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OKLAHOMA ROUTE 66 NEEDS YOU!

Recently, we mailed out membership cards and survey forms to most of our current members – some 200 individuals, families and business members. We are trying to update/correct our database as well as identify those members who would like to actively participate in our Association. So we ask that you please take the time to fill out the survey form and mail it back to us by mid-September.

If you did not receive a card, this means either your membership has expired or will be expiring within the next month or two. Please check the expiration date on your mailing label, then fill out the membership form found within this newsletter and mail in your renewal. Once we receive your check, we will send your membership card and its accompanying survey form.

For many years, the Association has been unable to issue membership cards, yet according to our Bylaws we should. Sometimes this has been due to a lack of funds, but mainly it's been because, as much as we all love Route 66 in Oklahoma and faithfully renew our memberships each year, there are just too few members willing to actually put in some time to help out.

During our 2001 Cruise, some of our Board members were approached by individuals who noticed that so few people were doing all the work. They said, "We'd be glad to help – all you have to do is ask!"

Well, we're asking. That is what the survey form is all about. We have every intention of making next year's cruise even better, but we need the extra volunteers to help (and we're all volunteers in this group – no paid staff here!). No special skills are required – just a warm smile and a willingness to help.

And we need help in more than just the cruise. Are you interested in preservation? We have several committees that you should be on. Want to get your town more involved in 66? Become a county rep, or be our liaison to your community, or get involved in our Trip Guide publication. Do you know neat stories about people who live (or lived) on 66 in Oklahoma? Write a story that we can put in our newsletter. There is much to be done, but we need your help.

The Oklahoma Route 66 Association is truly volunteer-run. We are the only state-wide organization dedicated to celebrating, preserving, and protecting the Mother Road in Oklahoma. We were formed in 1989 by a committee made up of the Oklahoma Depts. of Tourism and Recreation, Commerce, Transportation, and Historical Society. Communities and businesses up and down the Route in Oklahoma look to us for help. Other Route 66 states watch to see what we do too. So get involved – let's make "Mom" proud and ensure she survives for generations to come.



President's Corner by Kathy Anderson

Recently, Bill Fernau, our Federal Programs Coordinator, and I met with Melvena Heisch of the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and Mark Taylor of the National Park Service. Mark is the administrator of the Route 66 Corridor Act Program and was in town to meet with us about the funds now available for Route 66 in Oklahoma.

Melvena submitted a comprehensive three-pronged proposal, which Mark approved. *One:* update the 1980s survey of the historic buildings and structures along all the various alignments, dating from 1926 up to 1970. *Two:* administer \$50,000 in funding/rehab matching grants for building repair, etc. for buildings on the National Register of Historic Places (buildings that are eligible but not registered can apply but would not have the same priority). *Three:* a comprehensive road documentation project which would include detailed mapping/photos (including historic bridges and sections of original paving) as well a priorities and management strategy (to be created by meeting with ODOT, County Commissioners, SHPO, and the Association) to issue guidelines for future repairs of the road and bridges.

The Oklahoma SHPO proposal is unique among the 8 Route 66 states. Most asked for funds to update or create surveys and some asked for matching grant monies to restore specific structures. But no other SHPO has offered to administer funds (there is no monies given to them to do this – not even for postage!) and no other state will have the thorough road mapping and strategy to address future repairs.

Melvena's office will handle Parts 1 and 2. Part 3 involves us. We are being asked to sign and execute a cooperative agreement in order to fulfill the mapping, photographic, narrative, and strategic planning goals – for a dollar amount we have yet to determine. For those of you familiar with Jim Ross' new *Oklahoma Route 66* book, you know that Jim has already a head-start on the mapping aspect. Knowing this, Melvena wrote Jim's name into the contract.

With the monies we receive from SHPO via the Route 66 Program, the Association will pay

Jim for his time and expertise as well as the expenses associated with the various printouts, modifications, photographic demands, creation of the necessary documents, etc. which will hopefully be done by an enthusiastic team of 66ers, and not just the usual same 3 or 4 folks.

In the next several weeks the Board will be hammering out details as to exactly how much money we will request from SHPO in order to complete Step 3 and how best to accomplish this exciting project.

All eyes are on Oklahoma to see what kind of strategy we develop in order to preserve our old bridges and original sections of roadbed.

Incidentally, although only \$500,000 was allocated this year, it appears that only \$450,000 may be budgeted next year. Please write your US Senator or Congressman and urge them to boost the allocation back up to the authorized one million per year.

75th Anniversary Cruise and Car Show a big success

The Oklahoma Route 66 Association wrapped up its three-day 75th Anniversary of the Mother Road Cruise and Car Show celebration with closing ceremonies on Sunday July 15th at Route 66 Traders Flea Market in Yukon. (*Hats off and a big thank-you to Jerald Ashby and his family at Route 66 Traders Flea Market – you and your facility were awesome!*) Some 190 cars and over 310 passport-bearing cruisers set out from Erick and Miami on Friday and Saturday July 13 & 14 to travel their half of Oklahoma Route 66.

The weary but enthusiastic participants turned in their passports Saturday evening and early Sunday morning, after visiting the 15 communities and 30-plus possible checkpoints found in their half of the statewide run. Several hundred found the energy to enjoy the great sock hop hosted on Saturday night by KOMA's Kent Jones.

While all waited anxiously for 2 PM on Sunday to roll around, when the drawings for the various door prizes would begin, everyone checked out the 80-plus classic cars that were on display at the Association's companion Car Show.

"I think nearly every single cruiser I talked to was convinced that our Grand Door Prize of the 1966 Mustang GT Coupe was going to be theirs," chuckled John Ackenhausen, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Route 66 Association. "We started giving out our other door prizes at 2, then at 3, we put all the tickets back in the bucket for the Mustang drawing."

Once everything was ready, Rick Schmigle, Eastern Vice President of the Oklahoma Route 66 Association, walked over to the Mustang. The crowd moved in closer, then went dead silent as he pointed out the various highlights of the car and thanked Phillips 66 for making this Grand Door Prize possible. Finally, with the help of volunteer Rebecca Kendall, the winning ticket was drawn. Teasing the breathless group, Rick read each digit on the ticket one at a time. In response, the crowd cheered or booed with each recitation as, one numeral at a time, their chances of winning became more defined. In the end, the winner was Delvin Albers of Minco, OK (see next story).

In addition to the Mustang, many other valuable door prizes were given away, thanks to the contributions of a number of Oklahoma merchants such as \$250 of Phillips 66 gasoline, several copies of limited edition Route 66 postmark art, Frankoma pottery, autographed copies of several different Route 66 books, overnight stays at several area motels and bed & breakfasts, and so forth.

"Our Association - especially our Executive Director John Ackenhausen and Eastern and Western Vice Presidents Rick Schmigle and Carol Duncan - have put in a lot of long hours to make this event happen," said Kathy Anderson, President. "Everything from selecting the checkpoints and creating the passports to traveling up and down the Route time and time again to get everything ready to go. As a result, we've received a lot of positive feedback about our Celebration.

"More importantly, many of the participants told me they intend to go back out on the Route and spend more time exploring the Road and her businesses and communities," continued Kathy. "If they do that, then we have accomplished what we set out to do - introduce Oklahoma Route 66 to a whole new group of people. And without the

wonderful sponsorship of Phillips Petroleum who made it possible for us to buy and restore the Mustang, I know we would not have had such a great turnout. Sometimes it takes that extra incentive like a classic car for folks to get out and explore what most Oklahomans take for granted but have never visited - Route 66. I'd also like to thank all the radio and TV stations and newspapers who often went above and beyond to help us promote our event. Now that more people understand the treasure we have on Route 66 in Oklahoma, hopefully our efforts to preserve, promote and economically bolster Oklahoma Route 66 will find more widespread support in the future."

How a Chevy man won a Ford Mustang

By Karen Albers, with help from Delvin Albers

My dad, Delvin Albers of Minco, OK, has always had good feelings for Route 66. When he grew up, Route 66 was the main road west to California. He was a young truck driver and drove a lot of it in the late 1950s and early 1960s. In 1994, Dad saw a lot of the Route 66 as he traveled through 45 of the 48 continental United States. Dad says there was so much that he liked that he could not name one thing that he liked the best. He challenges everyone to get on Route 66 and check out all the sights - you too will get that feeling that you can only get when you are on the Mother Road.

Dad retired on June 12, 2001 from truck driving - just in time for the big cruise and car show.

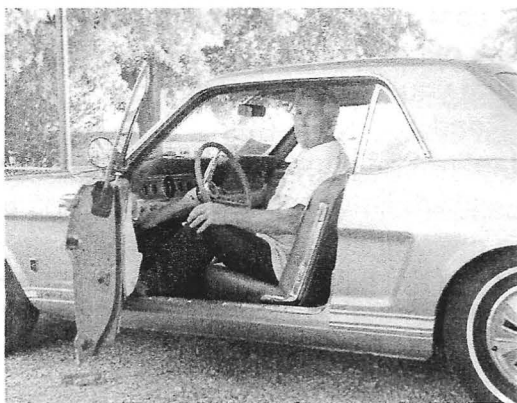
Dad has had a love of classic cars since the 1950s. Even though he loves Chevrolets he does like some Fords but refuses to own one unless it is given to him or he wins it. I guess you can say once a Chevy man always a Chevy man. He also has a 1947 International Panel and a 1984 Corvette that he takes to the many car shows around the area. Also in his collection of classics he has a 1947 Hudson pickup, a 1953 Studebaker pickup, a 1957 Chevy 2-door 210 station wagon, and a 1947 Chevy 2-door Fleetline along with several more. As he says these are works in progress.

On the morning of July 13, 2001 when Dad started off on the Route 66 75th Anniversary Cruise, he planned to take his time to enjoy all that the Route had to offer. It took him about 14 or 15 hours to complete the cruise. He wanted to be sure he stopped at all the checkpoints - all 33 of them. Little did he know that by the evening of July 15 he would have his ticket number drawn and he would become the winner of the 1966 Ford Mustang that was being given away.

As his number was called, Dad was in shock. He never dreamed he might win the Mustang. He said he had not even looked at the car at the show or other places it had been. That tells you how true a Chevy man he is when he didn't even look at the Mustang until he won it.

Dad says he is happy to have won the car and thinks he can make it fit into his ever growing collection of classic cars as it is very nice and was the give-away car from the 75th Anniversary of Route 66. He said he will also enjoy taking it to shows around the state. So be sure to look for the Chevy man driving a Ford Mustang.

Finally, Dad would like to say "thank you" to Phillips 66 for making the give-away possible. He would also like to thank all of the people linked to the cruise and the Route 66 Association for making this a day to remember because - a Chevy man won a Ford.



Delvin Albers and the Mustang.

Photo by Jenese Epperson, staff writer,
Express-Star: "Chickasha's News Source"



66 Association Calendar of Events

September 29, 2001

Davenport Open Car Show & Cruise-In

Registration for the cruise portion: from 8-9 am at Metro Diner at 3001 E 11th in Tulsa or on the west side of the old Lake Overholser Bridge on 39th Street just west of Bethany/Oklahoma City.

Cruise entry fee is \$10. This goes into a 50/50 pot - each registrant will receive one ticket, a copy of the 2001 OK Route 66 Trip Guide, and a Phillips 66 insulated mug. If a cruiser spends \$10 or more at any business located along the Route on the way to Davenport, he/she can turn in each store receipt in Davenport and get an extra ticket/chance per receipt. Cruisers who wish to participate in the Davenport Car Show need to arrive by noon. Cruisers showing their 50/50 ticket can register their car for only \$5. Car show-only registrants must pay \$15.

The Davenport registration site is GarWooly's Food-n-Fun at 102 S. Broadway. Awards will be handed out at 3 pm. Awards will be given for: Best Street Rod, Street Rod Truck, Custom, Classic Cars 50s, Classic Cars 60s and up, Unfinished, Classic Truck, Special Interest (including 75 and up), Best Antique Car or Truck, Custom Motorcycle, Stock Motorcycle, and Best of Show. For more information call during the day (918) 377-2355, evenings call (918) 377-2230.

The Car Show is sponsored by the Davenport Chamber of Commerce and GarWooly's Food-n-Fun.

Sunday November 11, 2001

Oklahoma Route 66 Hall of Fame Awards

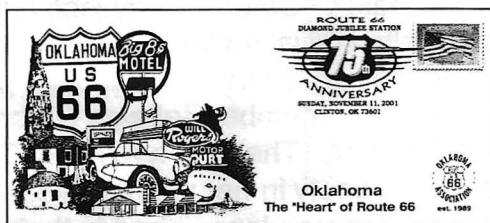
Location: "Wow" Room, Oklahoma Route 66 Museum, 2229 W. Gary Blvd, Clinton OK

Time: 2 pm

Every two years, the Oklahoma Route 66 Association honors two people (one living, one deceased) who have made significant contributions to the promotion and preservation of Route 66 in Oklahoma. Past honorees include Michael Wallis, Cyrus Avery, Don Mullenix, Jack Cutberth, Lucille Hamons, and Kent Ruth.

This year's ceremony is timed to coincide with the actual 75th Anniversary of the birth of Route 66 and the entire US Highway system, which came into being on November 11, 1926.


For those of you who like collectibles, a limited edition special commemorative postmark cachet, designed by the Oklahoma Route 66 Association honoring the date, will be issued by the Clinton post office and will be available for sale at the ceremony. The cachet will also be sold afterwards through the Association and at select retailers such as the Oklahoma Route 66 Museum Gift Shop and the Seaba Station. Only 1000 will be printed. Retail price through the Association will be \$5.00 plus \$1.00 shipping – please write the Association to order yours.



Friday June 7 – Sunday June 9, 2002
2002 Oklahoma Route 66 Cruise and Car Show
 Plans are underway for the next year's big cruise and car show. The Board has selected the second weekend in June as the permanent date of the annual cruise. This moves it away from the Street Rod Show in Oklahoma City, and, most years, puts it the week after Route 66 events in Sapulpa and El Reno.

Start points again will be at either end of the state. The Saturday night events and Sunday car show and closing venue site will be in Chandler. It was decided to move the location of the closing venue site each year so various communities can have the opportunity to "strut their stuff." As Chandler is having their annual Ice Cream Festival that Saturday, it should be a yummy time for all. As their slogan goes, "Cruise into Chandler for a Cool Time!"

More details to come in future newsletters!



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Rock Café now on National Register of Historic Places

Congratulations to Dawn Welch! As the proud owner of the Rock Café, she prepared the nomination of the 1939 Lincoln County restaurant for inclusion into the National Register – and it was accepted.

For more information on National Register properties, contact Jim Gabbert of the State Historic Preservation Office in Oklahoma City at (405) 522-4478 or you can e-mail him at jgabbert@ok-history.mus.ok.us

OK 66 Association member garners two awards

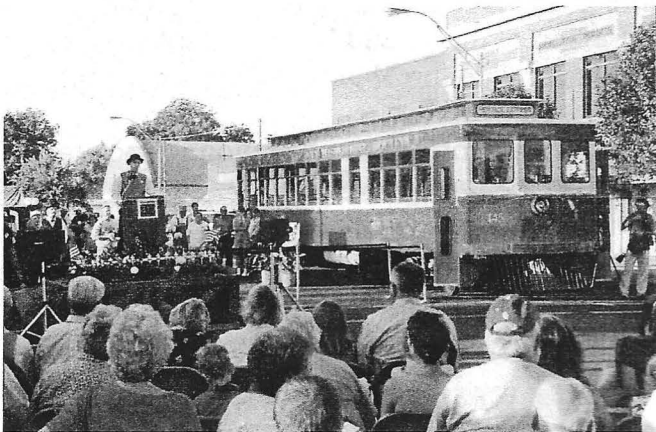
Congratulations to Jim Ross! In May, he won an Oklahoma Historical Society Citation of Merit Award for his strong advocacy of historic Route 66 preservation and the well-researched National Register nomination for the old section of the Arcadia Route 66 roadbed east of town. Then in July, he won the Steinbeck Award, which is presented annually by the Steinbeck Foundation and the National Historic Route 66 Federation.

El Reno launches trolley

It's been years in the making, but on Friday August 24th, El Reno took an historic step back in time. During well-attended dedication

ceremonies, the town's beautifully restored red trolley was launched, recalling the days of when a vast interurban system connected El Reno, Oklahoma City, Norman and Edmond. With cheering onlookers wearing everything from halter tops and shorts to parasols and period dresses, the trolley set course from downtown, escorted by the high school marching band. Attendees for the evening event were able to ride the trolley for free.

City leaders hope the trolley will help attract tourists to the community and do plan to extend the system over time. The trolley costs \$3.00 for adults, a \$1.50 per child and runs 5 days a week. For more information, call the El Reno Main Street at (405) 262-8888. For those curious to know, the trolley crosses 66 but does not actually run along 66, as the Route is actually current Business Loop 40.



Trolley Dedication, August 24, 2001
Photo by Kathy Anderson

Maze of Maize Now Open on OK Route 66

P-Bar Farms, one of the Association's newest business members, is not your ordinary corn-in-the-field farm. They've set aside 6.5 acres as a Route 66-shaped maze. It is open to the public just for the months of September and October, with this year marking their debut. The maze may well be the only one like it on all of Route 66.

Located between Hydro and Weatherford on the old Route, 9'-tall stalks line about 2.5 miles of trails and over 80 decision points.

The maze is open Thursdays through Saturdays. Hours on Thursday and Friday are 4 pm to 10 pm, Saturday from 10 am to 10 pm. Admission is \$6.00 for adults, \$4 for children between 5 and 12, and kids under 5 get in free. If you travel via I-40, the maze lies between Exits 84 and 88. Signs on Route 66 will lead the way to the big red barn.

For more information call (580) 772-4401. The national web site dedicated to cornfield mazes is: www.cornfieldmaize.com

Blue Whale's Zelta Davis passes away By Thomas Repp

The Blue Whale of Catoosa may look a little bluer of late. Zelta Davis, owner of that famous Route 66 icon, passed away on August 1.

Many of us will remember Zelta as Catoosa's Red-haired Whirlwind. The lady had spirit. Zelta was a bona fide beauty in her younger years. At a time when many women languished in their kitchens, Zelta believed any woman could stand up to any man. Once, when a stranger thought to comment on her figure, Zelta beat an apology out of him with a bag of Christmas candy. Not bad for a farm girl born in Sallisaw some 81 years ago.

Adulthood for Zelta meant stepping onto the stage. She was married twice, first to Ray Sheehan and then to life-partner Hugh Sterling Davis. The Davises' adventures at Tulsa's Mohawk Zoo have become the stuff of legend. The couple toured the lecture circuit, raised grizzly bears on bottles and met each day with crackling good humor. Once, Hugh brought home two baby chimpanzees. Zelta kept them in diapers and suited them with their own bassinet. When a new laundry man came to the door for a routine pickup, Zelta asked him, "Would you like to see my twins?" The poor laundry man took one look and went back to Claremore. He told his higher-ups, "I just saw the ugliest babies I think I've ever seen."

Hugh built the Blue Whale in the early 1970s. He presented it to Zelta as an anniversary gift - a symbol of their wild life and times. In later years, Zelta was pleased so many Route 66 fans liked her whale, too.

Zelta suffered a stroke in September of 2000. From that time forward, she lived with her daughter, Dee Dee. She read voraciously (par was a book per day) and sent Dee Dee to the library once a week to pick up books. Zelta vowed she would never check into a hospital. The nurses, she complained, would never let her smoke. Zelta's assessment of aging, repeated for the masses at her funeral was, "This 'getting old business' is a bunch of crap."

The Davis children, Dee Dee and Blaine, will now take their turns as Blue Whale owners. Stop in sometime for a snapshot and a smile - and keep a kind thought for that spirited lady who was the Red-haired Whirlwind of Catoosa.

Smooth sailing, Zelta. Godspeed.



Photo by Thomas Repp

Omniplex in OKC has something for everyone

The Omniplex is several museums and galleries rolled into one. From now through October 2, see 25 textile and sculpture art pieces by Bob Cromer which display the essence of fiber. And until October 14, enjoy various forms of water color media during the 27th Annual National Watercolor Oklahoma juried art show.

The Omniplex is located at 2100 NE 52nd Street in OKC – just several miles to the east and south of the westbound Route 66 intersection of Kelley and the I-44 on-ramp to Lincoln Blvd. Hours are Tuesday – Friday 9 am to 5 pm, Saturday 9 am to 6 pm, and Sunday 11 am to 6 pm. Call (405) 602-OMNI or visit their web site at www.omniplex.org for more information on admission rates.

Fort Reno Tombstone Tales 2001

The Fort Reno Visitor Center and the Canadian County Historical Society are gearing

up for this popular tourist event. Historic re-enactors portray individuals interred at the Fort Reno cemetery between 1874 and 1948. The historic camps around the perimeter enhance the unique experience.

Performances given to schoolchildren will be held Thursday September 21 and Friday September 22 at 9 am, 11 am and 1 pm. General public performances will be held Sunday September 22 at 10 am, 2 pm and 4 pm.

For more information call (405) 262-3987.

Trip Guide deadlines moved up

Well, it seems like we've just barely recovered from our massive effort to publish the Trip Guide and coordinate the big Cruise and Car Show and now we are already beginning to deal with next year's events.

Because we are moving up the date of the cruise to early June, this means we will need to get the Trip Guide out sooner too. So business members who advertise or who would like to advertise in our Guide, take note! Ad orders and any copy changes or ad materials must be in the hands of the Association no later than **March 1**.

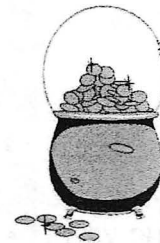
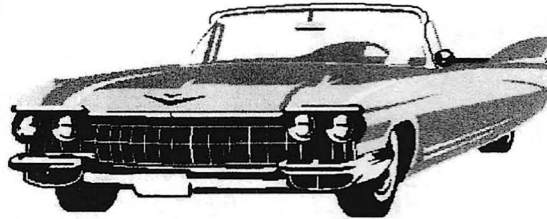
We've been fairly lax in years past in accepting materials well after deadline. But we simply cannot be this way for the 2002 edition. We would also appreciate prompt payment. Here it is September and we have yet to receive payments from several businesses. Failure to pay by the end of September will result in no ad in the 2002 edition.

Heaven's Window:

A Journey Through Northern New Mexico

PRESS RELEASE: A new 120-page book filled with 101 color photos has just been released by Graphic Arts Center Publishing. Written by Michael Wallis, Jack Parsons' stunning images weave with Michael's enchanting words to reveal the qualities of the upper Rio Grande region which includes Santa Fe, Taos and the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. For more information, visit www.gacpc.com

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Entry Fee \$15.00

Awards Presentation 3:00 p.m.



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 Oklahoma Route 66 Association
 P.O. Box 21382
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**RETURN TO ROUTE 66:
Photographs from the Mother Road**

by Shellee Graham

PRESS RELEASE: "After several years of driving and photographing Route 66, I have organized an exhibition of my photographs with accompanying text. It is a pictorial journey that details the highway's history, forgotten towns, roadside diners, motels, and people. I had made several, smaller 66 excursions before making the "big trip" to Los Angeles via Route 66 in March of 1991. Photos from that trip are the backbone of this show. Numerous 66 photo-trips have followed since; I sadly discovered that many of my earlier subjects were missing or in ruins."

VENUES WANTED for travelling exhibition "Return to Route 66: Photographs from the Mother Road" for March 2003 - March 2005. (Important Note: All exhibit scheduling must be completed by June 30, 2002.) An exhibition of sixty-six color and black/white images with accompanying text through the eight Mother Road states. For more information, contact Smith/Kramer Fine Art Services at 1-800-222-7522, e-mail: skexhibit@smithkramer.com, website: www.smithkramer.com/route66.html

Editor's note: Shellee's photos have been displayed in every Route 66 state EXCEPT Oklahoma. They have also been displayed in non-Route 66 states – most recently in Massachusetts for a 6-month showing. Small town libraries and medium sized community colleges have also hosted the exhibit.

Route 66 Across Arizona

PRESS RELEASE: At last, Arizona has its own Route 66 Guidebook! By Richard and Sherry Mangum, this 112-page book contains more than 100 color maps and photos. Contact Hexagon Press, Inc., 300 E Bennett, Flagstaff AZ 86001 or call (520) 774-8800.

Route 66 Adventure Handbook released

PRESS RELEASE: The 240-page Route 66 Adventure Handbook has been published by ExitHere.net, just in time for the 75th anniversary of the birth of the legendary Route 66. Author (and Oklahoma Route 66 Association member) Drew Knowles of North Richland Hills Texas has spent several years researching and writing this book.

The Handbook includes: how to locate unmarked portions of the old highway like a veteran, what to bring with you in order to make the most of your Route 66 adventure, background information, attractions and suggested side trips, and more. Price is 14.95 plus shipping. To order go to www.exithere.net or write to P.O. Box 1817, Hurst Texas 76053.

**Papa Joad's 66:
The Independent News Journal**

PRESS RELEASE: "Papa Joad's 66" was born of a desire to share stories and information about a great American institution, Route 66. I created it to be the vehicle by which I hope to pass on my adventures and that of others through the medium of print and photography.

It is a FREE publication – if you can find it on the road. Otherwise subscriptions are \$5 a year for 4 issues. Articles and ads are accepted, but no monies are paid for articles and the authors retain full rights to his/hers work.

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Editor's note: Gary is also the editor of the MO newsletter....



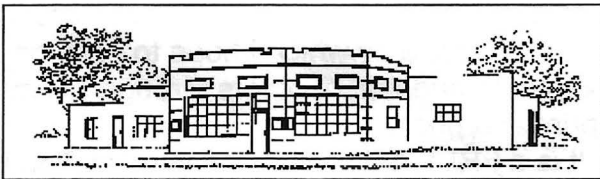
**HITCHHIKERS – News
from other "66" states**

Dateline Missouri: The Route 66 Association of Missouri and the Route 66 State Park proudly present "Celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Route 66." Billing itself as a

birthday bash, there will be all kinds of fun and games and even an old car display and car show (no cars later than 1975). The event will be held at the Route 66 State Park, exit 266 on I-44 from 11 am to 5 pm. For more information call (636) 938-7198.

SEABA STATION

wishes to thank the **Oklahoma Route 66 Association** for allowing us to be a checkpoint in the 75th Anniversary Cruise. We had a blast! And thanks to the Cruisers who helped us celebrate this historic event. A big thanks also goes to the Old Armory Restorers of Chandler, OK who served refreshments to the Cruisers and increased our awareness of the many historic sites the Chandler-Wellston area has to offer, especially the Armory which needs funding to restore it to its former glory and provide a Route 66 Welcome Center! Thanks to Bill Lawrence who provided the beautiful music at Seaba to entertain the cruisers, and thanks to Don and Sally Ferrell, loyal Route 66 members, who suggested him. Thanks, also, to the many friends, relatives and neighbors who volunteered their services in helping Seaba Station welcome the Cruisers and celebrate The Mother Road!



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