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## GET THIS PARTY STARTED!

Mark your calendar now for the Oklahoma Route 66 Association's spring mini-cruise and "Mediocre Music" show!

The fun starts at 8 a.m. Sunday, April 24, when we will meet for breakfast at the Branding Iron restaurant, located in the Days Inn at 1200 S. 10th St. (Route 66) in Clinton.

After we fuel up on bacon, eggs, pancakes and a few good, strong cups of coffee, we'll enjoy a leisurely cruise west on Route 66, stopping wherever the mood strikes us, examining anything that looks interesting, and just generally having a good time as we head toward Erick, home of Harley and Annabelle Russell, the "Mediocre Music Makers."

When we reach Erick, Harley and Annabelle will entertain us with good music, good humor and good hospitality. We'll have lunch with Harley and Annabelle around noon, then get down to business with a board meeting — open to the public — at 2 p.m.

There is no admission charge for the cruise, but you'll want to bring money for breakfast (prices vary, but the manager assures us you can fill your belly for \$5 or so) and tips (Harley and Annabelle don't charge for their show or their sandwiches, but your tips will make them feel loved.)

Other 2005 board meetings will be at 2 p.m. July 24 at Ollie's Restaurant in Tulsa and at 2 p.m. Oct. 23 at the Welcome Center in Oklahoma City. Fun activities are planned for these dates, so mark your calendar now!



# Calendar of events

**Photo exhibit.** Through April 16. "50 Years of Photojournalism of the Daily Oklahoman." Edmond Historical Society. Free admission.

**Will Rogers Wild West Expo.** April 13-17. Calremore Expo Center. Trick and fancy roping, whip cracking, trick riding, gun spinning, knife throwing and more. Call (918) 343-8129 for details.

**Western Heritage Awards.** April 16. National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. Call (405) 478-2250 for details.

**El Reno Heritage and Arts Festival.** April 16. Historic Downtown/Old Post Office in El Reno. Call (405) 262-8888 for details.

**Remembrance Ceremony.** April 19. Oklahoma City National Memorial. Call (405) 235-3313 for details.

**Festival of the Child.** May 7. Yukon City Park. Call (405) 354-7208 for details.

**Burger Day Festival.** May 7. Downtown El Reno. Call (405) 262-8888 for details.

**Nettie Davenport Day Celebration.** May 7. Main and Broadway in Davenport. Call (918) 377-2355 for details.

**Children's Cowboy Festival.** May 28-29. National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. Call (405) 478-2250 for details.

**Got information about upcoming events along Route 66 in Oklahoma? E-mail information to [sundayjohn66@mac.com](mailto:sundayjohn66@mac.com) or snail-mail it to Emily Priddy, 4014 W. 42nd Place, Tulsa, OK 74107. The deadline for the next issue is May 15.**

# How to talk to a news reporter

**By Emily Priddy**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the third in a series of articles about how to work with the press to focus positive attention on Route 66.

Being interviewed by a reporter seems scary, but it really isn't a big deal if you're prepared. Here is a list of advice to follow and pitfalls to avoid when being interviewed:

1. Know your subject.
2. If you don't know the answer to a question, admit it — then do some research and call the reporter back with the answer to his question or the name and number of someone else who can help him.
3. Be positive. An interview is not the time to air your dirty laundry. Talk about what's right, not what's wrong.
4. Speak in complete sentences. "Yes" and "no" are not quotable.
5. Don't speak too quickly. If you talk too fast, you increase your risk of being misquoted, because reporters are more likely to write something down wrong if they're going too fast. If you're being interviewed in person, watch the reporter's pen. If he's writing furiously, stop at the end of your sentence and let him catch up. If you're being interviewed by phone, listen carefully; if there's a long silence or a lot of scribbling sounds after you complete a thought, you're probably going too fast. Slow down.
6. Be patient. Most reporters have no clue what you're talking about. Be prepared to answer a lot of silly questions. Be prepared to repeat yourself. The reporter isn't stupid. He's just trying to make sure he gets the story right.
7. Think before you speak. If you say something — especially on the record — and then try to take it back, you put the reporter in a very uncomfortable position. Should he put himself in the unethical position of letting a source control the content of a story? Should he risk making a source mad? Whatever he does will be wrong. Don't trap him like that.
8. Don't ask personal questions.
9. Don't touch the reporter ... or his notebook.
10. If your event would make a good photo, suggest it. If there's something really cool on the premises — monster truck, live rattlesnake, world's largest corn dog, whatever — make sure the photographer knows. If he wants to photograph you, LET HIM. Even if you're having a bad hair day. A picture of a person will draw in a lot more readers than a picture of an inanimate object.

**Next issue: What to do after the interview.**

## MOVING?

**Be sure to send us your change of address so we can keep you up to date on what's going on in the Oklahoma Route 66 Association!**

**Time to renew your membership?**

Fill out the form on page 3 and send the form and a check for your membership dues to:

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# Preservation workshop planned

The National Park Service Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program is sponsoring a workshop on Route 66 preservation Sept. 13-14 in Monrovia, Calif.

Participants will receive information on a variety of topics related to historic preservation on Route 66.

Participation will be limited to 40 attendees,

and there is a \$150 registration fee.

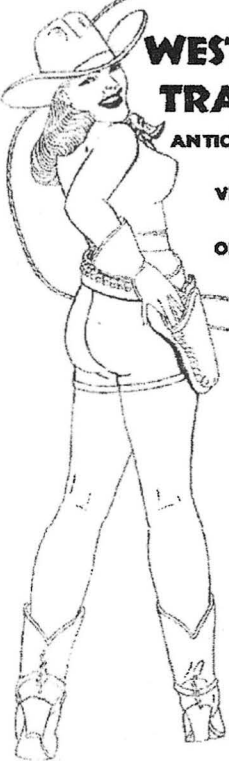
Deadline for application to the workshop is June 1, 2005.

Please make checks or money orders payable to the California Route 66 Preservation Foundation.

For more information or to register, call (505) 988-6742 or visit [www.cr.nps.gov/rt66](http://www.cr.nps.gov/rt66)



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# Association plans exciting year

From cruises to historic preservation projects, the Oklahoma Route 66 Association is planning a busy year.

Among the highlights of the annual membership meeting held Jan. 23 in Chandler were:

- Two bylaw changes, one to define a quorum as five board members and/or officers and one to consolidate the Blaine and Caddo County board positions into a single seat to

reflect the sparse populations and small geographic area covered by Route 66 in those counties.

- Discussion of possible preservation projects, including restoration of the totem pole at Pioneer Camp in Wellston, efforts to help travelers find Depew's downtown and stabilization of gas station remnants in Bristow.

- Creation of a committee to work toward federal Scenic Byway and All-

American Road designations for Route 66.

- Hiring of Marilyn Emde as office administrator and elimination of the executive director position.

- Election of officers and board members. Elected were: Mike Hickey, president; Emily Priddy, eastern vice president; Mike Stokes, western vice president; Ron Burden, Lincoln County representative; Brad

Nickson, Tulsa County representative; Jerald Ashby, Canadian County representative; and Rick Koch, Caddo County representative.

- Discussion of ways to serve businesses better.

- Discussion of the possibility of having three or four short cruises instead of one or two long cruises.

Complete minutes from this and other meetings are available from the Association office.



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## Golf scramble planned for Route 66 in Catoosa

The International Tulsa Route 66 Festival Inc. will be holding the Drive Route 66 Golf Classic on April 13 at the Cherokee Hills Golf Club on Route 66 in Catoosa.

Player registration is \$90 per individual or \$350 per foursome before March 15 and \$95 per individual and \$360 per foursome after March 15.

Proceeds from the event go to the promotion

and education of Route 66.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. April 13, with shotgun start at 8 a.m.

Lunch and awards ceremony will be at Cherokee Hills Golf Club at Cherokee Casino and Resort.

For more information or to sign up, contact Steven Rubert by phone at (918) 447-3422 or e-mail [srubert@scissortail.com](mailto:srubert@scissortail.com).

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Classic cars such as this vintage Thunderbird will take to the streets of Weatherford this summer as the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce holds its annual Heartland Cruise Car Show on June 17 and 18.

## Weatherford to hold Heartland Cruise

The Weatherford Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Heartland Cruise Car Show on June 17 and 18 in Rader Park.

The fun begins with a Friday night welcome party and cookout from 7 to 11 p.m.

Drawings will be held for cash and prizes, and awards will be given in 18 classes.

There will be a closed cruise June 18 on old Route 66.

You must register to participate.

Other activities will include a stereo contest, loud exhaust contest, swap meet, craft vendors, food vendors and more.

Vendor spaces are \$15 each.

Holiday Inn Express and Mark Motel are the host hotels.

The entry fee is \$20 in advance.

Call (580) 772-7744 for more information or to register for the event.

## Volunteers needed

The Edmond Historical society needs volunteers to help greet visitors, answer the telephone and assist with daily visitors' needs.

Positions are available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday through Friday and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

If you are interested in volunteering, call Marilyn Shwemaker at (405) 340-0078.

## Got news for On the Road...?

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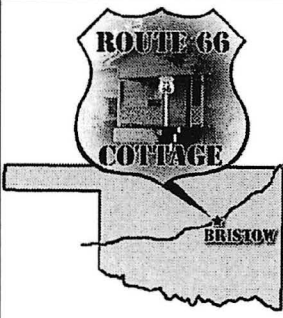
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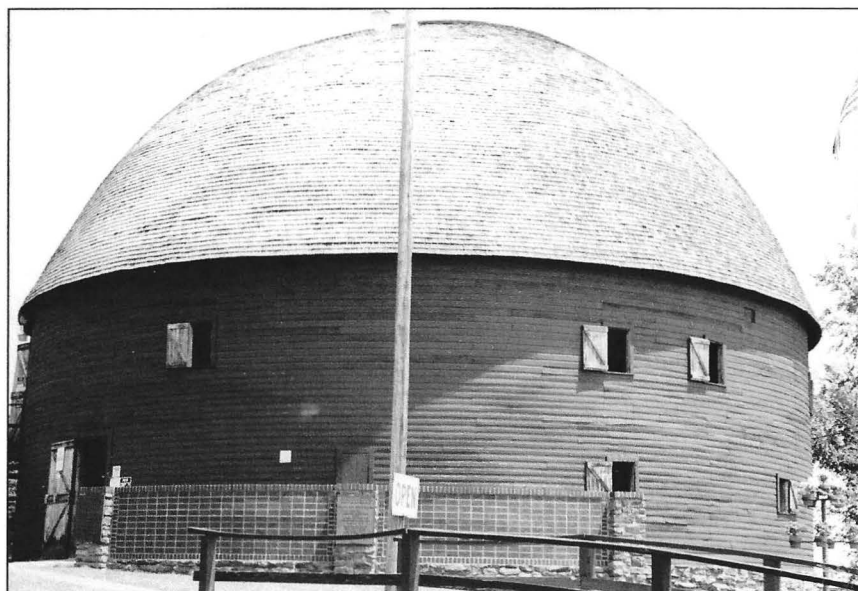
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