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## **2002 Cruise Edition**

Less than one month to go and counting!

All the pieces are starting to come together for the Association's Annual Statewide Cruise and Car Show/Rod Run. Press releases have been mailed. Those of you who have pre-registered for the cruise have been sent an acknowledgment letter. Materials are being gathered from a variety of sources for the cruise packets. Dash plaques and tee-shirts are being printed. Car Show/Rod Run information is being finalized. Checkpoints have been contacted and will shortly get their checkpoint signs, stamps, and a copy of the Rules in order to help any puzzled newbie cruisers.

If you haven't pre-registered for the cruise, fill out the form inside the newsletter and bring it with you to one of the two start points. We are not accepting any more registrations via mail (deadline was May 1) but we will be happy to sign you up in either Sayre or Miami.

The Association is looking for vendors to set up in Tilghman Park on Sunday. All of the \$20 set-up fee will go to the Old Armory restoration fund. Please contact Sue Preston at the Seaba Station (405) 258-6700 for more information and to sign up. Upon arrival, check with Jack Sims, who is coordinating the car show/rod run, for your table location.

We still need volunteers to help at both start points and, especially, in Chandler. In Miami and Sayre, volunteers could explain to people how to fill out the forms, greet people, and relieve those folks who are handling the registration process or selling our tee-shirts. In Chandler, volunteers could help decorate the tennis court fence for the Saturday night sockhop, check-in cruisers, and set up tables and canopies. We also need the photographers among our membership to take pictures of the cruise, sockhop, rod run and closing ceremonies for our archives. Depending on how our finances go this time around, we don't know that we can pay for the film or developing, but we'd certainly be happy to pay for reprints of any photos that turn out particularly well. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, contact Rick Schimgle at (918) 492-2822 evenings.

Be there or be square!



President's Corner by Kathy Anderson

As you know, we will soon be moving the Association office from Hillbillees. The Braxtons have graciously allowed us to keep our stash of office furniture, old files, and Trip Guides in a room within their complex of buildings. But the need to renovate the building has meant a need to find a paying tenant for the entire building space. We certainly can understand and appreciate that! Thank you, Wade and Norma, for being so wonderful to work with all these years.

So where will we go? The Old Armory in Chandler. They have offered to store our belongings in what was once the indoor firing range. Once the Armory is renovated enough, we hope to move into a true office space there.

We've not yet set a timetable on when to move from Arcadia to Chandler. The Armory wants to make sure the space they have in mind is swept and dry. We'll keep you posted.

While tossing and boxing items in the Arcadia office in preparation for the upcoming move, Rick Schmigle, our eastern Vice President, and I came across a number of fascinating items. Like archival photos of "before WPA" and "after WPA" images of the railroad trestle on the west side of El Reno; Michael Wallis being inducted into the Association's first Oklahoma Route 66 Hall of Fame ceremony; the placing of the first Historic Route 66 shield. Papers like a guideline to people doing radio interviews for the Association's first cruise with the first item being "The Association is not a car club." And sadly, letters of resignation from key people disenchanted with some rough times the Association had some 10 years ago with promises to come back if things aot better.

Today, the Association is a very different group. But those who once were active then left apparently never got the word that things have changed. However, our goals remain the same – to promote, preserve, and develop Oklahoma Route 66. If you know of any one who used to be involved but isn't any more, invite them back. Our Road needs all the Road Warriors it can get.

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Schedule of 2002 Meetings/ Calendar of Events

June 7-9, STATEWIDE CRUISE with east and west start points; Sockhop, Car Show /Rod Run and Closing Ceremonies in Chandler's Tilghman City Park.

June 23, 2 PM, BOARD MEETING – Seaba Station in Warwick. Open to general membership and the public. *Agenda:* Wrap-up discussion of cruise and car show; any new business.

October 27, 2 PM, BOARD MEETING – Seaba Station in Warwick. Open to general membership and the public. *Agenda:* Set date for 2003 Annual Meeting; preliminary discussions for 2003 Cruise and Car Show; any new business.

Odds & Ends

After the last edition went to press, Bill Fernau realized that a better description could have been given for the location of James' junk yard – on the south side of current 66, 1.6 miles east of the junction of 33 and 66 (turnpike entrance).

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Grovefest Car and Bike Show will be held June 16<sup>th</sup>. Contact the Grove Area Chamber of Commerce at 918-786-9079. Located on Hwy 59, Grove is not that far from Route 66. Grove also wanted us to let our readers know that from April through August, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, starting at 6 pm at the Lakeview Shopping Center just north of Grove on Hwy 59, a casual cruise is held. Call the Helms at 918-786-4626 for more information.

Mark Curran's "Elvis On 66" tour in Oklahoma: July 4, 7:30 pm at the Coleman Theatre in Miami; July 6, 7 pm, Main Street Festival Show at the Pavilion in the Park, Sayre; July 7, 8 pm, Holiday Inn Express Outdoor Show on Old 66.

Lebanon, Missouri's Route 66 Festival will be held September 6 & 7. Michael Wallis will be the featured speaker. For more information call (417) 532-4642.

The Missouri Route 66 Association's Motor Tour will be held September 6-8. Call (314) 832-2536 for more information.



The Oklahoma Route 66 Association proudly presents

# The 2002 Annual Statewide Cruise & Car Show/Rod Run

## Friday, June 7 – Saturday, June 8 – Sunday, June 9

It's time to dig out your best 50s costume, a folding chair, and a pair of fuzzy dice! Join Route 66 enthusiasts and nostalgia buffs from all over the country for the Oklahoma Route 66 Association's annual statewide cruise. You don't need a classic car to participate – just a love for the Mother Road!

The **West Cruise** will begin at the Old Hotel Bed and Breakfast in Sayre. The **East Cruise** will begin at Waylan's KuKu Burgers in Miami. Participants will cruise one-half of the state. Take one day (Saturday, June 8) or two days (Friday June 7 and Saturday June 8, which is what we recommend) to complete the cruise of your choice, getting your passport stamped by at least one authorized checkpoint per designated Route 66 community. **Closing festivities** and the **Car Show/Rod Run** will be held Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> at Tilghman Park in Chandler.

Cruisers who complete the cruise, turn in valid passports, and are present for the closing ceremonies are eligible for **Door Prizes**. The Grand Door Prize will be a 1966 Ford Thunderbird! A special cash prize will be awarded to a cruiser (selected by random draw) who visits all of the checkpoints.

Other events include:

- Oklahoma Route 66 Association's 50s-style Saturday night sockhop under the stars with DJ Kent Jones, KOMA Radio, 1520 AM/92.5 FM, Oklahoma's Oldies Station and long time supporter of Oklahoma Route 66. (Be sure to visit Kent's web site at www.mobilemusic.bigstep.com!)
- Community events like Chandler's Ice Cream Festival, El Reno's Small Town Weekend, Evening Car Show and sockhop in Miami, a pancake breakfast to benefit Chandler's Senior Center and the Chandler Old Armory restoration fund, tours of Chandler's Old Armory, and more.



Drive the family car, motorcycle, or a classic car – but drive something and come join us!

The Oklahoma Route 66 Association proudly presents the



## 2002 Oklahoma Route 66 Statewide Cruise & Car Show/Rod Run

### Fri. June 7 – Sat. June 8 – Sun. June 9, 2002

## **Registration Form – Cruise only**

Fill out and bring to either start point site (see bottom for locations) on Friday, June 7 from 9 am - 5 pm or Saturday, June 8 from 9 am - 11 am. Be on time or be left behind! Make your check or money order payable to: Oklahoma Route 66 Association. A \$20 recovery fee will be charged for bad checks. No refunds will be given as the cruise will be held rain or shine.

Registration for the Car Show/Rod Run will be held on Saturday, June 8 from 4 pm - 7:30 pm and on Sunday, June 9 from 9 am - 12 noon on-site at Chandler's Tilghman Park. Car Show/Rod Run will be held from noon to 3 pm on Sunday. Fee will be \$10 for those who cruised (show your cruise passport), \$15 for car show only. While supplies last, cruise tee-shirts and other merchandise will be available for sale at both start points on Friday and Saturday and then on Sunday in Chandler during the Car Show/Rod Run and Closing Ceremonies. Additional information, such as a schedule of events, motel listings, cruise rules, etc., is posted on our web site: www.oklahomaroute66.com. This information will also be in the cruise packet that each cruise vehicle receives upon registration.

#### State Association Annual Membership (check one):

| Join (or renew) now and save on your cruise reg   | istration fees! |
|---|-----------------|
| Individual \$15 Family \$25 Business<br>Supporter \$50 Benefactor \$100   | \$35            |
| <b>Registration Cruise Entry Fees:</b><br>Non-OK Route 66 Association member<br>Member (must be current, bring your membership card)<br>Extra passports (for passengers who<br>wish to be eligible for door prizes) | \$25 <b>66</b>  |
| Driver, passport, and/or membership information   |                 |
| Address:  |                 |
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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/Rod Run from any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments, 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.

#### CRUISE START POINTS

West: Sayre \_\_\_\_\_ Register at Old Hotel Bed and Breakfast, 313 W. Main.

East: Miami Register at Waylan's KuKu Burgers, 915 N. Main.

#### 2002 Cruise and Car Show: Rules, Regulations, and the Fine Print

Start Points: The two start points are Waylan's KuKu Burgers at 915 N. Main in Miami and the Old Hotel Bed and Breakfast at 311 W. Main in Sayre. You can register at either location on Friday, June 7 from 9 am - 5 pm or on Saturday, June 8 from 9 am - 11 am. Be prompt or be left behind! Early bird registration in Miami will also be held on Thursday night at Pizza Hut Express, 101 "A" NW, from 6 pm to 10 pm.

*How the Cruise works:* When a driver receives his or her cruise packet, a passport will be provided. Extra passports may be purchased for passengers. Every cruiser must take his or her passport to at least one of the designated businesses in each listed community and get it stamped and initialed. Cruisers must visit the businesses during their hours of operation. Only one designated checkpoint per community has to be visited, but cruisers are welcome to collect all stamps/initials in order to go for a special cash jackpot. Failure to collect the minimum of one authorized stamp with initials per designated community will result in an invalid passport and the holder will not be eligible to win any door prizes.

*Cruise Packets:* Each driver receives a cruise packet. This contains the passport, a dash card with the entrant number, the Association's Trip Guide which contains maps and driving directions (and more) for the Route itself, the Schedule of Events, a list of motels, flyers about affiliated events in El Reno, Miami, and Chandler, various tourism items, the Rules/Regulations/Fine Print, and a 2002 Oklahoma Route 66 Association dash plaque. Participants who purchase a passport will only receive the passport. In other words, only one cruise packet per vehicle, unless you wish to register your passenger at full price. If there are any dash plaques left over by the time everyone gathers in Chandler, the extras will be available for sale.

**Checkpoints:** Most checkpoints are supposed to remain open at least from 9 am to 5 pm. Specific hours of operation for each business are listed on the passport. However, as many of our checkpoints are family-run, it is possible that a business may have to close due to an emergency. Should a cruiser arrive at a checkpoint during normal business hours to find that it is closed, he or she should note on the passport the time they arrived and note that it is closed. Many towns have more than one checkpoint and so the cruiser should go to another designated checkpoint in that town. However, some towns only have one checkpoint and so the cruiser has no choice but to leave the community. Association officials will compare other passports to check the validity of the noted store closures. Should it be determined that the checkpoint was indeed closed, no penalty/disqualification will be assessed for the lack of stamp and initials.

Do NOT ask one business to place their stamp and initials in another business's spot on the passport. That is cheating. Anyone who does this will be disqualified from the "visited-all-checkpoints" cash drawing. As each business has its own unique stamp, this will be easy to spot. This also means you <u>must</u> make sure that each business places the stamp in the correct box. Should a business erroneously stamp in the wrong box, have them write a note out to the side. Then the business whose box was filled in by accident should stamp in the other business' box and also write a note to the side.

Cruisers do not have to visit the checkpoints in the order given on the passport. This may be especially helpful if you find your time slipping away and you realize that you will miss a needed checkpoint unless you go out of order.

*Turning in passports:* Completed passports may be turned in at Chandler's Tilghman Park on Saturday evening from 4 pm to 7:30 pm or on Sunday from 9 am to 10 am. Passports will not be accepted after that time, making the cruiser ineligible for any prizes.

*How to win door prizes:* To be eligible to win any Cruise door prize given out on Sunday June 9, including the Grand Door Prize of the T-Bird, you must register for the Cruise, pay your entry fee, participate in the Cruise, and turn in a complete and validated passport on time. You will be given a ticket stub, which you must not lose. You must also be present at the closing ceremonies during the drawing(s) to claim your prize. Failure to do any one of these steps will make you ineligible to win any door prize, including the T-Bird. All tickets will go into one container, and the winner of the T-Bird will be selected by a random draw from that container. Other door prizes will also be awarded by random draw.

People who register only for the Car Show/Rod Run are not eligible to win the T-Bird or any other Cruisebased door prizes.

**Door Prizes:** A 1966 Ford Thunderbird is our Grand Door Prize. It cannot be won by entering a sweepstakes or buying a raffle ticket. The Oklahoma Route 66 Association cannot be held liable for the condition of the T-Bird once it is turned over to the winner. The car is believed to be in good working order. However, it is understood that the car will be awarded "as is."

The car, like our other door prizes, will be given away by random ticket draw. Tickets are given out to those cruisers who turn in validated passports. Other door prizes include items from Frankoma Pottery, a one-night stay at the Route 66 Drive Inn Hotel and Suites in Oklahoma City, Limited Edition Route 66 postmark art, 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Route 66 DVD Collector's sets, Oklahoma tourism posters featuring the Chandler Phillips 66 station, Route 66 map

sets, and more. The Grand Door Prize was purchased by the Association. All other door prizes were donated by Association members and the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation.

Board Members of the Oklahoma Route 66 Association (county reps and officers) are not eligible to win the Grand Door Prize.

"Visited-All-Checkpoints" special cash jackpot: A special \$250.00 cash jackpot will also be awarded. Cruisers who visit every checkpoint on their passport (getting it stamped and signed by every possible checkpoint) and turn in the passport on time and the passport is then validated, will be issued an additional special ticket stub, which must not be lost. These special tickets will go into a separate container and one winner, who must be present to win, will be selected by random draw. Missing even one checkpoint will disqualify the passport for the special cash jackpot. Having a business to place its stamp in another business's spot will disqualify the passport too.

*Taxes:* Winners are responsible for their own taxes. Whoever wins the Thunderbird will be given an IRS Form 1099 at the event. If the winner chooses not to accept the T-Bird, another ticket/winner will be drawn from the pot.

**Sockhop:** The 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm 1950s sockhop on Saturday night at Chandler's Tilghman Park is free. Kent Jones of KOMA Radio, Oklahoma's Oldies Station (92.5 FM/1520 AM), will be the DJ again this year. A costume contest will be held so we encourage you to dress the part. Participants will be urged to contribute to a 50/50 pot that will be awarded that night. Half the dollars collected will go to the winner of the 50/50 pot, the other half will help defray the cost of the sockhop.

*Car Show/Rod Run:* Anyone wishing to enter a car in the Sunday Car Show/Rod Run can do so from 4 pm to 7:30 pm Saturday evening at Tilghman Park or on Sunday from 9 am to 12 noon. A discount on the registration cost is available to cruisers who show their passport or official dash card. This is an open event, with no particular car classes. Trophies will be awarded based on a number of fun categories. Car games will be held too.

**Open to the public:** On Sunday, starting at 9 am, the general public is invited to come to the Park to look at the cars entered in the Car Show and find out who wins the various door prizes. There is no admission charge to the general public for the Sunday events.

**Vendors:** Vendors are welcome to set up in the Park on Sunday. As this is a family-oriented event, the Association asks that interested vendors contact the Association first by calling (405) 258-6700 and asking for Sue. The Association is asking all vendors for a \$20 registration fee/donation. These fees, in their entirety, will go to the Chandler Armory restoration project. Vendors should coordinate with Jack Sims, who is also handling the car show, when they arrive on Sunday for location assignment.

The Oklahoma Route 66 Association will have several items available for sale at both start points as well as at Tilghman Park. These will include our official 2002 Cruise Tee-shirts, tote bags, and our limited edition 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary postmark envelopes.

**Other activities:** On our Schedule of Events, a number of other activities are listed – such as a pancake breakfast, ice cream festival, armory tours, etc. Although not "official" parts of our cruise, we urge you to participate in these other events. The purpose behind our cruise is to encourage people to travel the route and see what the various Route 66 communities have to offer. By taking the time to explore these other events, you reinforce the importance of tourism along Route 66 – and you'll have a great time.

#### Fees for Oklahoma Route 66 Association Cruise and Car Show/Rod Run events:

Cruise registration (nonmember of OK Route 66 Association): 25.00 Cruise registration (member of OK Route 66 Association): 20.00 Extra passport (for passengers who want to play along): 15.00 Sunday Car Show/Rod Run registration if also doing cruise: 10.00 Sunday Car Show/Rod Run only: 15.00

**The Fine Print:** Cruise and Car Show entrants must have a valid driver's license and current proof of insurance. When you participate in our activities, 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.

No refunds will be given as the Cruise and Car show will be held rain or shine. BE SURE TO BRING A LAWN CHAIR as seating is limited in Tilghman Park.

#### 2002 OK 66 Assoc. Cruise and Car Show "Schedule of Events"

(Some events are still being finalized and are others are subject to change without notice.)

#### ► Thursday, June 6, evening.

Meet your fellow two-day cruisers! West side

#### Savre

- Walking tour of old alignment and bridge ruin. 6 pm – 7 pm. Meet at the Old Hotel Bed & Breakfast. 311 W. Main.
- J & K's Route 66 Roller Rink.

6 pm – 7 pm. Free passes available – say you are with the 66 cruise. 103 NE Hwy 66.

Casual, <u>dutch-treat dinner</u> at River Bend Steakhouse. 7 pm – 8:30 pm. This is a new, very nice restaurant, owned by the Old Hotel B & B folks. 311 W. Main.

#### East side

#### Miami

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

#### Friday, June 7

#### **Official 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, shop, explore and still go for the special "all-checkpoints-visited" cash jackpot!

#### West side

Erick

Registration. 9 am to 5 pm.

Old Hotel Bed and Breakfast, 311 West Main. Clinton

<u>Oklahoma Route 66 Museum.</u> 10 am to 4 pm. Booking signing by Drew Knowles, author of "Route 66 Adventure Handbook"; meet artist Jerry McLanahan, 66 author, painter and illustrator.

#### Weatherford

Route 66 Twin Drive In.

Located west of Weatherford on 66. Gates open at 8 pm, movies start at dusk. Cost: Adults \$5.00 each, Children under 12 and Seniors over 60 \$3.50 each

El Reno

Small Town Weekend kicks off.

7 pm to ... Festival begins with – Brian "Elvis" Dunning, Poison Okies and more at Trolley Town Music Hall, 110 S. Bickford; "Relay for Life" at football stadium. Sponsored by El Reno Cruisers.

#### East side

Miami

Registration. 9 am to 5 pm.

Waylan's KuKu Burgers, 915 N. Main.

Evening car show, live DJ, contests.

6 pm until 30 minutes after dark. Register at Waylan's KuKu Burgers, event to be held across from Pizza Hut Express, 101 "A" NW; sponsored by Miami Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

#### Saturday, June 8 Registration Day 2 – Last chance

Short, two-hour window for advance registrants to pick up their packets and for on-site registration. Everyone <u>must</u> complete the cruise today.

#### West side

Erick

Registration from 9 am to 11 am only! Old Hotel Bed and Breakfast, 311 W. Main.

#### East side

#### Miami

Registration from 9 am to 11 am only! Waylan's KuKu Burgers, 915 N. Main.

#### Fun Central, Chandler

Tours of Chandler Armory

10:30 am – 4:30 pm. Armory. Fund-raising efforts are underway. Plans call for it to become a Route 66 Interpretive Center, among other things. It may even become the new home of the OK Route 66 Association!

#### Ice Cream Festival

Starting at 11 am and continuing all day at Tilghman Park. Arts and crafts, free family entertainment, free ice cream, and plenty of food vendors. Bring your lawn chairs. Sponsored by the City of Chandler and Hiland Dairy.

First opportunity to turn in cruise passports and register

- for Sunday Car Show/Rod Run
- 4 pm 7:30 pm. Tilghman Park. <u>'50s Sockhop, costume contest, 50/50 pot</u> 7:30 pm – 10:30 pm. Tilghman Park. Hosted by DJ Kent Jones of KOMA Radio, Oklahoma's Oldies Station. Free admission. Bring your lawn chairs to catch your breath between dances!

#### Sunday, June 9

#### Breakfast, Car Show, Closing Ceremonies Chandler

Pancake Breakfast

7 am to 9 am. Follow the signs to the NW corner of the Fairgrounds Bldg/Agri-Center, located 1 mile west of downtown on south side of 66 at Rozell Lane. Cost is \$4.00. Proceeds benefit a new Senior Center and Chandler Armory restoration.

- Last chance to turn in cruise passports
- Tilghman Park. 9 am 10 am On-site registration for Car Show/Rod Run

Tilghman Park. 9 am – 12 noon

Tours of Chandler Armory

10:30 am - 4:30 pm. Armory.

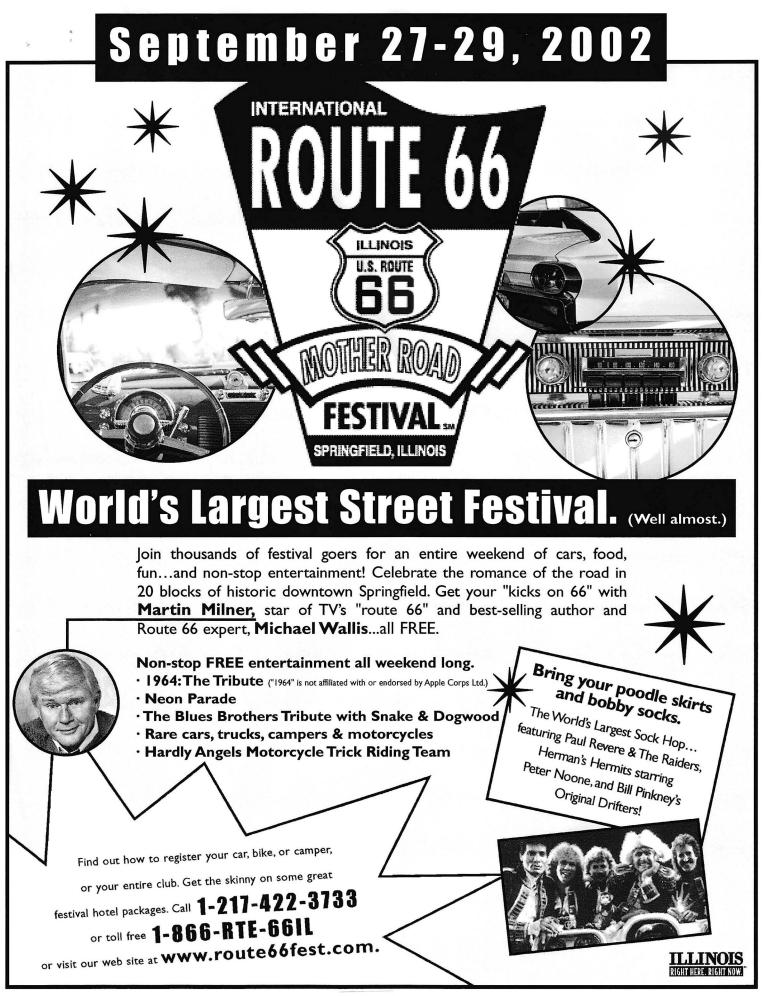
Car Show judging, fun and games

12 noon – 3 pm. Tilghman Park.

Car Show/Rod Run awards, Cruise closing ceremonies, door prizes, All-checkpoints-visited cash award, T-Bird drawing

3 pm - ?. Tilghman Park. Bring your lawn chairs.





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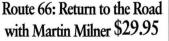
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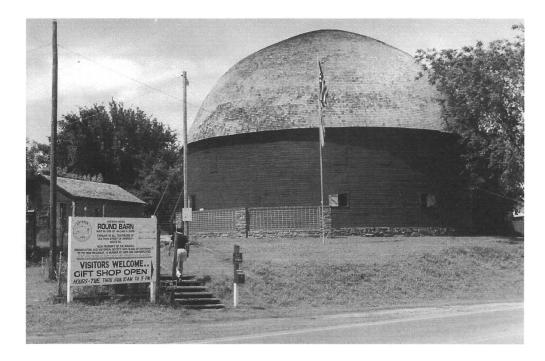
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