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I was reading the back of a cereal box the other day—it was about Route 66. The box stated “although the road has vanished from the maps, it continues to thrive in the hearts of people worldwide.” Route 66 has not “vanished,” Route 66 is not “gone.” It has not been entirely replaced by the “4 lanes.” Route 66 is a viable road. It has a few detours, but after 83 years who hasn’t had a little alteration here or there?

Recently the Association was contacted by a group wanting to form “The Route 66 Alliance” working as one voice for the state Route 66 Associations. After a lively discussion at our January board meeting, the Board of Directors has decided at this time to ask for more information about how this group will be put together, how it will be funded, and what the bylaws are as well as how the Alliance will function. We will keep you informed as details become available.

It’s not too early to be planning your May 1st and 2nd Red Carpet Corridor weekend. Bring your friends and family out on Route 66 from Joliet to Towanda for a great time! This year each community will have available a piece of a puzzle—and once you’ve collected all 12 pieces you’ll have a totally unique memento of the 2010 event. If you just happen to have a jumpsuit in the back of your closet, and crave fried peanut butter and banana sandwiches, then you have to stop in Wilmington’s All Elvis—All Day Celebration! On the road will be Motorcycle shows, car shows, flea markets, Craft shows, 90 miles of fun are planned for this year. Be there or be square! Come get your photo taken at the giant shield in Pontiac!

This year’s Motor Tour will be absolutely unique. So many people have experienced Motor Tour burnout—co-chairs Jerry Law and Jaime Anderson have worked tirelessly to put together an amazing tour to highlight our southern counties. We’ll start in Missouri and leisurely wind our way back into Illinois. The Hall of Fame Dinner will be at the Carlinville Best Western and we look forward to a great evening. The tour will end in McLean at the Dixie. State license plates will be available this year.

If you’ve never turned out for a Preservation Workday—your chance is coming! The satisfaction of working on a project that will be shared with thousands of travelers is so enjoyable—not to mention you get fed (We Work for Food!). Watch the website for more info as details become available.

Spring is almost here. I like my snow in February and March, not May or June so I’m content to deal with winter for now. I know we’re all restless and looking forward to getting out on the road—maple syrup time is coming, the Spam sandwiches are beckoning from the Palms Grill, and you can’t beat Pork Chop night at the Crossroads. All good things in time.

See you on the road-Cathie
Editors Views

With the recent passing of Lenore Weiss Route 66 has lost a remarkable advocate. She fought a long courageous fight against this ugly disease called cancer. She was brave and strong in this fight, as she was in every aspect of her life. Those of us who knew her saw her inner strength in everything she did. There was no stronger advocate for Route 66 preservation. She and her husband John gave lectures educating people on the history of the Mother Road in Illinois. Through their bus tours they sponsored tourism, bringing 1,000s of visitors into the small cities and towns, increasing awareness and bringing in much needed revenue.

Lenore was very kind to people she met and helpful to all. Her smile reflected what a beautiful woman she was inside and out.

Lenore was deeply loved and respected. Her faith in God, her friends, her family and especially her husband John held no bounds. Her friend Theresa once said to me, “Lenore collects people.” She was a magnet and people flocked to her, they were drawn to her friendly loving nature.

We will miss our dear friend and to quote Emily Priddy, “Travel well, Lenore. I can’t think of a better caretaker and advocate for those ‘many mansions’ Jesus talked about.”

God Bless Lenore, you are finally home,
Kathy Miller and Jim Jones
Co-Editors of the 66 News

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When driving Historic Route 66 through Joliet, you may notice signs for the I&M Canal Passage trail. The Mother Road and the trail share the same alignment along a stretch of Illinois 53 from the Route 7 junction west of Lockport south to Ottawa and Cass Streets, and northbound through Joliet from Jefferson and Scott to Ruby Street. While Route 66 remains our favorite road for its history and current attractions, a trip of a day or three down the Canal Passage trail has its own charms and places of interest.

The I & M Canal was constructed from 1836-1848 to create a navigable link between the Illinois River and Lake Michigan via the Chicago River. It created an unbroken waterway from New York City to New Orleans by way of the Hudson River, the Erie Canal, the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River and put Chicago on the map as the Gateway to the new American West. Thus established as a transportation center, Chicago would go on to become the hub of the North American railroad network and the eastern terminus of Route 66. The highway on which we all love to “get our kicks” is a direct legacy of the canal.

The portion of the canal that once ran southwest through Chicago was filled in for construction of Interstate 55, but the place in Chicago where it began (2800 S. Ashland Avenue) has been turned into Canal Origins Park. Featuring a restored prairie of native Illinois tall grasses and wildflowers, the park is a peaceful oasis of nature within the bustling city. Meandering walkways are lined with interpretive panels and artwork, created by public school students, representing historic scenes of Chicago and the canal.

The signed portion of the I&M Canal Passage trail begins in Lemont. Throughout its 75-mile run to Peru there are many remnants of the canal, including the stonework structures of locks and aqueducts that were engineering marvels of their day. Exhibits in Lockport’s Gaylord Building Museum detail the work involved in canal building and interpret the historical significance and commercial importance of the waterway. The plaza in front of the Gaylord is named Lincoln Landing and features a statue comprised of three connected figures of Lincoln literally pulling himself up from the Illinois prairie.

One of the best ways to get immersed in the early history of the canal is to take a ride on a replica canal boat in LaSalle. A one-hour round-trip journey on a restored section of the canal near Lock 14 features guides dressed in 19th century clothing and two mules that pull the boat from the original towpath. The tours operate May through October (www.lasallecanalboat.org, 815-220-1848).

There are many other parks, museums, and historic sites along the passage. Free maps of the I&M Canal Passage driving tour are available from the Canal Corridor Association (www.canalcor.org, 815-220-1848). As well, I will be presenting programs at Chicago area suburban libraries about the past and present of the I&M Canal—check my upcoming events calendar at www.windycityroadwarrior.com for dates and locations.
New Intersection in Sherman
by Amanda Reavy

Construction of a new intersection on Sherman’s north side this spring could spur a surge of new business and retail outlets at the Route 66 Crossing development.

The three-way intersection will link Sherman Boulevard (Business 55) and Village Center Road and unlock 35 acres just north of Andrew Road for commercial development.

“We’ve always known the intersection was the key to getting the development done,” Larry Quinn of Prairieland Development said. “We have had the infrastructure in there for quite a while, and we’re just finally glad to see things moving forward.”

It’s too soon to say which businesses are eyeing the site, Quinn said, but he expects to be able to make an announcement in 45 days or so.

“We have had a lot of interest from retailers, national firms and regional firms, that are willing to locate there,” he said. “Access is always the key. They want to have direct access, and as I tell everybody, this is the north end of Veterans Parkway for all reality.”

The Sherman Village Board last month signed off on agreements with the Illinois Department of Transportation and Prairieland Development to finalize funding for the estimated $695,000 project. The project has received $280,212 in federal stimulus funds, and IDOT has committed $75,000.

The village will pay 20 percent of the cost up to $121,000, and Prairieland will cover the remainder.

Bid-letting will take place in March, and construction should start this spring, Village President Trevor Clafelter said.

Quinn said the intersection should be completed by late summer. Once the signals for the intersection are working, buildings can start going up, he said.

The development can be accessed from Corvette Drive, off Andrew Road, but Clafelter and Quinn said interest in the area mainly depends on an entrance being installed off of Business 55. “You have to make it easy for people to get in and out,” Quinn said.

Clafelter said the village’s rapid growth also has made the area more appealing. Sherman has more than 3,700 residents, compared to fewer than 2,900 counted during the 2000 Census. Its economy also is starting to rebound slightly.

“The village of Sherman has bottomed out, and there’s a slight up-tick in economic activity. We’re seeing our sales tax revenue start to rebound, but it’s rebounding off of extreme lows,” Clafelter said. Quinn said he appreciates the village’s commitment to the project.

Prairieland Development bought the land in 1999. Though the development has been more than a decade in the works, Quinn said that’s not unusual. “There’s a lot of time, energy and effort that goes into (developments) until you get to the position you can start selling land,” he said. “Our company cannot thank IDOT and the village enough for all the hard work everybody put in on this.”

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NEW MUSEUM PLAN REVEALED
by Ellie Alexander

At Tuesday night’s Pontiac City Council Meeting, Robert Sear, representative of the Pontiac Walldog Committee, presented a proposal for a new downtown art museum. The new museum, to be called the International Walldog Mural and Sign Art museum, will have a dual focus. The primary purpose of the museum is to pay homage to the men and women who, through the ages, have dedicated themselves and their talents to the creation of large, outdoor advertising murals. The secondary focus of the new institution will be to preserve and honor the work of the modern-day outdoor mural painters, the Walldogs.

The Walldogs, a loosely-knit group of muralists and sign painters from across the world, gather each summer to continue the tradition of outdoor signage by painting murals in one specific town. Last year, Pontiac was the host city for the Walldogs and benefited from the creation of 18 new murals painted by these artists in just four days. The name “Walldog” was an appellation taken by artists who painted outdoor advertising signs in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Part of the mission of the modern Walldogs is to preserve the techniques, artistic goals, and the history of those earlier advertising mural painters.

According to City Administrator, Robert Karls, “The idea for this new museum came from the members of the Walldog Committee who planned our 2009 Walldog Festival. The committee came to appreciate the history of advertising murals in the United States and recognized the importance of the Walldogs’ efforts to preserve that artistic heritage.” Tourism Director, Ellie Alexander added, “We thought that having a museum here in Pontiac which features the history of this early form of mass advertising would be a great idea. We are centrally located, we have the expertise and support of our Walldogs friends to help us, and we believe in the importance of preserving this national cultural legacy.”

The planned museum will be located in the historic district of downtown Pontiac, and more information on the site development will be released as plans are finalized. The museum will have four main elements:

1. Tracing the development of a new art form by documenting the work of the Walldogs of the 19th and early 20th centuries.
2. Highlighting the efforts of the modern Walldogs to preserve the techniques and the art work of the early days of outdoor wall advertising, and paying tribute to this new generation of Walldogs.
3. Recording and displaying images of the outdoor signage art associated with the development of Route 66.
4. Providing a public art gallery where members of the Walldogs can display and sell both their preliminary sketches and finished art works.

According to Alexander, “Soon, we will start gathering historic artifacts, images, and other materials for use in displays. Contributions are expected to come from Walldogs, local history buffs, and other sources.” Mayor Russell stated that the goal is to have the museum ready for visitors by the start of the summer tourist season, thus providing an entirely new attraction for visitors and an additional reason for tourists to spend time in downtown Pontiac. The museum will be fully staffed with docents, and will offer visitors a unique experience.

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Wilmington - Saturday - All Elvis - All Day! Look-a-like contests, hound dog contest, fried PB & banana sandwiches, Elvis entertainers & more, starting at noon, downtown Wilmington; Sock hop 6 - 11PM, Moose Family Center, W. River Rd.; sidewalk sale all day in antique district. Sunday - VFW pancake breakfast (on Rt. 53), picnic on the island park; Rib cook-off and pie bake-off judging at 2 pm, BYOB bags, horseshoes, volleyball, music. 815-476-5991.

Braidwood - Saturday & Sunday - Expanded Flea Market and Entertainment for Young and Old, located at 195 N Front Street - Braidwood (on Rt. 66) in Garden Gate Parking Lot. Linda Thomas 815-458-0805.

Godley - Saturday - Cruisin’ Rt. 66 on the Red Carpet Motorcycle Show Classics, customs, new & everything in between on display; Fender Row - automotive vendors; Market Pointe - vendors: outdoorsman, arts & crafts, flea market Children Pavilion - activities for the younger crowd; Food & Entertainment; Awards Ceremony. Sunday, Cruisin’ Rt. 66 Car Show; Classics, Muscles, all makes and models on display; Fender Row - automotive vendors; Market Pointe - vendors: outdoorsman, arts & crafts, flea market; Children Pavilion - activities for the younger crowd; Food & Entertainment; Raffle Drawing; Awards Ceremony. 815-704-2373.

Braceville - Saturday & Sunday - Community flea market, food vendors and scenic trails. 815-237-2953!

Gardner - Saturday & Sunday, Meet and Greet at the Gazebo; Flower Sales; Saturday only - 5K Fun Do-Run-Run & Bake Sale at the Gazebo. Sunday - enjoy Route 66 root beer floats, hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn and much more at Gardner Chronicle Antiques & Gifts, contact Cathy Tidyman, 815-237-2727!
Dwight - Saturday & Sunday - town-wide garage sales; Becker Texaco Welcome Center open 9 - 4PM. Visit and Discover Historic Dwight - the home of Windmills, Waddle & Wright! 815-584-3077.

Odell - Saturday & Sunday - historical standard oil station and delicious meals by St. Paul Church. Contact Village of Odell, 815-998-2133.

Pontiac - Saturday & Sunday - Museums, Murals, Merchants & More! Grand Opening of the International Walldog Mural & Sign Art Museum! Courthouse square filled with antiques, crafts & entertainment; city wide garage sales. Meet the “Route 66 - A Photo Journal” exhibit photographer, Michael Campanelli. Saturday only - Photo’s at the Route 66 Museum Mural; Downtown Carnival Thursday - Sunday too! Contact Ellie Alexander, 815-844-5847.

Chenoa - awaiting info from Phaedra Price

Lexington - Saturday & Sunday - Food - homemade pies, Rt 66 root beer floats, fried river rats, brats, walking taco, corn dogs, burgers and more...Flea Market, Master Gardener booth - bring your questions, Cushman scooters, Martin Implement tractor display, city-wide garage sales - maps at city booth. Bring the kids! Lexington school activities and entertainment, games, rides, face painting and much more. Stop by and visit the Genealogical fort open in downtown. Saturday only - 11AM, 1st annual bed race down old Rt. 66 - Memory Lane; 2PM auction. Sunday only - 1PM, dedication of the Route 66 pavilion & donor’s bricks; 2PM children’s parade 309-365-3331.

Towanda - Saturday & Sunday - Come visit our town for lots of fun! Town wide garage sales; flea market in North Park with antiques, crafts, food, and live entertainment both days! Don’t forget to visit Scheck’s Route 66 Garage & Kick’s Bar

Route 66 Memorabilia Display

It all started in 2003 after Len and Doris Roesner attended a presentation by Tom Tegue at the Crete Public Library. Tom’s presentation regarding his book “Searching for 66” was so intriguing that Len and Doris did indeed search for Route 66.

It didn’t take long before Route 66 became somewhat of an obsession. Numerous road trips including the Illinois and Missouri Motor Tours, and one Arizona Fun Run provided miles of adventure, meeting people, amazing scenery and the fun of collecting memorabilia.

A couple months ago the Roesners realized how much Mother Road memorabilia they had collected, and decided to share it visually with others at the Crete Public Library. The display was presented in two large display cases and included something for everyone. Various maps, books, magazines, post cards, menus, clothing, pins, plaques, buttons, art work, videos and more, including an autographed photo of Martin Milner from the TV series Route 66.

The memorabilia was on display throughout the month of February, and was well received by the community. The library featured books of their own relating to Route 66 and soon was in high demand. If just one person was encouraged, smiled, reminisced or shared a personal story about Route 66 then, “mission accomplished”
Volunteers Needed for Confluence Trash Bash

St. Louis, MO – Volunteers are needed for a clean up event on Saturday, March 27, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Special things are happening along American’s Great Rivers and tributaries to bring back the splendor of the River to the people in the bi-state region and you can help!

Lend a hand by participating in the Trash Bash based at the Missouri entrance to the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge, 10950 Riverview Drive, St. Louis, MO 63137 and Creve Coeur Park, 2143 Creve Coeur Mill Road, St. Louis, MO 63146. In addition to removing trash and debris at the two registration sites, volunteers will be working with Stream Teams at Maline Creek, Cold Water Creek, Watkins Creek and Creve Coeur Creek. Volunteers will also be working from boats to help clean up the riverbanks with support from Missouri River Relief, one of the program partners. Sixty municipalities in St. Louis and St. Louis County are joining the effort too!

"Prepare to get wet and dirty, have some fun and do your part to clean up the environment and reconnect to the River," said Laura Cohen, Confluence Partnership Director. "The Trash Bash is an opportunity for habitat restoration in the heart of the bi-state metro area and some of the trash collected will be recycled into art during the event. Our goal is 700 volunteers. Another one of our program partners, Greenway Network, will be leading a simultaneous clean up effort in St. Charles County. Become a part of this region-wide clean up effort by volunteering to lend a hand."

The Confluence is a network of conservation, heritage and recreation attractions along America’s Great Rivers in the heart of our bi-state region. This linked system of parks, historic sites, interpretive centers and multi-use trails is being developed by a unique partnership of public and private agencies. The goal of the Confluence Partnership is to reconnect people to the Mississippi, Missouri, and Illinois Rivers.

Volunteers should bring work gloves and wear sturdy shoes. To volunteer for The Confluence Trash Bash visit http://confluencetrashbash.wufoo.com/forms/2nd-annual-confluence-trash-bash-registration/ or to volunteer for Mission: Clean Stream in St. Charles County visit www.greenwaynetwork.org/events.php?id=224. Individuals, civic groups or youth organizations are encouraged to lend a hand too! The Trash Bash will end with lunch at your registration site, the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge overlooking the Mississippi River or Creve Coeur Park overlooking the lake. For more information on the Trash Bash and other events visit http://www.confluencengreenway.org/in-events.php
To "A True 66er. She will be missed dearly by everyone along 66!" Bob Borowiak, Lincoln Printers.

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Lenore, you are now my spirit in the sky! My dearest friend, I love you and am allowed to take this final journey with you. I will miss you deeply but I can tell you will always be by my side watching over me. - Kathy Miller

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I was attending my first meeting about Route 66 when a man made me feel very unwanted and unwelcome. I left the meeting very upset and near tears. Lenore followed me out and told me, "Mrs. Estes, we are not all like him. Please come back in and give us another chance." That is the kind of person Lenore was. I will miss her greatly. - Betty Estes

If we were cars on the Highway of Life, Lenore was a classic Mustang convertible and I was a swinging hammer volunteer in new places, lose a son and survive, and that it was okay to drive down and guide us across Route 66. - Ike Widmer

"Lenore Weiss is a beautiful person who will be missed by many. Lenore is now with the stars. - Mary Turmel

Lenore was a wonderful friend. She knew how to make everyone feel important, and everyone loved her. - Dorothy McMullen

Lenore Weiss was an inspirational woman; as beautiful inside, as out; courageous and strong. I will not be without my true friend Lenore. She remains in my prayers, she remains in my heart, and she will always be the better person today because of her. - Laura Nelson

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I was attending my first meeting about Route 66 when a man made me feel very unwanted and unwelcome. I left the meeting very upset and near tears. Lenore followed me out and told me, "Mrs. Estes, we are not all like him. Please come back in and give us another chance." That is the kind of person Lenore was. I will miss her greatly. - Betty Estes.

If we were cars on the Highway of Life, Lenore was a classic Mustang convertible and I was a swinging hammer volunteer in new places, lose a son and survive, and that it was okay to drive down and guide us across Route 66. - Ike Widmer.

"Lenore Weiss is a beautiful person who will be missed by many. Lenore is now with the stars. - Mary Turmel.

Lenore was a wonderful friend. She knew how to make everyone feel important, and everyone loved her. - Dorothy McMullen.

Lenore Weiss was an inspirational woman; as beautiful inside, as out; courageous and strong. I will not be without my true friend Lenore. She remains in my prayers, she remains in my heart, and she will always be the better person today because of her. - Laura Nelson.

Dear Lenore, Congratulations on your most successful Preservation Projects: The Preservation of Friendships you created, too numerous to mention. Although you left us, miss you while remembering you with love and affection. - Bill & Barb Gwozd.
Tribute To A Special Lady

We loved her very much. She was a special woman in every sense of the word. - Elise Star and family

Lenore was such a kind person and we enjoyed talking with her and John. We met them a few years ago, on their Rte 66 bus tour to Pontiac. We found out that she had the same cancer doctor at Loyola where I am a patient. - Judy & Fred Hirsch

Lenore was a wonderful help to me when I was working on an article that referenced Route 66. - Mary Hamann

Lenore, you have the warmest heart, you always will. Thank you for being so open armed to Megan. Thank you for loving and taking such good care of your Mom. Thank you for being the right arm for John. Life is a Highway, and I know you’ll be there in Heaven. - Joe Gniadek

We are devastated by the news of Lenore’s death. - Ken and Eileen Cooke

Gosh, I just love Lenore so much, this is truly a sad day for us all : ( Tammy

She was a great gal and will be greatly missed by many people. Things will not be the same without her. - Jerry Holmes

The first time I met Lenore and introduced myself to her, she gave me a firm handshake, looked me in the eye and smiled. “We are truly lucky to have people like Lenore and John involved with the Route 66 Restoration Movement”. - Chet Nichols

The world has lost a wonderful and bright spirit. I am grateful that I had the honor of knowing her through her Route 66 and historic preservation efforts. - Amy Munro

Lenore was a fantastic person and will be sorely missed by all who knew her. Our thoughts and prayers are with John and the family at this time. Here’s to you “Pink Lady”! We are proud to have known you. - Tom and Jan Quillman

Rest in peace, dear friend, we leave you in God’s loving embrace forever. - Tom Brandsness

Rambler station wagon. It didn’t matter to Lenore. Lenore shared with me how to laugh, whip cream if I wanted to. I will miss her laughter, her sense of awe with even the most ordinary things.

Emily Priddy

of her mother through those days. She will be missed a great deal and she is in heaven looking

Savior and having a great time with Bob Waldmire on SkyWay66” - Ken “the Landrunner”

none she met was a friend. I’ll miss our long conversations about 66, our lives, our projects and

Bob; a dear friend. I’ll never forget. - Ellie Alexander

thoughts, and she remains in my heart for always. She is my friend, my strength and I’m a

nation of Love for all who knew you, the Preservation of Kindness you showed to others, and as

much too soon, we thank God for his generosity in sharing you with us. We shall always
Which Bridge Did I Cross?

By Brian L. Alexander

I have crossed the Mississippi River in the St. Louis area many times, either on Route 66 decades ago or Interstate 55 in recent years. I have tried to remember our road trips along Route 66 and match them to different dates or to special events. I have tried to remember Route 66 as it was in its glory days, in the 50s and 60s. Route 66 seemed to have changed in some way every time that I had taken it; either a different bridge that we crossed or the pavement itself.

I cannot remember the exact year that we crossed on the Chain of Rock’s Bridge. It was not 1955, nor was it 1965, it was some other year in between. The first time I traveled Route 66, that I can recall, was February 1955, (I was going to be four years old in May of that year and I was probably asleep by the time we crossed the Mississippi. (At that age, I had no interest in the name of the road or what the bridge’s name was.) Ten years later I traveled back to the same farm, near Sullivan Missouri, in July 1965, by means of Route 66. I was traveling with the people who owned the farm that I would be staying with that summer. I recall crossing the Mississippi River that time because it was quite unique; as we approached St. Louis, we could see that the St. Louis Arch was under construction. It would not be completed until several months later.

Originally Route 66, as did other roads, ran right through the center of many towns, but as the population of the towns grew, so did traffic problems on these highways. The second alignment of Route 66 generally went by the outskirts of town and the third alignment of the road tried to bypass the town completely. As the highway bypassed the towns they started upgrading the road from a two lane highway, to a four lane highway. “Bypass 66” was instituted in mid 1950s, so when you approached a town or city like St. Louis, one sign said “Bypass 66” and one sign said “CITY 66.” In 1960 the Business System was implemented; as you approached a city the signs would say “Business 66.” Business 66 was usually an older alignment of Route 66.

Route 66 and the road that replaced it, Interstate 55, travel through the State of Illinois from the northeast portion of the state, at an angle, through to St. Louis, Missouri in a southwest direction. Illinois’ State Highways seem to have a random numbering system and they may have been chosen in chronological order. Federal Highways (Route 66) and Federal Interstates (I-55) numbering systems denotes the direction that the road travels. A road traveling from north to south will have an odd number and roads traveling from east to west will have an even numbers. So Route 66 ran from Chicago west to Los Angeles, (even number) east and west. Interstate 55 runs from Chicago, south through the State of Louisiana, to New Orleans, (odd number), I-55 runs north and south.

Old Chain of Rocks Bridge
As the Interstate System that was started in the late 50’s by the Eisenhower Administration has aged; it now has some of the same problems that the Federal Highways had back then, one of them being population and the other traffic growth. The Interstates are now bypassing cities. All Interstates are numbered with two digits; if they have three digits those roadways are either a loop or a spur of a particular interstate route. The first digit gives reference to direction of the loop or spur. The loop around St. Louis is I-270; the loop starts at I-70 which circles around the city, and returns to I-70. I-255 by St. Louis and I-355 near Chicago, are spurs belonging to I-55, they start at I-55 and they do not return to I-55, they end by continuing on in another highway.

It seems that five bridges were used by Route 66, (if you do not count the other Chain of Rocks Bridge which was built in 1966) to cross the Mississippi River, from the commissioning of “The Road” in 1926, until Route 66 was decommissioned. First was the McKinley Bridge, the toll bridge was built in 1910 for railroad traffic only. In 1926 wings were added to the outside of the bridge for automotive type traffic. Route 66 used the bridge from 1926 to 1929. The northern most wing of the bridge was west bound and the southern wing was east bound. The second bridge is the McArthur Bridge, which was originally the St. Louis Municipal Bridge (also called “The Free Bridge”) when it was completed in 1917. This was the second bridge alignment of Route 66, from 1929 until the mid 1935. The Chain of Rocks Bridge was opened for traffic on July 5th, 1929, also a toll bridge like the McKinley Bridge and was used by the third alignment of Route 66 from 1935 until 1955. After 1955 the Chain of Rocks Bridge was used as Bypass 66. Bypass 66 went around St. Louis, instead of going through it. Bypass 66 used the pavement back then which would be similar to today’s I-270 route and to Gray’s Summit by way of Route 100. The fourth bridge is the Martin Luther King Bridge. Built in 1951 and carried Route 66 traffic from 1955 until 1967. The fifth bridge is the Poplar Street Bridge which was built in 1967 and carried Route 66 traffic and still carries Interstate 55 Traffic today.

A sixth bridge, New Chain of Rocks Bridge, was opened in 1966 and was used by Bypass 66 until the road was replaced by I-270, soon after it opened.

I thought that I crossed the Mississippi River in 1965 via the Poplar Street Bridge, but it must have been the Martin Luther King Bridge. I can only guess when we crossed the Mississippi River by way of the Chain of Rocks Bridge; it was probably sometime between 1958 and 1963. We, in all probability, used Bypass 66, because it started to become time consuming going through some of the small cities like Normal and Springfield, Illinois, not to mention big cities like St. Louis, Missouri.

I am looking forward to this year’s motor tour in June. rumor has it we will be crossing at least two of these bridges, possibly three. I will be one of the roadies taking pictures and notes. I hope to see you on the road!
Atlanta's Palms Grill Cafe Pie Baker
Wins Illinois State Fair Blue Ribbons

By William Thomas

Even though she had only been baking pies for a little over three months and had never been to the Illinois State Fair before, Atlanta's Palms Grill Cafe baker and head waitress, Lumi Bekteshi, won two first place blue ribbons in the Adult Culinary Division at the 2009 Illinois State Fair. Lumi decided to enter a peach, an apple, and a black raspberry pie in the contest. Her black raspberry earned a third place ribbon, while she won top honors in the Peach and Apple Pie categories. Lumi and her husband Nick live in Atlanta, Illinois with their two sons. Nick manages one of Rt. 66's newest attractions - the Palms Grill Cafe. Upon learning that his head waitress and wife had scored two first place ribbons at the Fair, Nick joked, "Now she'll probably want a raise!" You can enjoy one of Lumi's award-winning pies any time, as she bakes several times a week, so that homemade pie is available everyday at the Palms Grill Cafe.

Opened in 1934, "The Grill" (as the locals call it) served up home-cooked meals, BINGO games, and weekly dances in its backroom for 30+ years. It was also the local Greyhound Bus Stop, where if you wanted to catch a ride, you just flipped the switch for the light on the bottom of the Grill's large neon sign. The original Grill closed in the late 1960s. The newly restored Palms Grill Cafe reopened in April of 2009, and once again serves its blue-plate specials to Rt. 66 travelers and visitors. Bus Tours, Senior Groups, Red Hat Societies, International Groups, Families and Individuals are all invited to come to The Grill for a taste of "the way it used to be." In fact, a recent visitor to the Grill said when she walked in the front door she felt like she'd been transported back to the 1930s, as if the place had been sealed up over time. Phone 217-648-CAFÉ (2233) or email <eat@palmsgrillcafe.com> for more information, to make reservations, reserve the backroom for your family reunion or holiday party, or to schedule a program that includes a meal, BINGO, and music - just like the hey-days of Rt. 66. The Palms Grill Cafe is located at 110 SW Arch Street - Old Rt. 66 in downtown Atlanta, Illinois. It is open Monday-Thursday from 8am-5pm and from 8am-8pm on Saturday and Sunday.
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❖ Lunch Break Noon – On Your Own
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  ➢ a lunch buffet at $9.95 per person plus tax and gratuity
  ➢ a full service restaurant
❖ General Meeting 1:00 PM

Special Guest Speakers
❖ Kaisa Barthuli - The National Parks Services
❖ Stephanie Wonderlin – Hampton Inn
❖ Mayor Trevor Clatsfelter – Sherman, IL

Summer Meeting – July 18, 2010 Wilmington, IL
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK!

Happy Spring! Rainy, sunny, windy, it’s a real season! The grass is getting greener and the bushes and flowers are starting to bloom. With spring comes Road Trips! We’ve just finished the very successful Red Carpet Corridor weekend. At the museum in Pontiac we had over 800 people visit during this event. We did free photos of anyone who wanted to pose with the world’s largest Route 66 shield (the back of the museum), a big thank you to Cyle and Ryan Blitstein for their help with the photos on Saturday, and Johnny Miller for his photo expertise on Sunday.

This is our Hall of Fame issue. What makes our Hall of Fame so special is that the people who are inducted into our Hall of Fame represent good will, service, ingenuity, and drive. We welcome the new “class of 2010” to our 20th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet in Carlinville in June. The Hall of Fame Committee, headed by Johnny Miller, submitted to the Board a revision of some of the rules and guidelines of our Hall of Fame committee. It will allow more flexibility into the nominating process as we need to look out for those who are coming on the road and starting businesses to help keep our 66 communities viable. The “years” limitation will be lifted. Look for more info in the fall newsletter.

Several of our board members did a Road Trip into Missouri for the Route 66 Association of Missouri’s April meeting. It was very informative. The Missouri Association has a Neon Heritage Preservation Committee who would like to work with us on projects of interest near the Chain of Rocks bridge. We listened to a presentation of the ongoing scenic byway project on Missouri Route 66. It was a great time which, of course, ended up at Ted Drew’s before heading back into Illinois.

The meeting in Carlinville was fantastic. We met at the Carlinville Best Western and were happy to see so many members turn out for our meeting. We had 3 speakers. Stephanie Wonderlin, from the Hampton Inn in Lincoln and Litchfield, told us if you’re traveling on the road, tell the front desk at either the Hampton Inn in Lincoln or the Hampton Inn in Litchfield that you’re a Route 66 Association member. They will give you special pricing. Guest speaker, Kaisa Barthuli, from National Parks Services talked about the road and current happenings, grants, and funding along 66, Mayor Trevor Clifteler, of Sherman, Illinois, spoke about his plan to preserve one of the last true (authentic) rest stops on Route 66. The Mayor talked about and showed us his plans for taking the original rest stop and utilizing some of the actual Route 66 pavement in its development. This piece of land is a national treasure. I was very impressed at the zeal and energy of Mayor Clifteler and I hope Sherman realizes what a great mayor he is and keeps him on board. We told the Mayor that we’re available to help if he needs us.

The Motor Tour will be here soon. This will be our 21st Tour. This year New Mexico will be hosting their 1st Motor Tour, and the Missouri Association will be having their 21st also! There is something for everyone out on the road, and whether you write a story for the newsletter, “tweet” or post on Face Book we are always glad to hear from you. I got my pork chop dinner at the Crossroads, breakfast at the Icy Bitty, Ted Drew’s, pizza at Lucca’s Grill! I am content to be back on the road wandering the 2 lanes, fat & sassy, checking out our “66” communities. There’s no place like home.

See you on the road -
Cathie Stevanovich
Snuffy’s Grill in McCook

Snuffy’s Grill has been serving Route 66 for 79 years. The original owner ran Snuffy’s from 1930 until the mid 50’s when the Nikitopoulos family took over. Tony Nikitopoulos and his uncle ran Snuffy’s until his uncle left in 1969. At that time, Gus Nikitopoulos joined Tony. Today Tony and his wife Nancy run Snuffy’s.

Snuffy’s, has always been a haven to truckers, regular local customers, and Route 66 travelers. Snuffy’s is open 24 hours a day Monday through Saturday. Sundays they close from 1 pm to 2 am. It is very small, very compact to say the least. Seventeen stools face an open grill with the menu hanging above. There are only three booths along the wall of windows facing the parking lot. The total seating capacity is 35.

Snuffy’s is one of but a handful of original grills that remain in operation on Route 66. You won’t find table clothes or placemats but instead you’ll find a counter with stools that stands directly in front of where the open cooking is done in plain view for all to see, the way grills are meant to be. You’ll also find many colorful personalities among the regular customers who banter with the owners while they eat their heaping plates of diner food. Nancy talks of the many visitors from foreign countries and different states who stop to eat at Snuffy’s 24 hours a day. For nearly 80 years and still today travelers along Route 66 stop at Snuffy’s as they leave the city of Chicago traveling west or arriving into the city ending their journey. Snuffy’s is located west of Chicago on Joliet Road in McCook, before you reach the quarry as you are traveling west.

At this grill the menu is printed on an 8 ½ X 11 sheet of paper, and consists of plenty of sandwiches, burgers, breakfast items and just good cooking that will please any taste bud. The plates and silverware are real, no plastic trays or cardboard containers.

Lewis (Zoo) Barrick of Lincoln, Illinois (posthumous)

On February 15, 1935; Lewis A. Barrick founded Barrick Transfer & Beverage Co. in Lincoln, IL which operated on Route 66 for 75 years. The transfer company hauled meat, soda pop, and other freight up and down Route 66. The Lincoln Bottling Co. of Chicago was the supplier of the soda; the soda was in glass bottles and wooden cases and in the winters months had to be stored in the basement of their house.

In 1938 Mr. Barrick expanded his company to include beer to this soda and freight business. Among the brands handled over the next 56 years were Stag, Budweiser, Hamm’s, Old Style, and Stroh’s. The top selling beers in the early days were Stag and Budweiser.

Zoo cared about the Route 66 community. Lincoln had a large community of coal miners and many were his family and friends. Zoo’s father, Ben Barrick, built benches in the back of his truck to provide transportation to the coal miners so they may attend the “Mother Jones Monument” dedication in 1936.

Later he purchased a moving van and became a North American Van Lines agent. Many times he would take a load of furniture up to Chicago on Route 66 and pick up his soda before his return trip home.

In the early 60’s he started interlining freight with other companies for nationwide service. He operated terminals in Chicago, St. Louis, as well as the one in Lincoln utilizing Route 66 between these cities on a daily basis.

The business that was started by Lewis (Zoo) Barrick continues on today as Barrick Enterprises owned and operated by his son Jack and his grandson John.
Route 66 Association of Illinois
Hall Of Fame 2010 Inductees
The Deck Brothers - Girard, IL - Robert & Wyman

The Deck Brothers, Robert and Wyman operated a business that their family started in the Route 66 community of Girard well before there was a Route 66.

The story begins in 1884 when Mr. Lewis Deck opened Deck’s Drug Store and continued in operation for 117 years from 1884 to 2001.

In the late 1800s early 1900s the store was operating in an era when you did not need to be a trained pharmacist. Anyone could make pills by hand, and sell miracle cures and tonics. As time went on various descendents of the Deck family carried on the tradition. However, home-made remedies and cures eventually were no longer permitted. There was a need for increased education and proper licensing to operate a drug store.

In 1929 the Deck family added a marble top soda fountain to the drug store. With the soda fountain they became the “hang out” for the community.

Throughout the years, a member of the Deck family carried on the tradition of a small town drug store and soda fountain. In 1960 Robert and Wyman took over the operation when their father died.

In 2001 the Deck brothers closed the doors of this quaint little drug store. It took six years but in 2007 Robert and Wyman reopened the original pharmacy as a great drug store/museum, free for everyone to enjoy.

The building at 817 Hillsboro in Edwardsville

The building at 817 Hillsboro in Edwardsville was built in 1914, but the first records shows 1921. Way back in the 1800s the house next door to it was built. Most historic buildings are known by the people who originally built them. But, in the case of this building, it’s a different story. It was Halley’s for so many years that most people still know it as Halley’s.

When built the address was 317 Hillsboro, then somewhere in the 1930s the city changed the numbering system and it became 817 Hillsboro. The earliest records show the store as Barns Cash & Carry Grocery until 1927 when it was sold to Thomas and Mayme Halley. The Halley’s operated their “Cash & Carry Market” for 43 years. Halley’s owned the home next door which they rented to relatives. The Halley’s ran their store until the 1970s when they sold it before their death.

The Memmerle’s purchased the store and made it a resale shop. Feeling connected to the Halley’s they left the sign “Halley’s” on the roof for most of the 19 years they owned the property. In 1989 an article in the local newspaper state that Hazel Memmerle was very disappointed to find the sign missing. No architectural features or store fixtures where changed and still remain the same today.

The current owners Sam Makler bought Halley’s in 1982 and along with Colette Andre now operate it as the Springers Creek Winery. They use Route 66 on the labels of all their wine, but only the blush has the shield on it. In 1985 the store did go through a renovation, and again in 2005 because the store was hit by a truck. Now the store looks as good as ever and like it has for many years.

Next time you’re in town, why not stop in and check out this historic place and have a glass of wine.
Bob Waldmire was an artist, ecologist, vegetarian, a true Route 66 ambassador and her resident hippie. Bob lived his life on his own terms and that was to live his life on the road he loved. Bob was a special person who was known for his friendliness and charm. Each person he met was given his friendship for life.

His artwork, writings, and conversations with those he met, revealed his lifelong love affair with Route 66. Bob and his family are members of the Route 66 Association of Illinois Hall of Fame and were the owners of the Cozy Dog in Springfield, IL.

Bob painted the mural in the Route 66 Association Hall of Fame and Museum in Pontiac depicting Route 66 in Illinois highlighting many of the cities and locations from north to south. Known for his famous vegetarian chili he would set up camp at events selling his artwork, and food mixes donating portions of his profits to the host organizations.

Famous to Route 66 fans, family and friends, Bob’s artwork is highly sought after and has been purchased for public display and private collections. You can see his artwork at various locations across the United States and abroad.

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Ed Waldmire Family, The Cozy Dog Drive-In, Springfield

June 13, 1992
Ariston Cafe & the Adam Family, Litchfield - Steve & Glaida Funk, Funk's Grove
Dell Rhea's Chicken Basket, Willowbrook - John Stonecipher, Stoney's Service, Odell

June 12, 1993
Chester D. Henry, Illinois State Police, Pontiac -
Ervin Kolarik, Chicken Basket Restaurant, Willowbrook
Effie Marx, Waitress, Dwight - Bill Shea, Shea's Finest Truck Covers, Springfield

June 11, 1994
Hubert Henry, Truck Driver, St. Louis - Rodino Square & the Carmen Rodino Family, Pontiac
The Riviera, Roadhouse & Restaurant, near Gardner

June 10, 1995
Grace Brown, Larry & Debbie Lucas & Howard E. & MariAna McAnarney, Art's Restaurant, Farmersville
The Benedict Family, Chuck & Delmar Benedict & Eleanor Benedict Roberts, McLean
H. Burt Parkinson, Editor, Gardner - G.J. Mecherle, State Farm Insurance, Bloomington

June 8, 1996
The Old Log Cabin Restaurant, Pontiac, Marjorie O'Brien, Brad & Debbie Trainer
Eddie's Pure Truck Stop/Eddie's Union 76 Truck Stop, Towanda, Edward & Marjorie Baize
Wilton C. Rinkel, Farmer, Edwardsville - Irvin Brothers, Inc., Bloomington, Maurice Irvin

June 7, 1997
Rev. Dean "Shug" Benton, Truck Driver, Bloomington
Albert Cassens Family & The Cassens Transport Co., Edwardsville
Ralph M. Hay & Frank Hay, Hay Brothers Garage, Divernon - J. Richard Jones, Dick Jones Garage, Odell

June 13, 1998
The Old Chain of Rocks Bridge, Mitchell - Arline & Elmo Winterland & the Oasis Drive-In, Lexington
Sky View Drive-In, Litchfield - White Fence Farm & the Hastert Family, Romeoville
June 12, 1999
Casey’s Garden Shop, Bloomington - FitzHenry Oil Company, Joliet
Robert D. (Bob) Johnson & Brandtvile Restaurant, Bloomington - Rialto Square Theater, Joliet

June 10, 2000
Augusta “Gussie” Keller, Pontiac - Joe Edwards, Gas Station Owner, Lincoln
The Launching Pad Drive-In, Wilmington - District 6, Illinois State Police Headquarters, Pontiac

June 9, 2001
Coliseum Ballroom, Benld - DeCamp Junction Tavern, near Staunton
Standard Oil Gasoline Station, Odell - Watt Brothers Pharmacies, Springfield

June 8, 2002
Gordon Gunderson, Gardner - Lou Mitchell’s Restaurant, Chicago
Polk-a-Dot Drive In Restaurant, Braidwood - Schlechte Family/Worden Y Club Restaurant, Worden
Shea Family, Springfield - John & Lenore Weiss, Wilmington

June 7, 2003
Fassero Family, Benld - Andy Granatelli, Montecito, CA
Union Miners Cemetery, Mount Olive - Wishing Well Motel, LaGrange

June 5, 2004
Rita Erikson, Odell - Gray Family, Braceville
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June 11, 2005
Aggelopoulos Family, Wilmington - Ambler, Becker Families Texaco, Dwight
Atlanta Public Library, Atlanta - Chenoa Pharmacy, Chenoa

June 10, 2006
Willie Anderson Trucking, Lexington - Berghoff Restaurant, Chicago
Scotty’s Restaurant, Hamel - Leland & Storm, Hamel

June 9, 2007
Brown’s Wrecker Service, Bloomington - Joy Henderson, Pontiac
Roger “Sodie” & Shirley Soderstrom, Bloomington - The Curve Inn, Springfield

June 7, 2008
Brook’s Catsup Bottle, Collinsville - Leroy & Pauline Curtiss, Pontiac
Frank T. Sheets, Illinois Chief Engineer, 1920-1932

June 13, 2009
The Crossroads Diner, Mt. Olive - The Mill on Route 66, Lincoln
Sprague’s Super Service, Normal - Stateville Prison, Crest Hill

Tom Teague Ambassador Award Recipients - Tom Teague - June 11, 2005
The Wall Dog Museum?

By John Weiss

On May 1st a very large crowd gathered on the blocked off streets, on the square of downtown Pontiac. Folks were here for a very special ribbon cutting. The opening of the first and only museum dedicated to the art of mural or wall painting.

In reality, the drawing of special subjects on walls and stone is the earliest form of art work and storytelling. Travel into any old town and you are bound to see what is known as ghost mural images. Usually old advertising that was painted on a wall a hundred or more years ago. This special talent and profession are now being showcased at the awesome new Walldog Art Museum. Fascinating, informative, educational, and fun, it is a one of a kind experience that should not be missed.

The mayor of Pontiac along with tourism and other dignitaries did a wonderful introduction. The mood was positive as the ribbon was cut and the doors were swung open to the new attraction.

Following the opening, people were invited to view the nineteen murals painted around town last year by over 150 talented mural artists. Many of them were in attendance to experience the grand opening of this special place. Their pride was obvious as they talked about which mural they helped to create.

Pontiac is also home to the Route 66 Association Hall of Fame and Fame Museum. There are many attractions to visit in the progressive town. All of them are free, come visit soon!

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New in Chicago on Route 66

by David G. Clark

The sites along the Mother Road are always changing. Sometimes we lose important historic icons, and sometimes we gain new experiences. Three changes for the better have occurred recently in Chicago on Route 66.

The International Tailoring Building at 847 W. Jackson Boulevard (eastbound Route 66) has been on the National Register of Historic Places since June 2008. It is currently undergoing an interior renovation by Tailor Lofts, to be used as off-campus student apartments for the University of Illinois-Chicago. The gleaming enameled terra cotta now shines again, and the four clock faces show the current time in all directions just as they did when the building first opened in 1916.

The second decade of the 20th century was a volatile time in the Chicago garment industry. Most large clothing companies farmed piecework out to sweatshops that employed immigrants for low pay in deplorable conditions. In the aftermath of several worker strikes, companies like International Tailoring decided to build large modern factories and to hire the workers directly, thus putting the sweatshops out of business. This building is a legacy of that period in Chicago history.

While the International Tailoring Building towers over most of its immediate neighbors, it is considerably shorter than another building a few blocks further east. The Willis (formerly Sears) Tower's Skydeck has given visitors a bird's eye view of Chicago since the 1970s. Starting in July 2009, a new attraction now dares people to stand out, literally. The Ledge is comprised of four glass boxes cantilevered from the 103rd floor. Standing on the transparent floor 1,353 feet above the ground creates a feeling of walking on air, and allows for unprecedented panoramic views of Route 66 stretching west. The Ledge is available along with standard admission to the Skydeck. So stand out if you dare!

A famous Chicago eatery now has a new location on Adams Street (westbound Route 66). Al's #1 Italian Beef invented the beef sandwich back in 1938 in Chicago's Little Italy neighborhood. Their sandwich started as a way to stretch scarce beef during the Great Depression, slicing it thinly and serving it with au jus gravy and a choice of hot or sweet peppers on a large roll. Their business began as delivery only, catering to the needs of workers at nearby hospitals and businesses. For years, their only location remained in Little Italy at 1079 W. Taylor Street. The menu expanded over time to include Italian and Polish Sausage, Chicago-style hot dogs, and their famous hand-cut French fries. New ownership began franchising Al's in 1999, and the restaurant at Adams and Jefferson Streets is one of their newest.

So, on your next trip on Route 66 into Chicago, you can admire a restored historic building, catch a breathtaking view of the city from the Skydeck, and enjoy an original Chicago sandwich, all within a few blocks of the Mother Road!
Route 66 “The Mother Road,” is waiting for you!
by David LaRue Alexander

Long before interstates, expressways, turnpikes, and super highways,
There was a time when, you really went somewhere, to get someplace.

When the journey, had just as many memories, as the destination,
When the road you traveled actually passed through towns, and not just by them,
Real towns, not just exit numbers.

Where when you stopped you met good honest folk, who always had a kind word,
And genuinely seem to care that you safely reached your destination.

I remember those days. Time folks now refer to as: yesteryear, a bygone era, or simply put “the good old days.”
A time that now seems to exist only in faded photos, and in old TV shows.

Sadly, much of that road side is now lost forever.
Victim of the changing times,
Like gradually disappearing “Main Street America.”

Gone are many of the road side diners, motels, drive-in movie theaters, filling stations, soda shops,
Mom and Pop’s businesses, and neon lights,
But road weary travelers there’s good news!

You can still take the off ramp to that bygone era, and see how America traveled in the 20’s thru 60’s
Cruise and enjoy the sights and sounds of yesteryear.

Stop and stroll through towns that have hardly changed since the interstate passed them by decades ago.
Route 66, “The Mother Road” is still there, and it’s waiting for you.

Take a drive down Memory lane, and experience America like they did in “the good old days.”

GodleyFest
by John Weiss

At the conclusion of their very successful Red Carpet Corridor week-end the organizers in Godley made a very special presentation. The community selects and honors someone special. They call this the R.A. & Jeannie Willis Award.

This year the honor was presented to John Weiss and to the memory of Lenore Weiss. The text reads, “IN RECOGNITION FOR THE KIND OF COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION THAT CAN ONLY COME FROM THE HEART.” The plaque was presented by the Willis’ and an emotional chairperson, Catherine Costello.

John Weiss said, he was humbled and honored at receiving this award. Godley truly represents what the Red Carpet Corridor and its people are all about.
Four Days on the Road!
by Larry Delia

Bob Wills is the king of western swing. I've have had a desire to attend "Bob Wills Day" in Turkey, Texas for a long time now. This celebration is always the last Saturday in April. Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys traveled the mother road many times playing gigs way back in the late 1930's up through the 1960's. I had the idea to kill two birds with one stone so to speak. I could see the Texas Playboys at Bob Wills Day, and then take Route 66 home.

On Friday, April 23rd, I left work at 8am after a fortunate quiet night at the firehouse and drove over 16 hours to Childress, Texas where my hotel was booked. Along the way, I veered off of I-55 to stop at the famous Cozy Dog drive in for lunch. I enjoyed two cozy dogs and the many route 66 items within the restaurant. After a very long drive to Childress, Texas, I finally arrived in the early morning hours then retired for the remainder of the night.

The next day was spent enjoying the sounds of western swing music all throughout Turkey, Texas. The afternoon concert with the Texas Playboys was exceptionally good. Afterward, I drove to Amarillo that evening and stayed at the Big Texan for two days. I ate a delicious 9oz filet steak dinner and watched a man challenge the 72oz steak dinner. After about 45 minutes, I saw Styrofoam containers come out and I knew he failed the challenge. On Sunday, I drove Route 66 from the Big Texan into Tucumcari, New Mexico and back.

I took photos of the Cadillac ranch, the now closed Vega motel, Glen Rio, and the Blue Swallow motel. The highlight of my drive that day was the 18 miles of 'dirt 66' that leaves Glen Rio into New Mexico. On Monday, I drove Route 66 from just outside Amarillo into Oklahoma. I stopped at Lucille's roadhouse for lunch which has great burgers, then of course, took pictures of my truck "fueling" at the real Lucille's. I stopped at the round barn in Arcadia and ran into a route 66 local named "Mr. Sam" who has great knowledge of the mother road. I left Arcadia, and took the interstate just outside of the Kansas/Oklahoma border. Hopping off the interstate I drove Route 66 through all of Kansas where I stopped at the famous rainbow bridge and Eislers Brothers. When I asked the clerk at Eislers Brothers where I could get some authentic Kansas barbecue since it was dinner time, she directed me to "Chef Les". Excited, I drove in to find two smoker grills going outside in front of the restaurant. I went inside and introduced myself to Chef Les and told him the lady at Eislers Brothers recommended his "Authentic Kansas BBQ restaurant". Chef Les looked at me inquisitively then replied: "I don't know what she's talking about, I'm from Buffalo, New York and just opened up here"! As to not ruin my desire for authentic Kansas BBQ, I told Chef Les; "Well you're cooking BBQ here in Kansas so I'm saying you're authentic Kansas BBQ"! I had a delicious pulled pork sandwich, then drove route 66 back to the interstate.

Now off to Lebanon, Missouri where I checked in at the Munger Moss motel. I joked with Ramona, the owner of the motel that I wanted to go back in time and this is why I took this trip. Upon entry into my room, I thought I went back 50 years! The furniture, room décor, and bathroom were frozen in time! I couldn't believe how clean and well kept my room was. I explained this to Ramona upon checking out the next day and thanked her for keeping everything old school and not modernizing the motel. Ramona is a very nice lady and has a great route 66 display in her motel lobby. I then started home on Tuesday and took the interstate up to 'Devils Elbow', went over the bridge and took more photos. I got back on the interstate and headed to Illinois. I stopped at Dixie Truck Stop for a late lunch, and then Funks Grove for some maple syrup. I finally made it home after over 2500 miles logged, round trip. I learned one thing on this trip, you really have to allow plenty of time and enough days to drive the route. In each state, you can't help but to stop and take photos so you lose time. And I also found that people like to talk! Anyway, that's my Route 66 trip for this year!
Red Carpet Corridor Event

by John Weiss

With 90 miles of near perfect weather, people from all over Illinois and nearby states came out in droves. Every town surveyed said this was the best year yet. A strong, steady flow of vehicles cruised all of the twelve participating towns. The puzzle piece project was also a huge success.

In many places, parking was a wonderful problem. Some areas ran out of food. The Red Carpet Corridor committee will enthusiastically meet and discuss next year’s event. It is always the first full-weekend in May. There were two very special events that took place during this weekend. See their related stories in this magazine.

The Hall of Fame tow truck - Part of the newest Pontiac attractions. '55 Chevies and '30 style trucks were painted by local businesses and organizations.

Large crowds on Route 66 in Lexington for the Red Carpet Corridor Event.

Route 66, a magnet for walkers of all types!

We have received many contributions for submission and reports about Manu Cuadra, the stilt walker from France. As one of your editors, I thought that we should simply write his story with information provided by the many contributors. Thank you to everyone who supplied us with information about Manu, Kathy Miller, Publisher/Co-editor.

Manu Cuadra is traveling Route 66 from Chicago to Santa Monica on stilts that are 4 feet tall. On Friday, April 16, 2010, he left Chicago making several stops in Illinois along the way telling his story. He arrived in Missouri on Wednesday. His travel on Route 66 will be made on the stilts and at times by vehicle.

The Stilt Walker Manu Cuadra with museum tour director Jim Jones in front of the Route 66 Mural at the Route 66 Assoc. Hall of Fame Museum in Pontiac.

As he was traveling from Litchfield to Collinsville, Jerry Law and his daughter, Donna Meisner were searching to see if they could find him. About 4 miles north of Mt. Olive, they found him in conversation with a resident of Mt. Olive. Jerry and Donna spoke with Manu for a few minutes and were able to snap a couple of pictures before he continued on down the Mother Road. Manu told Jerry and Donna that his interest in Route 66 came from reading John Steinbeck’s “The Grapes of Wrath”. Donna related in her submission that Manu said, he wanted to experience this great road and it became a lifetime dream. At the age of 42, he is fulfilling his dream and doing it on stilts. Stilts are a part of his heritage in the area of France that he is from. Manu is from Mimizan located in the state of Landes. Manu explained that stilts are used to work in the forests. Manu said, “They are trying to preserve the heritage of still-walking as we are trying to preserve the heritage of Route 66.”

Manu who works in a grocery store in France was able to take this trip by generous donations made from his family and friends. Patrice Dobos who is traveling with him by car is there to help him navigate where he cannot go on stilts. The car contains a back up pair of stilts, three backup pairs of leather straps and 40 extra rubber tips for the end of his stilts.

Manu and Patrice hope to finish this journey in two and a half months. They average 43 1/2 miles a day.

Special thanks to Bill & Barb Gwodz, Jim Jones, Donna Meisner, Johnny Miller and John Weiss.
The Route 66 Association of Missouri, Inc. announces its 21st annual Motor Tour
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This year’s Tour will start in Gray Summit, MO and end at Schifferdecker Park in Joplin, MO. The tour will highlight the many places along Route 66 that we will look forward to seeing, stopping at, photographing and patronizing going into the next decade. The host motel for Friday night (September 10) will be the Travelodge Six Flags/Gray Summit ("Diamond Inn") in Gray Summit, MO. Registration will be held there from 4:00pm to 9:00pm that Friday night (September 10), and we have secured a block of rooms at the Diamond Inn for tour goers. That evening there will be a cruise which will feature choice local neon, including the Sunset Motel – an Association success story – and the Gardenway Motel.

More details on Friday night activities will be available at registration. On Saturday, the tour will proceed as far as Springfield. There will be "passports" available at registration and "passport stops" between Gray Summit and Springfield. The Saturday evening stop will be at the Best Western Route 66 Rail Haven in Springfield, MO, where a block of rooms will be held for tour goers. That evening there will be some fine bar-b-que served up by Buckingham's BBQ in Smith Park in Springfield. On Sunday, September 12, the tour will proceed from Springfield to Joplin, taking in a few more passport stops along the way.

The tour will conclude at Schifferdecker Park in Joplin with a picnic lunch catered by Columbia Traders Restaurant.

Registration Fee: $25.00 per vehicle
Saturday Dinner: $15.00 per person
Sunday Lunch: $10.00 per person

If you want to register for Saturday Dinner and/or Sunday Lunch, then we must receive your registration form and payment in full by September 2, 2010. The caterers cannot provide meals to late registrants.

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The registration form contains additional information about the tour as well as room rates and contact information. For more information about the tour and to obtain a registration form, contact Kip Welborn (314)-776-7385 (rudkip@sbcglobal.net); Jane Dippel (314)-843-7132 (vestaon66@es.com); or visit our website, www.missouri66.org, to print a registration form.

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Illinois Preservation
April 24, 2010 ~ by John Weiss

Once a site is restored, it must then be maintained. If not, it will deteriorate back to its original dilapidated condition.

Each spring a group of preservation members gather at the restored Standard Oil gas station in Odell. The yearly ritual is extremely important. Some work had already been completed. The local Boy Scouts cleaned up the subway location. The village of Odell moved the water line. The village also arranged to have the picnic tables painted. Our job was a wall repair, gardening, painting the bench and cleaning the bay area display. The gas pump was previously spruced up by Jamie Anderson and Kent Heiland.

Lunch (we work for food) was furnished by Odell Tourism. Soft drinks were furnished by Pour Richards restaurant. The volunteers were Ed Klein, Emmy Bates, Larry Libersher, Ike Widner, Bill Gwodz, Jamie Anderson, and John Weiss. Thank you one and all!

Board members Ike Widner and Bill Gwodz were part of the clean-up crew.

Preservationist Emmy Bates does some gardening on the Odell Station clean-up day.

A tour group from Czechoslovakia stops by during the clean-up day.

If you would like to see your Route 66 license plate in “The 66 News” you can email a photo to Kathleen708@hotmail.com (Please put “66 News” on the subject line)

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License plate of association member Larry Dalia.

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The Lost Scene
by Brian L. Alexander

I commute about sixty-eight miles to work everyday. Thirty-four miles each way and twenty miles of that commute is on Interstate 355. Most of the time, on the interstate, I am driving between Privacy Walls. Walls have been erected, that are designed to isolate automotive headlights, sounds and exhaust from the residential neighborhoods that the highway goes through. Each year more of these walls are erected, and less and less can be seen from the road. Another thing, small cities and towns loose their identity because more and more franchised restaurants and motels are built. The interstate corridors in Illinois are becoming lined with big square concrete buildings. It is difficult to differentiate between many municipalities, because they all seem to look the same. From this Route 66 Roadie’s point of view, travel and its scenery is becoming more and more boring each time I travel the interstates.

When we were young, we either wanted to sit up front with Mom and Dad, to see where we were going or have a window seat in the back. The right rear window was preferred because you could see more than any other window.

Traveling today between St. Louis and Sullivan, has left a lot of empty holes for me as far as scenery goes. There were some pieces of scenery that were missing. One of them was the caves in the rock formation in Pacific, Missouri. The Route 66 Roadway had been sandwiched between the rock formation and the railroad tracks. That scene was an easy one to find because Pacific has its signs on I-44. All it took was exiting and finding Old Route 66; even before Historic Route 66 signs were erected. Route 66 went through Pacific, Missouri back then and I-44 bypasses the town today.

I keep trying to rediscover Old Route 66; the more I look, the more I find. I have not only lost a scene but I lost a bridge and a town. The scene was the shimmering Meramec River. The bridge was the one that crossed that river on Old Route 66 and the town’s name was Times Beach.

I do not know exactly when I crossed the Meramec River on that bridge. I think the last time was early summer 1977. I went with my wife, Fran and 10 month old son, Brian, Jr. Our car, 1976 Oldsmobile Cutlass Salon, was pretty new at that time and I had a lot to show off and be proud of on that trip.

I do remember crossing the Meramec River that sunny day, the water glistened. The exit sign said Times Beach. The town is not there anymore. The sign today says, “Route 66 State Park.” I did some investigating and found that the town is no longer there because there had been toxic waste, dioxin, sprayed on the roads to control dust, in the early 1970s.

I also found out that the bridge that carried Route 66 travelers before I-44 was completed is also due for demolition. There has been talk about preserving it but it is decaying rapidly. A few short years ago, it had reduced to one lane traffic. I do not think it is even safe for pedestrian traffic today.

Since we will be in the neighborhood in June, doing the Route 66 Road Trip, I think we are going to stop there to take pictures. I will say goodbye to a memory. Maybe my wife, Fran and I will sign a petition and/or donate a little money for the preservation of that bridge, if the Missouri Department of Transportation changes its mind.

When I have previously found a scene, or scenery, it is pretty much the same as I remembered it. This location, town and bridge have totally changed. The town is no more and it looks as if the bridge will disappear soon. I can only hope that the bridge is still there when we tour Route 66, on the road trip, this June.


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Recommendations of Restaurants on Illinois Route 66
by Johnny Miller, Past President

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Riviera Roadhouse
Circa - 1950's
Sadly a devastating fire destroyed the Riviera Roadhouse last spring.

Bob Waldmire's home, his bus (picted above) and his traveling home away from home, his famous VW Van (pictured below) are moving.

Both vehicles will be housed and displayed at the Route 66 Assoc. of IL Hall of Fame and Museum by the generosity of the Waldmire brothers and the City of Pontiac.
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FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK - What a summer it’s been! A real summer with heat – tropical at times! Rain – torrential at times! Everyone who complained last February about wanting summer got their wish! We had a great Motor Tour, and have been enjoying festivals, car shows, and celebrations all summer long.

I’m a “fall” girl – I love the changing seasons, the fall festivals and parades. Threshermen’s Reunion in Pontiac and the phenomenal “The Bassett Waddle” in September in Dwight. The “Waddle” is the closest thing Illinois has to the running of the bulls – only with a couple hundred (yes like 600+) Bassett hounds accompanied by their loyal owners as part of a wonderful parade full of marching bands and floats. The crunch of leaves underfoot, the changing colors, the smell of leaves burning in the air (where permitted by law). I am hoping for a long, fabulous fall.

In October is Girard’s Pumpkin Chunking/Fall Festival. Air cannons & pumpkins. Woo-hoo! Also, this fall, our Association, in conjunction with the City of Pontiac will be bringing Bob Waldmire’s van and bus to our museum complex. Pontiac is giving Bob’s “mobile” homes a place to rest – out of the sun, and mud, off to the side, resting, “retired” at our Hall of Fame & Museum. Our thanks to the Waldmire Family for sharing Bob’s vehicles with us. We look forward to sharing them with our visitors. We also came upon a collection of videos and interviews with Bob Waldmire over the years, and these are being transferred to DVD so that we can show our visitors who Bob was and what he stood for, how he lived, and all about his art. I’ve gotten many emails about Bob, and how people used to love watching that little orange VW bus appear on the skyline. Bob traveled about 45 miles an hour max so if you saw him coming, you really had to wait to talk with him.

Waiting and talking seem foreign and out of sync with today’s world. Yet that’s part of the Route 66 experience. Saying hello and realizing much, much later that a lot of conversation has flowed, and a road friendship made, and everyone exchanging information effortlessly. Somehow we existed as a nation, without cell phones, or I-pods, or I-pads, or kindles, or texting, or tweeting. Route 66 started, grew, flourished, dwindled down, and re-emerged all before technology became an accepted, intricate part of life like it is today.

This year we will all be able to donate a $1 off our state tax returns to Route 66, and this money will go to the Illinois Route 66 Fund. I imagine these funds may help the Route 66 Scenic Byway finish the kiosk signage program along Route 66. It may also help the city of Springfield and the Route 66 Scenic Byway renovate the old Bel-Aire Motel in Springfield into a visitor’s center (ala Disney). Yes, there are many things that may seem more necessary, but tourism dollars help keep communities and people along our part of the Mother Road viable.

Enjoy the changing seasons, the “lasts” of fall, the coming of Thanksgiving and then winter for a while. Check the website and our facebook site often for progress reports on the Waldmire exhibits. Great things are in store for next year - but don’t forget to enjoy today!

See you on the road –
Cathie
Cathie Stevanovich
Visit Route 66 in Illinois and its Many Attractions!

Route 66 Association Preservation Committee Plea!
We are asking for donations to create a brochure we can send to people interested in learning more about the Illinois Route 66 attractions. If you are able to help, please make your donation payable to the Route 66 Association of IL and mail it to the address listed below. Thank you!

Preservationists John & Darlene Ruh have opened their home for tours. You can see the model train route 66 display and tour the entire route in one hour or less.

John has added a mini-neon display to the layout. If you want visit the display please contact John Weiss to coordinate a time and date. You can see pictures of the exhibit by visiting www.johnruh.com (click on 66)

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Questions, need more information, interested in tours? Or perhaps you would like to volunteer to help with our preservation projects?

Please call the Route 66 Association of Illinois Preservation Committee Chairman John Weiss at 815-458-6616 or email John at weissinfo@il66authority.com
A request was made by the Hall of Fame Skyview Drive In Theater in Litchfield, Illinois. They are celebrating 60 years of continuous service on Route 66. Help was needed to spruce up and fix up the exterior of the concession stand, the gates and signs out front and repair and paint the interior fence. A small but hardy group of Route 66 volunteers headed the call. Even Rt.66 member Bill Kelley from Detroit, Michigan came to help this icon of the road.

The weather was extremely windy and cold, but the entire list of work was completed. Helping to save and preserve mom and pop businesses on Route 66 is a very important part of the Route 66 Association of Illinois. It is important to note that many of these volunteers drove over 200 miles each way with out any compensation (other than lunch). Remember our motto is, "We work for food!"

I am proud of how the members of the Preservation Committee donate life's most valuable gift, TIME.

The wonderful association volunteers were, Rebecca Dwyer, Jerry Law, Ed Klein, Bill Kelley, Jamie Anderson and John Weiss.

Waldmire Vehicles to be Displayed at Museum

The Route 66 Association of Illinois is proud to announce some exciting new acquisitions to its Museum and Hall of Fame in Pontiac, IL.

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of our Association Treasurer, Marty Blitstein, we will have the distinct privilege of displaying Route 66 Artist and Icon, Bob Waldmire’s, two most prized possessions: his VW van and the converted school bus he called home.

Sadly, Bob Waldmire passed away on December 16, 2009 but his spirit and love for the Mother Road live on in these items. Bob traveled Route 66 from one end to the other for decades in the VW van and created and shared his art from it. When at home he lived the lifestyle of an environmentalist, evidenced by the way he converted the bus into living space of the simplest kind. These two items seem to define this man who claimed his address was, simply, "Route 66."

The bus and the van are filled with memorabilia of Bob’s life and travels along 66. We are proud to make them available for viewing at our Museum. While the van and bus have been officially acquired, they are not as yet available for display. Fear not - it will only be a few weeks before the items are relocated to their new home at our Museum and Hall of Fame.

Please check our website, http://www.il66assoc.org, for updates as to when the Waldmire van and bus will be on display. Our website has declared the month of August "Bob Waldmire Month." Many more details about these items and Bob himself will be revealed this month, so please check in from time to time to learn more about this man who embodied the soul of Route 66.

The Route 66 Association of Illinois Museum and Hall of Fame is located at 110 W Howard St. Pontiac, IL. Come by and see our fantastic assortment of Route 66 memorabilia - we’re a one stop Route 66 experience that keeps on getting better!
Crossing the Mississippi River, on the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge, which was used by Route 66 for many years, has some fond memories for me, both as a child and as an adult. I suppose I could say the same thing about Route 66 itself; which is why I have a passion for learning more about “America’s Main Street.”

The Old Chain of Rocks Bridge crosses the Mississippi River just north of St. Louis, Missouri. The confluence of the Mississippi and the Missouri Rivers is just north of the bridge and the Illinois River joins the Mississippi River just north of there, further upstream. The retired bridge is still in use today and being one mile in length, it is the world’s longest pedestrian and bicycle bridge. The Old Chain of Rock’s Bridge was built in 1929; it was privately owned and was completely financed by tolls. Originally the bridge was painted olive drab, making it harder to see from an airplane. (During a war a bridge is a strategic target.) The bridge has a massive 22 degree bend in the middle of it. There are a few reasons for that. At the time the bridge was built there was no 8.4 mile canal, east of the bridge. That canal is used today for river navigation, taking river traffic away from the shallow portion of the river where the Chain of Rocks Bridge is constructed. So the first factor in the construction of the bridge was that the eastern portion would allow river traffic easy passage through the bridge.

The second reason was that the western portion of the bridge needed a solid foundation to set its piers onto. These problems were alleviated by the bend in the middle. The new Chain of Rock’s Bridge was built to the north of the old bridge in 1967.

My family crossed the Mississippi River using the Chain of Rock’s Bridge; I remember my mother talking to my dad about the bridge, as we crossed over it. I remember that we paid a toll, on the Missouri side, to cross the bridge and I remember my dad commenting on how wide the Mississippi River was. Mom said that it all looked beautiful, the river and the Missouri landscape on the other side. (I remember an amusement park on the Missouri Side; I agreed with mom, it did look beautiful. (I was all for stopping there for a while and getting my Kicks on Route 66.) She was riding in the passenger’s position and Dad was driving the car. I may have been riding between them, since I had three other sisters, one older and two younger. I remember mom saying that the big trucks coming in the opposite direction were frightening, since the bridge was so narrow and the trucks were so wide. I recall the discussion they had, but I don’t remember hearing anything about the bend in the middle of the bridge.

According to the “Illinois Historic Route 66 Map” we should not have crossed the river on Route 66 there in those years. The bridge was actually used by Route 66 from 1935 until 1955. Was there a detour that year? Did my father get lost or did my mom want to cross the Chain of Rocks Bridge and rekindle some of her childhood memories on Route 66 when she was younger? I did find the best answer, since mom and dad are not around to ask anymore. In 1958 the bridge was no longer used as by Route 66 but it was officially used as “Bypass 66.” Bypass is just what it did, it went around St. Louis. In 1967 when the new Chain of Rocks Bridge was opened the old bridge soon closed down. It would have been dismantled but the price of scrap was extremely low, (Great for us!) Bypass 66 then, aligns somewhat with I-270 today and follows I-270 to (Missouri) Route 100. Traveling west, then south, on Route 100 all the way to Gray’s Summit where it again hooked up with Route 66. (The Diamond’s Restaurant was at that intersection and later on would build a motel in the late 60s.)

Fran, and I walked on the bridge in July 2008 and we had a great time rediscovering a bridge that I thought was gone forever. We took the new Chain of Rocks Bridge and we took I-270 to I-44 this December. We were pressed for time and the weather was not good. We wanted to do some bridge site seeing when we were in the area but it can wait until the better weather in June. Hope to see you on the road!
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Watch “The 66 News” and on the association website www.il66assoc.org for information...

“RECIPES ALONG ROUTE 66” can be purchased at the Route 66 Association Hall of Fame and Museum in Pontiac, IL and at several other locations throughout the state!

A PRESERVATION REUNION PICNIC and TREE DEDICATION

On July 3rd, a picnic was held at the restored gas station in Odell. At first the theme was to be a reunion of all who first formed the preservation committee and successfully saved the gas station. Most of the very early members were unable to attend. So a picnic was conducted to thank anyone who contributed to the rebirth of our historic station.

Also planned for this day was the dedication of a tree planted in the honor of Lenore Weiss. The tree was provided by the Route 66 Association of Illinois. Local resident, Hermie, arranged for village employees to plant it at the station. The ceremony was brief but very emotional. Lenore had been such a large part of the preservation committee and the restoration of the station from the beginning. Funds have been donated by many, both that day and at the last official association meeting. This will pay for a small plaque at the base of the tree. The wording is as follows.

“IN MEMORY OF LENORE WEISS
She inspired many people with her enthusiasm for historic preservation.
Her spirit remains at this and all sites she helped to save and restore.
Route 66 Association of Illinois”

The beautiful “Flow- ering Pear” tree that honors Lenore Weiss was donated by the Rte. 66 Assoc. of IL Preservation Committee. It will be maintained by the Village of Odell. The plaque that sits at the base of the tree was donated by preservationists, assoc members, and friends of Lenore Weiss.

Some of the members of the Rte. 66 Assoc. of IL Preservation Committee members witness the tree dedication at the “Reunion Picnic and Tree Dedication” last summer.
Diary Entry for May 14, 2009
By Stephen Cribari (Member, Rt. 66 Association of Illinois)

I drove from Minneapolis to Indianapolis. Gorgeous weather: sunny, warm and windy. So I put the top down and drove back in time. Abandoning the Interstate for Rt. 66 from somewhere above Dwight I drove down to Pontiac. Ambler’s Texaco in Dwight, the Standard Oil in Odell, and the Museum in Pontiac. What are still small towns linked by “the Mother Road” and such lovely people all along the way!

There was the waitress at the Old Rt. 66 Family Restaurant in Dwight, sweet and solicitous for her elderly customers most of whom must be regulars and her friends. (Being over 60 myself, I qualified for the senior citizens prices though I didn’t let on.) There was the woman running the Standard Oil station who gave me a pad and pen for stopping, and the woman in the Museum with whom I talked cooking-for-one and traded recipes, and the man in the gift shop who wished me “a good ride.” How long had it been since I heard “Have a good ride!” I think not since college in the 1960s. They as much as The Road itself had me joining The Rt. 66 Association.

In the mid-1970s, I travelled as a tournament official with what was then known as the PGA Tour. In December, 1974, I drove from New York to Phoenix for the Phoenix Open, the first stop on the 1975 Tour. I-40 most of the way but from Oklahoma City to Flagstaff I spent more time guiding the Dodge Dart Sport not past but through the lanes along THE ROAD. The speed, straightness and sterility of the Interstate offered nothing compared to the cruising, the curves and bends, the humanity of THE ROAD. I bought a cowboy hat in Holbrook, Arizona, before I turned south at Flagstaff.

And as on THE ROAD then, so last May driving through Illinois: a road with grassy edges! The British poet John Betjeman would have approved. Mourning the loss of a slower time, he wrote

Let’s say goodbye to hedges
And roads with grassy edges
And winding country lanes

Let all things travel faster
Till motor car is master
And only speed remains

Betjeman would have loved Rt. 66 and would have labored to protect it as in England he labored to save branch line railways and the architecture of old churches and train stations. (There is a bronze statue raised in his honor in the newly restored St. Pancras Station in London.)

I travel with my work, and over the years that travel has kept me on or near in the spirit of the Mother Road. But last May in Illinois it was a particularly timeless experience, top down, sunglasses on, windy under a clear sky and having a good ride on THE ROAD, a road with grassy edges. And I still wear the cowboy hat I bought in Holbrook thirty-six years ago.
Missouri Neon Preservation at the Sunset Motel

by Jim Thole

In keeping with our 2010 theme of “We Are Family” with the Missouri Route 66 Association, our 21st annual motor tour began in Missouri for the first time on June 11, officially at the Holiday Inn near Six Flags near Eureka – but unofficially with a Friday evening cruise to the nearby Sunset Motel. Led by Jim Thole, chairman for Missouri’s Neon Heritage Preservation Committee (NHPC) ... and also a long-time Illinois Association member!), our Association members cruised to the recently restored Sunset Motel, just 10 miles west of the Holiday Inn registration site.

The big draw was the stunning neon sign on the Sunset’s sign and building gables. The festive event held on the motel grounds was likened to a re-enactment of the sign’s official relighting ceremony held by the Missouri Association back on November 14, 2009. About 40 Illinois Route 66 roadies gathered just in time to see the neon flash on at dusk – to an applauding and appreciative audience, which included Association President Cathie Stevanovich and seven of our Board members.

Motel owner Herman Grimes also made a special effort to attend the event, and after welcoming our Illinois members to Missouri, described the current construction in progress to rehabilitate many of the motel’s rooms back to the Mother Road era, for future Route 66 roaduse.

Immediately following the Sunset Motel event, some of those who were in attendance headed back to St. Louis for a “mandatory night-cap” at the world famous Ted Drewes, and then just a few blocks further to view the fabulous, animated Donut Drive-in neon sign that was restored by the Missouri NHPC in 2008. What a great way to start the motor tour!

Back at the Holiday Inn/Six Flags, Missouri Association Vice President Diane Warhaver and Director of Membership Services Bob Gehl were also present to welcome our participants in this year’s Motor Tour.

THE RIVIERA

by John Weiss

In 1928 the Riviera provided a much needed full service stop between Joliet and Bloomington, IL. This ideal riverside country location grew into a destination in itself. It was a restaurant and a Tap Room (bar) even during prohibition. The Riviera sold gas, had a zoo, camping, a swinging bridge, fishing and swimming.

Later Route 66 was moved and the road in front became Alternate 66. By this time the Riviera was already famous and popular. This site was not just for passing motorists anymore. It redefined itself. The restaurant was moved downstairs with the bar. The gas pumps, zoo, camping and swimming were eliminated. Now they had fashion shows and parties in the beer garden. Waiting in line for dinner was to be expected and worth it.

The Riviera had only two owners, the Girot family from 1928 to 1972. Then Bob and Peggy Kraft. Due to their age and health issues, the Kraft’s had to retire. They closed the doors for the last time on January 1st, 2009.

An attempt was made in 2009 to reopen the Riviera. However, times had changed and so did certain regulations. The attempt failed. Then on June 8th, 2010 the now empty Riviera burned to the ground.

The historic street car diner that for years sat behind the Riviera was not damaged. (That is except for souvenir hunting vandals). This diner was a restoration project of the Route 66 Association of Illinois. It has been successfully moved. It will, in time, have a new home on the grounds of the 1906 two cell jail in downtown Gardner. We respectfully say goodbye to the Riviera, a true icon of Route 66!
The Streetcar diner from behind the Riviera has been moved. Plans are being made for its new home on the grounds of the 1906 two cell jail in Gardner. The cement has been poured and it is currently in storage. The Riviera may be gone, but the Streetcar will have a rebirth. Many local people and organizations are stepping forward to help make this project a reality. The village of Gardner is the new owners, courtesy of Bob & Peggy Kraft.

Two work sessions have taken place so far. The old rotted overhang awning has been removed. It will be replaced at its new home. Tom Perkins, his son, John Weiss and John Miller did this job. The second was the move itself. Tom Perkins was in charge of organizing the local volunteers. John Miller went to photograph this historic move. They reported that all went reasonably well. Gardner also arranged to have the sign that was near the highway which lit up, and the post removed. It is now also in storage.
Robert J. Hastert Jr.

Mr. Robert Hastert Jr., passed away on Wednesday, June 30, 2010 in Lemont at the age of 73. The Hastert family owns Route 66 Association of Illinois Hall of Fame Member (inducted 1989) White Fence Farm Restaurant. White Fence Farm seats 1,100 and has served up countless fried chicken dinners over the past 56 years. Under Mr. Hastert’s leadership, it has ridden out no-carb diet trends and economic downturns thanks to a warm welcome for patrons and its no-frills menu of good food, served hot.

Mr. Hastert was born in Aurora and attended high school in Naperville. Poultry was in his bloodline. His father, Robert C. Hastert, worked for an entrepreneur the family today only knows as “the Chicken Man.” They slaughtered chickens, and Robert Sr. delivered them to restaurants.

Even as a teen, Mr. Hastert had strong self-confidence and a sense of humor, which enabled him to laugh when his parents had him drive to school in their Chicken mobile. The Chicken mobile was a vehicle for delivering chicken dinners. The rear opened up like a hen laying an egg.

Mr. Hastert served in the Navy and attended Bradley University, where he courted his future wife, Jeanne, with the same zest he brought to the restaurant business. Jeanne worked beside him at White Fence Farm during their long, happy union. He called her “Queenie” because it rhymed with Jeanne. Mr. Hastert lost his “Queenie” 14 years ago.

Mr. Hastert kept working at the restaurant that he loved so much. He loved feeding people and making them happy. He took pride in the patrons who returned over the decades for their landmark celebrations. Some even drove in from other states.

Mr. Hastert was active with the Lockport Rotary Club and Big Brothers.

Hastert is survived by daughters Laura Hastert-Gardner and Susan M. Hastert and three grandchildren. His first cousin, J. Dennis Hastert, is the former U.S. House Speaker.

The Route 66 Association of Illinois extends their deepest sympathy to the Hastert family.

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One of the early projects (1998) of the Preservation Committee was the restoration of the Meramec Caverns barn in Cayuga, IL. It was here that the idea to identify our accomplishments resulted in the ROADSIDE ATTRACTION signage program.

The first sign was designed by preservation member Randy Wierzgac. It was then installed at our restored Meramec barn site. This original sign sat proudly for twelve years. However, it was losing a lot of its luster. The sign company that now makes the Roadside Attraction signs is operated by Steve Connor. He saw the deterioration of this historic sign. As a result, he made and donated a new sign identical to the old one. John Weiss went and installed the new sign in June. The original sign will justifiably hang in the Route 66 Museum in Pontiac.

What most people do not know is that all of the Roadside Attraction signs installed by Hampton Inn are a result of this first sign. All the signs were made in Illinois and shipped to the sites from here to California. The Odell restoration project was also the inspiration for the entire Hampton involvement. The Preservation Committee negotiated for over a year in 1996 to bring the Hampton Save a Landmark program to Odell. This is where they saw our Roadside Attraction sign. We gave permission to use the concept and style. This led to Hampton’s involvement with Route 66. Illinois started it all.

A complete exhibit and many photos are on display in the upstairs Preservation section of the Route 66 Hall of Fame Museum in Pontiac. Thanks to the efforts of so many people, the restoration of Route 66 and the Roadside Attraction program are still active today.

We thank Steve Connor for the replacement sign.
The Route 66 Association
of Illinois 2010 Annual Election

The nominating committee of the Route 66 Association of Illinois will be holding the annual elections for officers and board members on Sunday, October 17, 2010. The elections will be held as part of the fall general meeting on the second floor of the Hall of Fame and Museum, 110 W. Howard St., Pontiac, IL. General meeting starts at 1 P.M. The last day to submit a nomination was August 22, 2010. All nominations are now closed.

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Pictured above, Betty Estes of Pontiac and IL Rte 66 Heritage Project, Executive Dir., Bill Kelly. Betty is displaying the Certificate of Recognition awarded to her for her work on Route 66 in Illinois.

Bob Waldmire’s van finds a new home at the Route 66 Assoc of Illinois Hall of Fame Museum in Pontiac, IL.
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK - It's fall and a time of changes – the leaves change color, the wind blows cooler, and you just know winter is on its way. “Black Friday” which used to mean the shopping day AFTER Thanksgiving seemed to happen this year the day after Halloween!

Autumn brought many changes. We’ve added Bob Waldmire’s iconic VW bus and school bus residence to our museum in Pontiac. Gray’s Towing gave their time and equipment to bring Bob’s school bus “home” to Pontiac from Rochester. Member Marty Lathrop brought the van from the Springfield Festival home to the museum. A huge thank you to these members stepping up and volunteering.

The Museum Committee is working on changes to be made over the winter at the museum. International tourists as well as Illinois visitors continue to visit our Museum weekly. Come spring there will be another museum added to Pontiac’s landscape, a “Pontiac” museum – as in cars and car memorabilia. Plans are underway for the Red Carpet weekend honoring Bob Waldmire and the opportunity for everyone to come to Pontiac that weekend and paint on his last artwork. The Motor Tour committee is hard at work for the 2011 Motor Tour. The state Associations for Illinois, Missouri, and Oklahoma are looking at putting together a 4 day tour from Oklahoma to Illinois in late summer. So much in process but what about today?

The one thing that’s missing from our newsletters is our member’s participation. Each month our editors Kathy Miller and Jim Jones strive to put out a magazine full of stories and articles of interest. With all the changes on the road, we look to you, our members, for stories of your community or family or family history on the road to share. Kathy and Jim have dedicated years to giving you their best. They can’t do it alone!

We live in a time of immediate information. We have not only a website but a Facebook page. This dilutes our article “pool” as information is online immediately, instead of coming out in print for our quarterly publication. Our editors work so hard on their personal time and don’t want to see the quality of The 66 News diminished. So we need your advice and help. We need your stories. We need you to volunteer to keep our magazine a “must read”. Tell us what you’ll do to help keep The 66 News strong.

As the snow starts to fly, I’ll be looking for you on the road. Try breakfast at Snuffy’s, fried bologna sandwiches at the Palms Café, and “peet-sa” at DeCamp Junction. Bring a cup of coffee and volunteer your time on a Saturday at the Hall of Fame in Pontiac meeting and greeting Route 66 roadies out looking to find their own story on the Mother Road.

Be safe, stay healthy, enjoy the holidays with your family and friends. Make (and keep) a New Year’s resolution to be an active part of our Association. Maybe this is your season to shine?

See you on the road –
Cathie
Cathie Stevanovich
Illinois Preservation ~ THE MILL...

The Mill in Lincoln - On August 21st, a number of the Illinois Route 66 Association members joined forces with volunteers from Lincoln to work on the Mill restoration. Many new glass panels were installed, and then covered over with black painted boards to prevent breakage. The old awnings were removed and some new second floor windows were installed. The old flooring was removed upstairs and more, more, more.

Besides the great feeling of pride in helping to preserve history, what do all the volunteers get? LUNCH and only one item is mandatory, a Schnitzel sandwich directly from Hallies on the Square in downtown Lincoln. Hallies is the location where the Mill restaurant moved to. This trademark sandwich must be held with two hands it is so big. Believe me, all the work is worth it for one of these eye popping belly busters.

The inside of the Mill is also undergoing a complete restoration. A new floor and foundation are being installed. Future plans are to once again have the sails that the Route 66 Preservation members built and installed, revolve once again. This one of a kind structure is photo ready and waiting for you to visit.

The fabulous volunteers were: Nancy Vannoy, Josh Friedrich, Jerry Law, John Lucchesi, Bob Borowiak, John Weiss, Bob Wilpert, Bob & Lori Killacky, Ed Kline, Geoff Ladd, Leroy Ramthun, Mike Fak, and John Sutton. With out volunteers, projects like this would never happen.

While in Lincoln be sure to visit all the other great attractions such as the Worlds largest Abe Lincoln and Covered Wagon, the Phone Booth on the roof, the Ghost Bridge, Postville Courthouse and the outstanding free Abe Lincoln Museum.

THE STREETCAR DINER...

The Streetcar Diner in Gardner - As reported in the last Route 66 News. The historic streetcar diner that was behind the Riviera will be relocated onto the grounds of the two cell jail in Gardner, Illinois. Many local people will help with the new restoration work.

On September 8th and September 20th, volunteers of the preservation committee did all the grunt work needed in order to turn the little streetcar over to the town for the new restoration. Preservation members scraped the paint then came back and primed the metal so it would not rust. The roof is now also ready for the new one to be installed by local craftsman of Gardner.

Volunteers Tom Perkins, Bill Kelley, John Miller, John Weiss, Dorothy McMullen, Emmy Bates, and Fred Hirsch.
Not pictured: Judy Hirsch and Ed Klein.

The streetcar diner has been moved and is now on the grounds of the two cell jail. Much work is still needed. It should be ready sometime in 2011.

The Route 66 Preservation volunteers who provided the exterior preparation were:

Volunteers working on street car before relocation to permanent display sight.

The streetcar's new permanent location in Gardner, IL next to the 1906 two cell jail.
The Route 66 Association of Illinois
Annual Hall of Fame Nominations

Nominations into the Route 66 Association of Illinois Hall of Fame will be accepted for consideration between January 1 and February 28, 2011. Nominations post marked after the deadline date shall be held for consideration in the following year.

To qualify for election into the Route 66 Association Hall of Fame, nominees must have made significant contributions to the character or history of the Illinois portion of Route 66 in the State of Illinois.

The Hall of Fame is located in Pontiac, IL at the Route 66 Association of Illinois Hall of Fame Museum. The Hall of Fame Museum is one the most visited attractions on all of Route 66 in Illinois with visitors from all over the world.

The association hall of fame honors those people, businesses, attractions and events that have helped to give Route 66 such special character and historical status in Illinois. Past hall of fame members include truck drivers, waitresses, farmers, police officers, mom-and-pop businesses, a ballroom, a movie palace, a drive in theater and the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge.

The committee invites anyone to submit a nomination. It must include a fact-based essay about the nominee’s contributions to the character or history of the Illinois portion of Route 66. Photos, news clips and other memorabilia are welcome to accompany the essay but are not required. A panel of historians and Hall of Fame members will judge all nominations.

Please submit nominations and all accompanying materials to:
The Route 66 Association of Illinois, Attn: Hall of Fame Committee
110 West Howard Street
Pontiac, IL 61724.

Nominations may be also sent by e-mail to Kathleen708@hotmail.com. Please put Hall of Fame in the subject line of the e-mail. All photo attachments must be JPG files and all nomination submissions should be in Microsoft Word documents.

All nominations and accompanying materials submitted will become the property of the Route 66 Association of Illinois and will not be returned. They may be used in advertisements and/or publications and included into the Hall of Fame Museum. The Hall of Fame induction celebration honoring new and existing members will take place on June 11, 2011 in Lincoln, IL at the Annual Hall of Fame Banquet, as part of the Association’s Annual Motor Tour.

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As a perk of a Business Membership, we list your business in “The 66 News” and on online in our Business Directory.
By Bill Kemp

By the early 1920s, the automobile culture was in full gear, giving middle class America freedom to pursue life lived at greater speed and circumscribed by fewer boundaries. The auto also changed how Americans spent their leisure time. Traveling down the newly paved highways and byways of rural America was markedly different than travel on steel rails. Unlike passenger trains, it was now possible—to cite one difference of many—to stop whenever and wherever one pleased. Vacations, in other words, would never be the same.

Before motels and motor courts welcomed this new species of traveler, there were auto camps (also known as tourist camps). These roadside accommodations, which later included small cottages or cabins, offered motorists a shady and safe place to relax and regroup before venturing out once more on the open road.

By the spring of 1926, there were an estimated 5,300-plus roadside campsites in the United States, with some 200 in Illinois. There were a sizable number of tourist camps in Central Illinois, most of which were strung out along Illinois Route 4 (which would become U.S. Route 66 by the end of 1926).

One of the more popular tourist camps in Central Illinois was in Forest Park (now spelled Forrest with two Rs), located on Bloomington’s southwest side, an ideal location to capture automobile traffic between Chicago and St. Louis. It was here that Roaring Twenties “tourists” would either pitch their tents or sleep in one of those newfangled pop-up campers towed behind the auto, such as the “Kamper Kar” sold by Bay City, MI-based Zagemeyer Auto Camp Co. In 1924 or 1925, the city’s park board installed lights at Forest Park, and the Association of Commerce chipped in some cash to help pay the salary of a camp superintendent. This municipally run tourist camp did not include cabins, but by this time it offered services such as water, firewood, tables, restrooms and “furnaces” (outdoor stoves).

For much of the 1920s, the warm months brought a steady stream of out-of-state travelers through Forest Park. In late June 1925, for instance, there were 47 cars registered at the camp coming from places like Clara City, MN; Cleveland, OH; Kalamazoo, MI, Los Angeles, CA; Panama, NE, Springfield, MO, and more than a dozen other cities and towns, both in state and out. Forest Park was also a popular destination for local and downstate residents. This same weekend the park hosted separate church outings from First Methodist of Bloomington and First Presbyterian of neighboring Normal, and a steak fry held by a group of Mason City citizens celebrating the twenty-first birthday of Edith D. Buckman.

In late May 1926, Big Chief Henry’s Indian String Band, led by Henry Hall and his sons Clarence and Harold, were at Forest Park, catching a breather between gigs. Also at the camp was another Native American family, this one led by Wallman Mangard, a Pueblo from New Mexico. A group of local Boy Scouts were holding a jamboree at the park, so Scoutmaster S.J. Frink called on Mangard to speak to his young charges. Also staying there were Brooklyn, NY residents J.E. Gallant and his wife, who were returning home after spending a few weeks in Arkansas. “Mrs. Gallant [no first name given] pronounces the Forest Park camp the prettiest and cleanest she has ever visited,” noted The Pantagraph, Bloomington’s longtime daily newspaper. “We have been here two days,” she told the reporter, “and I don’t know whether I will be able to get my husband to leave tomorrow or not.” Later that summer, July 18, M.E. Johnson, president of a national tourist association, paid the camp a visit and pronounced it in “good condition, sanitary,

Photos courtesy of the McLean County Chamber of Commerce and the Chenoa Historical Society. Undated photographs, ca. 1920s, of tourist parks in Chenoa and Forest Park in Bloomington, both of which served Illinois Route 4 / U.S. Route 66 traffic.
Meets the Outdoors

Route 66 kiosks in front of Berwyn Toys & Trains on the North side of Ogden Avenue. There’s another one on the South side just East of Harlem Avenue.

and clean.”

It’s hard to overstate how the automobile revolutionized leisure time. By the mid-1920s, The Pantagraph, in conjunction with the Corn Belt Motor Club and the Joint Touring Bureau of the local Association of Commerce, offered maps and detailed descriptions of suggested auto tours. “Want a pretty motor trip for Sunday?” asked one such installment from May 29, 1926, which offered a 220-mile-plus route reaching Wena, Peoria, Springfield and towns and villages in between. The newspaper was also filled with advertisements for new and used cars, service stations and even tents for those camping or “touring.”

Reports of area residents heading out or coming home on auto tours of their own appeared with some regularity in The Pantagraph. “Mr. and Mrs. S.T. King and Miss Martha Claudon of Chenoa have returned from a 1,000 mile motor tour in the east, during which they experienced no car trouble,” began one such story from October 1929. Their tour included stops at Niagara Falls and Tavistock, Ontario, the latter to visit relatives.

That same month, The Pantagraph reported that Forest Park had taken in $479.50 (or about $6,000 today, adjusted for inflation) during the touring season, income derived from charging 959 autos 50 cents a pop for overnight stays. John W. Mackey, then the tourist camp superintendent, said that over the current season cars representing every state in the union had motored into Forest Park.

By the 1930s, if not earlier, many privately owned tourist camps began offering cottage or cabin accommodations. A 1935 directory published by Conoco Travel Bureau listed several such “cabin camps” in and around Bloomington, such as Cabin Town (11 cottages), Moonshine Inn (4 cottages) and Six Points (9 cottages). This travel guide included dozens more Route 66 cabin camps, including Big Bill’s in Normal; Shady Crest in Chenoa; and

Frank’s Place, Green Lantern, Hymer Orchard and Indian Inn, among others, in Pontiac.

In Chenoa, it’s said that chicken brooders were converted into rudimentary cottages for one of its tourist camps. In the north end of Normal, near the corner of Beech and Pine streets, a tourist camp drew Route 66 traffic, as well motorists visiting family or friends at the Illinois Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Children’s School (ISSCS), the state-run orphanage located a stone’s throw away. This place later became Manning’s, and remained in business until the early 1960s.

The cabin camp soon evolved into the motel or motor court, as proprietors began putting the stand-alone rooms next to each other and under one roof.

In early June 1929, The Pantagraph published an ode to the Forest Park tourist camp penned by William H. Snyder of Scranton, PA. Snyder, who spent a week camping in the park, wrote the poem as a thank you to site superintendent John Mackey and his wife Anna. The concluding stanza speaks to the transitory nature of life on the road.

Just a place you’ll ne’er forget
In fact you’ll like to stay,
But need is always pressing
And makes us go away.

Editor’s note: Reprinted with permission. A version of this article appeared in the July 4, 2010 Pantagraph, Bloomington’s daily newspaper. Bill Kemp is the librarian/archivist for the McLean County Museum of History, Bloomington. This article is adapted from Bill’s weekly newspaper column on local history.
America's Fastest Growing Sport . . . 1925

By Jim Jones

An article published in 1910 suggested that the well-prepared camper would take along plenty of extra tubes. However, it was not necessary to load down the car with more than two extra casings, because one is never more than two or three days from a town where ordinary size tires can be obtained.

The popular summer sport of motor camping as it was known in 1925 developed in the late teens and early twenties. It was called the fastest growing sport in the world. In fact, a motor camping trip in the summer was the great emancipator of thousands of American families of modest means. In 1924, 1,250,000 men, women and children took part in this new activity.

The beauty of the sport—a feature that probably largely accounts for its increased popularity—lies in the fact that a family with a $300 to a $400 car can travel as far as and have just as much fun as the family with an expensive limousine.

Automobile camping is not confined to any particular part of the country. More than 2,000 communities in the United States have established public camping-grounds. The two important essentials to this kind of wandering outdoor life are eating and sleeping, and to these necessities the makers of auto-camper equipment have devoted their thoughts and ingenuity.

Gone are the days of the pup tent. Your motor-camper now demands a specially designed motor-camping tent or set of beds under a more substantial roof than canvas. Motor Bungalows on wheels possessing every convenience for a night’s rest, were available at considerable expense.

The old-fashioned ingenuity of the average American could find a means of overcoming any problem. Life on the road was a great adventure.

In 1947 my family made the trip down Route 66 from Odell, Illinois to Santa Monica, California. We had five people in the car, a 1947 Ford two door sedan, including my parents, brother and little sister. We had a six man tent and cots for all of us, plus our normal luggage, all packed inside the car and trunk. I believe my father was the best trunk packer of all time.

Dad was one of those fathers that could judge the cleanliness of a rest room from the highway at 55 miles per hour. We did not drink much during the day, but look out at the camp site. We visited many of the Route 66 icons, which at the time did not seem important to us. Now 63 years later it would be so nice to travel back in time and take greater advantage of the opportunities we had then.

John Miller with wooden Route 66 sign that was donated by Earl Cheese of Lemont, IL. The sign originally hung in Bloomington at Pipeline Road and Route 66 until 1977.

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Saturday, February 12th – Noon to 3 P.M.
ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE OF THIS
EXTRAORDINARY ROUTE 66 TRAIN DISPLAY

Do you remember these exciting mini trips? Association members played host as we visited the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, a Route 66 Glitz & Glitter Holiday Shopping Tour, a tour of the Funk Prairie Home & Gem and Mineral Museum, and Christmas in Dwight!

John & Darlene Ruh are graciously inviting anyone interested in Route 66, or model trains to their beautiful home. Children are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Travel all eight states on a fantasy journey of the Mother Road. This display has been featured extensively in many magazines and newspapers nationwide. It has been the cover story for publications such as CLASSIC TOY TRAINS.

Now you, your family, and friends can also delight in a bird's eye view of Route 66 by rail! **THIS EVENT SHOULD NOT BE MISSED, IT IS AWESOME.**

John & Darlene Ruh need to have some idea of how many folks and children will be attending. John Weiss will be keeping count for them. Call him at 815-458-6616.

If you need directions, John Weiss will provide them to you when you call. If there is no answer, just leave a message and he will call you back if needed.

Watch the next issue of the 66 News for information on exciting upcoming spring and summer tours and events for all members and their families. If you would like to host an event please contact Cathie Stevanovich at cathiesb@earthlink.net

Celebration! Towanda's Historic Route 66 Parkway

By Cathie Stevanovich

On Sunday, October 10th, 2010, Towanda Route 66 held a Celebration for the Towanda's Historic Route 66 Parkway. Organizers Fred Walk and Mary Lou Henderson invited all the people who over the years had contributed time and energy to the Route 66 Parkway project that was started originally with Fred Walk and his high school students.

The project, started in 1998, blossoming from signs and painted original pavement, to beautiful gardens,

Fred Walk who is a retired high school teacher was honored by State Farm Insurance in the past for organizing and creating the Towanda project with his students.

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The last few years I have enjoyed rediscovering Route 66 in Illinois. I have driven the road before and after it was decommissioned. I now have new fond memories to go along with the old ones. I have new friends and warm recollections of old acquaintances. I really enjoyed our Illinois Route 66 Motor Tour last June, but I personally felt something was missing. What was it? I didn't take too long to figure out that twenty-five percent of my family's yearly Route 66 journey had been traveling Old Route 66 in the State of Missouri. So Fran and I decided to go on the Missouri Route 66 Motor Tour this year with the Missouri Route 66 Association. So Fran and I signed up for the tour which was on the weekend following Labor Day.

One thing nice about the Missouri Route 66 Tour was that Missouri Department of Transportation installed new "Historic Route 66 Signs" the week before the tour. The signs were so new that it did not give thieves time to steal them. I have previously had problems in Illinois and Missouri, or became lost, because someone had removed "Historic Route 66 Signs" that we had been following.

At first I was not sure we had made the right decision. The trip started in Gray's Summit, Missouri, about the halfway mark of my yearly Missouri Route 66 travel experience to the Sullivan Missouri Area. Both road trips had many similarities, Missouri and Illinois had passports stops and the stops featured businesses or some other type of attraction. However the pavement was laid differently because the topographical differences between the two states. The landscape and the scenery were entirely different from state to state.

The Illinois portion of Route 66 followed the Illinois Michigan Canal from Chicago to Channahon, Illinois and then followed the "Pontiac Indian Trail" to the Mississippi River. The Missouri Route 66 followed the "Osage Indian Trail" used by the Pony Express and would later be called the "Wire Road," the road to Springfield, Missouri. The "The Wire Road" preceded the railroad between St. Louis and Springfield, Missouri and it received its name from the fact that telegraph wire had been strung quickly, into trees, and not onto telegraph poles like we would imagine.

If you're from Illinois and you have traveled I-55, I-57 or I-80, you will have to admit that Illinois' Interstate Highway System is boring. I never thought that Old Route 66 through Illinois was boring. As a matter of fact I once went to the Quad Cities area, in Illinois via I-80 and came back Illinois Route 6. My kids thought that I was crazy. I told them that you "Take the Interstate Highway to MAKE GOOD TIME and you take the old highway to HAVE A GOOD TIME."

Once I asked a Missouri Farmer, George Lueke, how they determined just where to put the roads in Missouri? His answer was, "the high ground." He was right! I was referring to the winding roads that went over every hill where he lived; the roads and houses were on the high ground because of flooding. He was also right about Route 66 is built on a ridge; some say between the Bourbeuse River Valley and the Meramec River Valley and some will say between the Missouri River Valley and Mississippi River Valley. They are both right.

One interesting fact that became evident as we toured the towns between St. Louis and Springfield, Missouri was that each street that had been "Old Route 66," was called Springfield Road. When we arrived in Springfield the street that was "Old Route 66" was called St. Louis Road.

Since I have toured a section of Route 66 that I
Tour ~ By Brian L. Alexander

never had been on, I have concluded that I would like to know the road first and then be acquainted with the businesses and attractions. The most important thing is getting to know the people, whether they are Fellow Roadies, or the local people. That is just what we did; we allowed more time to visit different stops on our way back home.

We stopped at one of our relative's farms, and stayed the night as we returned home to the Chicagoland Area. Norman & Ila Faye Stumpe, our hosts, asked about the trip and they shared some of their experiences with us. It seems that a great aunt of mine, who also lived in that area, was killed crossing Route 66 in the late 1960s. There were no overpasses back then. You waited for an opening in the oncoming traffic from the left, drove across the road to the median strip (Safety Zone). There you waited for the oncoming traffic from the right to subside and continued on. If the traffic was heavy, and it was most of the time, this could be very dangerous.

I also found out that my great, great, great grandfather, Christian Rommelman had been in the Civil War. He lived a normal life after that, but his gravesite was in the path of the paving of Route 66. So his body and casket was moved to the cemetery not to far from there.

Originally I was interested in learning a little more about Route 66 through Missouri and I found a lot more information than I had planned on. It was fantastic and I plan on doing both the Illinois and Missouri Road Tours again next year. This next time I am going to plan a little more time to visit the attractions and the people before or after the tour. Fran and I hope to see you on the road.

Memories of Ray Monson
Elwood-Jackson Township History Club
as provided by Sue Sewall

Ray Monson reminisces of attending Prairie Creek a one room school house, which taught grades one through eight. One name of the names that he remembers is Olson, who attended the East School with Ray, Margie and Robert Monson. The Midewin Tallgrass Prairie has pictures of the school which were donated. He started school at the age of five, and after seven, and a half years the Arsenal took over all of the land. From the middle of seventh grade on, his education continued in Wilmington.

His home was located on Route 66 just four miles north of Elwood, near the Old Alton Railroad passing in the back of the family's property. The war caused a shortage of men to work on maintaining the rails and consequently the railroads hired teen boys to work for them. The boy's titles were "Gandi Dancers". Ray worked for the Elwood group, and his bosses were John Banigo and Jack Bossinetti. To maintain the rails the boys would ride the "Putt Putt Car" on the tracks and check them to see if they were in need of repair. Part of their jobs was to trim all of the weeds on the side of the rails.

There were two passenger trains at that time, the "Ann Rutledge" and the "Abraham Lincoln". One train ran in the morning, the other in the evening. They only stopped in Elwood and Wilmington if there were passengers to board or depart the trains.

Ray's parents John and Mabel had a Cherry Cider Stand on Route 66. Mable would mix her own recipe of Cherry Cider. A glass would cost five cents and was sold at the stand. Ray still remembers when one customer, a man, tipped him five cents. Ray still remembers the excitement he felt at getting a tip that equaled the cost of the glass. The Greyhound bus would make the stand a stop and the passengers would purchase Cherry Cider. Back then the Greyhound busses would pick you up or drop you off at your homes.

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Association Member Events

a walkway, split rail fences, benches, Burma Shave signs, a pavilion, and 3 flag poles. The flags from the United States, Illinois, and Towanda fly daily over the gardens. Over the years many volunteers came forward to do the ongoing maintenance, the weeding of the flower beds, maintaining the landscaping, all the non-glamorous parts of this preservation project.

At the celebration there was music, pork chop sandwiches, and a fantastic Route 66 cake to honor the gathering of hardworking volunteers. It was a wonderful afternoon of speeches, scrapbooks on the start of the project, and sharing of stories of how the community came together to preserve their part of the road.

The Towanda project has informative brochures in 4 languages (soon to be 5) that are available free to all Route 66 visitors at the site. An idea fostered by one man (Fred Walk) about an abandoned stretch of original road now a historic linear park that continues to evolve. Make sure to stop and visit soon!
"LOST" COMMUNITIES OF ROUTE 66
by Jeff Geisler

With Route 66 change has been and will be inevitable. The alignments have changed over the years. Businesses have come and gone. Some cities and villages have celebrated their centennials years ago while others are barely half that old. Then there are some communities that no longer exist.

I know that by reading the title of this article 2 or 3 communities will immediately pop into mind for some people. They have been covered in past issues of The Route 66 News. But I have "found" a few more.

A couple of years ago I bought a copy of an Illinois plat map book on a CD. This book has an index of cities and towns from 1934-1935 and in many cases lists the census populations for each. I checked the plat index against a couple of railroad station lists that I have and found that some places that I thought were just a sign on a post actually had a population.

I have created a list of these "lost" cities with their relationship to existing cities. In some cases I have listed the mileage by the Illinois Terminal interurban as a reference aid in case someone would like to "find" these places for themselves.

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Or you can mail a photo of your plate to:
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Hall of Fame Museum - Attn: Jim Jones
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Pontiac, IL 61764

License plate of association President Cathie Stevanovich
What’s New at the Route 66 Association Hall of Fame Museum?

The Waldmire vehicles have arrived! The bus’ new home is located behind the museum. The VW is located inside the museum. At this writing both are available and are being prepared for your inspection and enjoyment.

It will take you more than one visit to totally appreciate the complete Bob Waldmire experience. This display should not be missed.

Remember, this is your Museum. The entire complex is open year round and is entirely free. Bring your friends and family and plan to spend the day.

While in town be sure to see all the impressive Murals. Then visit the free Walldog Museum. Complete information on all there is to do in Pontiac can be obtained at the Route 66 Museum or the Visitor Center.

Relocating the Waldmire Vehicles

By Marty Blitstein

On Wednesday, October 20th, Bob Waldmire’s VW van was put into the Route 66 Hall of Fame and Museum in Pontiac, Illinois.

The van had been picked up by association member Marty Lathrop in Springfield after “The Mother Road Festival” at the end of September. It was brought to Pontiac to be prepared for its first ever stay indoors.

The van is famous on Route 66 as it was Bob Waldmire’s signature mode of transportation. Bob drove from one end of the Mother Road to the other many, many times, stopping to draw his famous art work. Bob drew birds, trees, insects, buildings, and his favorite Route 66 maps. On the side of his van are even sketches of his liver and pancreas!

People from all over knew and admired Bob the artist, you could see that his talent was from the heart. There was no speeding along the highway for Bob as he drove 40 miles per hour everywhere. Bob always “braked” for animals of all kinds.

The Route 66 Association of Illinois deeply appreciates the trust that the Waldmire Family has shown in us by allowing us to display both Bob’s VW and bus at our Hall of Fame and Museum in Pontiac.

As we were working on Bob’s van, I was able to feel the true love he had for the way of life he chose and the many friends he had made.

Please come to Pontiac to see the Waldmire VW bus. We are preparing his “2 story” bus residence for tours come spring. When you come to visit, if you have a picture or story of you and Bob, please bring a copy of them for our “Bob and Me” photo/letter exhibit.

Thanks to Bob Killackey, Museum Committee Chairman, and others who worked on this project: John Weiss, Emmy Bates, Johnny Miller, Cathie Stevanovich, Marty Blitstein, Jim Jones, Jamie Anderson, Victor Zezelic and the City of Pontiac.
The Illinois Route 66 Heritage Project, represented by the Executive Director, Bill Kelly, visited Pontiac to make a presentation to Pontiac’s Betty Estes. The award recognizes Betty’s many contributions to the creation and development of Route 66 as a tourist attraction in Illinois. Kelly also announced the creation of a college-level scholarship named for Estes, which will be awarded for study in the field of tourism at one of the state universities in Illinois.

According to Kelly, “Betty is truly, the mother of the Route 66 heritage movement in Illinois. She was instrumental in the creation of the Route 66 Heritage Project, has worked tirelessly to promote Route 66 in Pontiac, and served as an ambassador to thousands of visitors who come to Illinois to travel down the Mother Road.”

Estes served as the City of Pontiac’s first Tourism Director and still is deeply involved with local tourism efforts. She has won Pontiac’s Citizen of the Year Award, been recognized by the Route 66 Association, and is a valued member of the Pontiac community.

Text of Award:

Certificate of Recognition

In honor of Betty Estes
“The Mother of Our Road”

This certificate is presented with appreciation and gratitude on the 5th Anniversary of the Illinois Route 66 National Scenic Byway.

Presented by the Illinois Route 66 Heritage Project on this 25th day of October, 2010

Betty Estes was the driving force in bringing the Route 66 Association of Illinois Hall of Fame Museum to Pontiac. Her ability to look into the future and see what this museum could bring to Pontiac was a blessing to the Association and the City of Pontiac.

I think I speak for all the Route 66 Association of Illinois members in thanking Betty for her untiring efforts to make Pontiac and our Hall of Fame Museum a world-wide attraction.
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❖ Board Meeting  10:00 AM
❖ Lunch Break  Noon – On Your Own
❖ General Meeting 1:00 PM
  ➢ 2011 Meeting Schedules (all meetings are held on Sunday)
    • Quarterly Spring Meeting, April 17th in Springfield (Pizza Buffet)
    • Quarterly Summer Meeting, July 17th in McCook
    • Annual Fall Meeting, October 16th in Pontiac
  (Meeting locations subject to change due to availability)

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