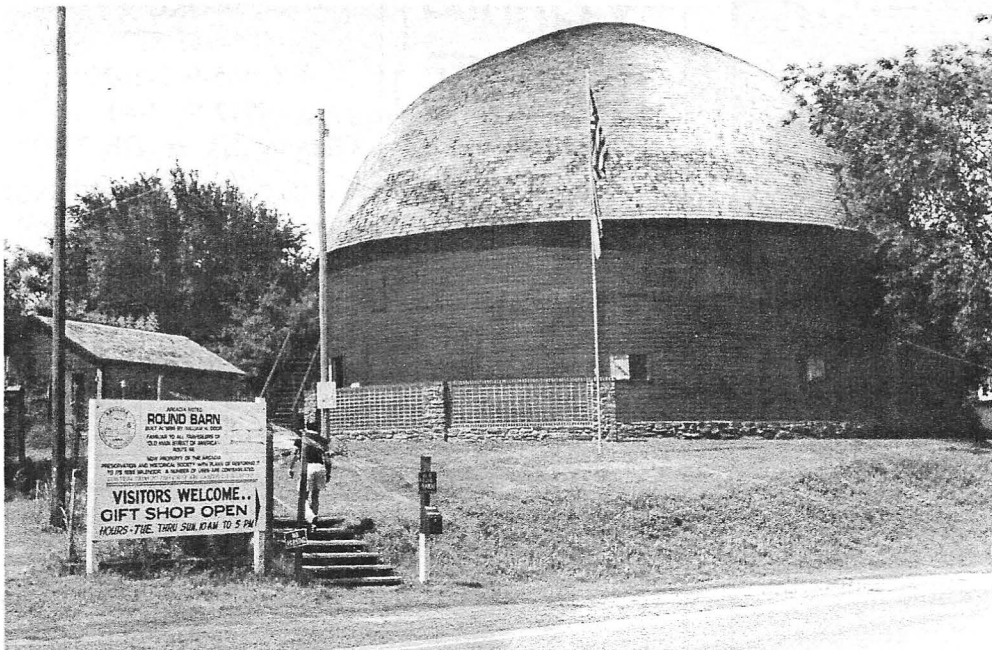


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