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## PRESERVATION PROJECTS ABOUND ON 66

The Oasis Drive-In sign on Route 66 in El Reno, which marks the site of a 1960s-era drive-in restaurant, underwent restoration this fall with help from a National Park Service matching grant. Local Route 66 enthusiasts raised money for the match with a "Luau at the Oasis" fundraiser featuring food and entertainment last year.

The National Park Service, through its Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program, provides federal cost-share grants to support historic preservation and restoration projects along the entire length of Route 66.

The National Park Service recently announced its 2005 cost-share grant recipients. Ten projects were chosen to receive a total of \$114,226 in grant funds. Two of those projects were in Oklahoma.

Seaba Station, on Route 66 between Chandler and Wellston, was awarded a \$23,000 grant for a new roof, electrical upgrades and masonry repairs to the main building, along with a new roof, window and door and masonry repairs to its privy, which still has its original commodes.

The station was built in 1921 and operated continuously as a gas station and engine repair shop until it closed in 1994. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1995 and reopened as an antique and gift shop.

Arcadia's Round Barn was awarded a \$10,500 grant for repairs to the roof, siding, door frames and window frames.

The Round Barn was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977. In 1988, its roof collapsed, prompting a communitywide restoration effort.

Applications for the 2006 cost-share grant cycle will be accepted from Jan. 30 to April 28. For more information or an application package, call the program office at (505) 988-6701 or visit [www.cr.nps.gov/rt66](http://www.cr.nps.gov/rt66).

Oklahoma Route 66 Association preservation committee members will have the opportunity to participate in a sign restoration project of their own this spring. Volunteers will repaint the neon sign in front of Tulsa's Tastee-Freez drive-in on East 11th Street — better known as Route 66 — during a work session this spring. Date TBA. E-mail [sundayjohn66@mac.com](mailto:sundayjohn66@mac.com) to join the committee.



Photo submitted

David Peck of Pauls Valley disconnected a chain from the Oasis Drive-In sign in El Reno.

# In brief

## Eastern veep completes fundraising run

Emily Priddy, eastern vice president of the Oklahoma Route 66 Association, ran the Nov. 19 Oklahoma Marathon in Tulsa as a fundraiser for the preservation committee. Priddy solicited donations from individuals based on the number of miles she completed. Details can be found online at [www.save66.com](http://www.save66.com). To make a donation to the committee, mail a check to: Oklahoma Route 66 Association, P.O. Box 446, Chandler, OK 74834. Write "preservation committee" in the memo line.

## Ultramarathon to follow Route 66

The Mother Road 100, a 100-mile foot race, will begin Nov. 11, 2006 — the 80th anniversary of the commissioning of Route 66 — and will follow 66 east from the Round Barn to Frankoma Pottery. For more information about the race, visit [www.motherroad100.com](http://www.motherroad100.com).

## Body shop gets 66-themed mural

Randy Chevrier, owner of Paintmaster Collision, 5950 E. 11th St. in Tulsa, is having a Mother Road-themed mural painted on the wall in his lobby. Chevrier collects Route 66 memorabilia and displays it in a case in the lobby. The mural — which was slated for completion by Dec. 15 — can be viewed during regular business hours.

## Norwegians to tour Route 66

Tor Gylterud, a Norwegian member of the Oklahoma Route 66 Association, plans to bring a group of Route 66 enthusiasts to the United States to witness the June 16, 2007, unearthing of a Plymouth Belvedere that was buried in downtown Tulsa in 1957. Gylterud reports that a group of about 40 Norwegians, driving 20 to 25 classic American cars, will also tour Route 66 in 2006. For more information about the group and their travel plans, visit [www.cruise66.com](http://www.cruise66.com). Gylterud would appreciate input from roadies about points of interest on Route 66. He can be reached by e-mail at [tor.gylterud@platou.com](mailto:tor.gylterud@platou.com).

## New blog spotlights historic highway

Ron Warnick, Scenic Byways coordinator for the Oklahoma Route 66 Association, has established a new Web site, [www.route66news.org](http://www.route66news.org), to distribute news about events and activities going on along 66. Users of some older computers may need to use an alternate address — <http://rwarn17588.wordpress.com> — to view the site. The site receives heavy traffic and has been instrumental in coordinating a letter-writing campaign to save El Vado Motel in Albuquerque, N.M. To submit information, e-mail [rwarn17588@yahoo.com](mailto:rwarn17588@yahoo.com) or call (918) 445-7495.



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# Queenan inducted into Hall of Fame

Wanda Queenan and the late Lyle Overman were chosen by the Oklahoma Route 66 Association as the 2005 Oklahoma Route 66 Hall of Fame inductees.

Queenan and Overman were honored at a ceremony Sept. 24 in Clinton.

Queenan, who volunteers at the National Route 66 Museum in Elk City and previously operated Queenan's Trading Post on Route 66 in Elk City, was honored for her longstanding contributions to the road.

Overman, who owned and operated the Carlyle Motel in Oklahoma City,



Photo by Emily Priddy

Mark Potter of Vernon, Texas, snaps a picture of 2005 Oklahoma Route 66 Hall of Fame inductee Wanda Queenan as she visits with fellow Hall of Fame member Michael Wallis at the Oklahoma Route 66 Museum.

was posthumously inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The induction ceremony

was one of several activities held Sept. 24 at the Oklahoma Route 66

Museum in Clinton as the museum marked its 10th anniversary with cake, punch and visits from state and local dignitaries.

The museum, which is home to the Oklahoma Route 66 Hall of Fame and a host of exhibits about the history of Route 66 in Oklahoma, opened in 1995. In 2004, Virgil Davis received the Cyrus Avery Award from the National Historic Route 66 Federation for his restoration of a Valentine Diner that now sits on the museum grounds. For more information about the museum, visit [www.route66.org](http://www.route66.org).

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## Evans attends festival, meetings in California

Kim Evans, treasurer of the Oklahoma Route 66 Association, traveled to California in September to promote the Association.

Evans attended a National Park Service workshop on historic preservation in Monrovia, Calif., where she gathered information and ideas to help protect endangered properties on Route 66 in Oklahoma. Evans also presented information about recent Association activities at a summit meeting of Route 66 organization leaders in San Bernardino, Calif., sponsored by the National Historic Route 66 Federation.

The summit was held in conjunction with the Route 66 Rendezvous, a festival attended by Route 66 enthusiasts from around the globe. Evans set up a booth at the festival, handing out information and answering festivalgoers' questions about the Oklahoma Route 66 Association.

Also during the festival, Shellee Graham of Missouri was honored as the 2005 John Steinbeck Award recipient.

Manoj Patel and his family, of San Bernardino, received the Cyrus Avery Award for their restoration of the historic Wigwam Motel.

# Board of directors meets

Oklahoma City is getting a new Route 66-themed park near Northwest 23rd and West Lake Overholser Drive.

Wendel Whisenhunt, parks and recreation director for the city, told the Oklahoma Route 66 Association board of directors during its Oct. 23 meeting that the park is expected to have its grand opening next spring.

Whisenhunt invited the Association to participate in the opening.

Also during the meeting: • Emily Priddy reported on the preservation committee's successful Aug. 6 workday in downtown Depew, which improved the appearance of the downtown area and inspired local residents to continue their efforts to spruce up the city with murals and other projects.

• Carol Duncan reported good turnout for the Roger Miller festival in Erick.

• Carol reported the Association has acquired the Rio Siesta sign in Clinton, which blew down in a storm. The sign is in

## 2006 meetings set

The Oklahoma Route 66 Association has scheduled its regular meetings for 2006.

The first meeting, which is the Association's **annual membership meeting**, will be held at **2 p.m. Jan. 14, 2006, at Chandler Library.**

All members are encouraged to attend this meeting, where we will elect some officers and board members, discuss possible projects, and set goals and priorities for the upcoming year. Please make plans to come and share your ideas.

Prior to the meeting, a special event will be held to celebrate the fact that Route 66 has been named an Oklahoma state scenic byway.

All board meetings are open to the public. Regular board meetings will be held at:

• **2 p.m. April 22, 2006, at StableRidge Winery in Stroud;**

• **2 p.m. July 22, 2006, at the Oklahoma Route 66 Museum in Clinton; and**

• **2 p.m. Oct. 21, 2006, at Route 66 Harley-Davidson in Tulsa.**

storage but eventually will be placed at the museum in Clinton. The museum would like to get a grant to restore the sign.

• Marilyn Emde reported that she is updating e-mail addresses for Association members.

• The board approved a

\$340 expenditure to cover 5 percent of the cost of placing an ad for the Association in *American Road* magazine. A grant will cover the remaining 95 percent of the cost.

• The board approved meeting dates for next year. See inset for details.

• Board members discussed ways to improve participation in Association activities and meetings. Turnout for cruises this year has been low, and many counties still do not have representatives. Open positions are listed on the front of the newsletter. Anyone interested in filling one of the positions is asked to call Marilyn at (405) 258-0008 or e-mail [okrt66association@sbcglobal.net](mailto:okrt66association@sbcglobal.net) (hyphen is not part of e-mail address).

• Board members discussed the upcoming 80th anniversary of Route 66, which will be a theme for 2006 events, including a possible celebration at the museum in Clinton, the planned Mother Road 100 foot race in November, and any 2006 cruises.

• Mike Hickey reported that he is waiting to hear information about the stone cabins in Kellyville, which a company is considering buying and donating to the Association for purposes of historic preservation.



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# Roger Miller Festival draws good crowd

By Carol Duncan

Roger Miller Festival organizers were excited about the good turnout for this year's festival in October.

There were more craft booths, more car show entries, more music, and more people.

A packed house was jumpin' to the sound of good music by Dean Miller.

The Erick Chamber of Commerce hopes to build a bigger and better festival each year.

The winner of the "Spirit of Route 66" trophy, sponsored by the Oklahoma Route 66 Association, was Larry Cooper of Sayre, who entered a 1949 Studebaker pickup.

Mark your calendar next October for Erick's Roger Miller Festival.

## Raffle winner

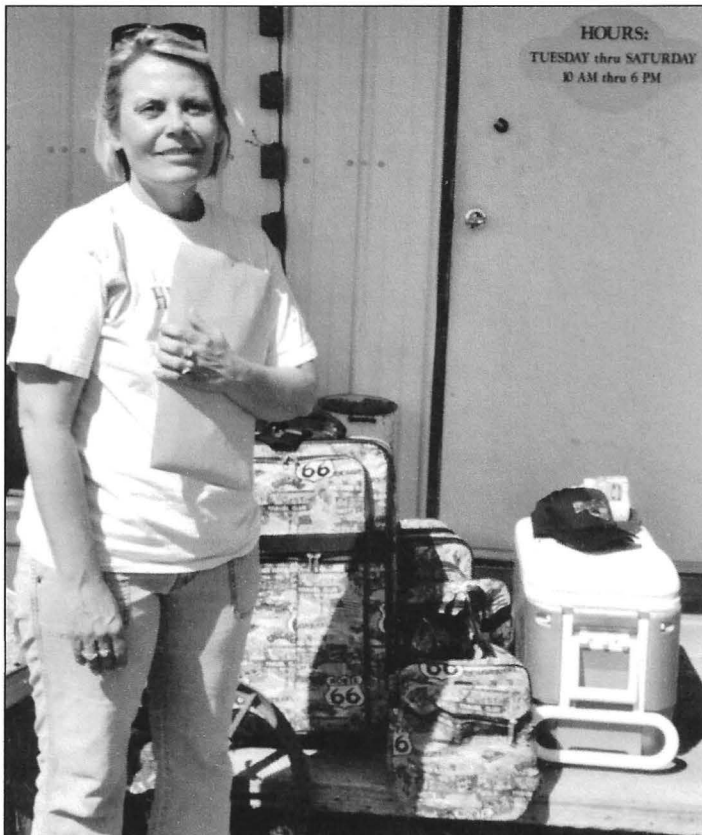


Photo by Carol Duncan

The winner of the raffle fundraiser for the Will Rogers historic marker at Lucille's station at Hydro is Mary Younger of Hydro. Mary and her family own an antique business on Route 66. The Oklahoma Route 66 Association would like to thank all the people who bought raffle tickets or donated money for the marker. Special thanks to the members who helped sell tickets as well. More help is needed. Anyone who would like to help can send tax-deductible donations to the Route 66 Marker Fund, Box 1731, Clinton, OK 73601. Will Rogers historic markers are located at the Grand River Dam Authority at Vinita, near the J.M. Davis Museum at Claremore, in west Tulsa, at the Oklahoma Route 66 Museum in Clinton, and at the state line in Texola. The late Darrell Ray of Joplin, Mo., worked to place similar markers in Missouri to bring attention to the road.



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**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE: FEB. 15.**

## Association to celebrate Byway status for Route 66

The Oklahoma Route 66 Association has something to celebrate this winter.

Oklahoma Route 66 has been granted state Scenic Byway status, and the Association plans to celebrate with an event next month in Chandler.

The Oklahoma Route 66 Association's annual membership meeting will begin at 2 p.m. Jan. 14 at Chandler Library.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Association will hold a special ribbon-cutting celebration to mark the road's status as a state Scenic Byway.

Details of the event have not been determined at this time.

Please mark your calendar now and watch your mailbox in the coming weeks for more information about this event.

# COME VISIT US AT THE ROUND BARN!



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