

# ROADHOUSE

## ***RIDING ROUTE 66 :: DAILY ITINERARY***

***Saturday, June 12, to Saturday, June 26, 2010 :: Historic Routing***

### **Day 1 :: Saturday, June 12, 2010 :: Arrive in Chicago, Illinois**

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The tour officially kicks off today! Riders spend the early part of the day traveling to Chicago and arriving at the hotel. Those who need to rent a Harley will need to do so in the afternoon. All riders and bikes need to be checked-in at the hotel prior to 6:00 PM. After Check-In, riders will be free until the Welcome Dinner Reception at 7:30 PM when the group will meet to get acquainted and have dinner and drinks along with a presentation about the long awaited beginning of this once in a lifetime riding tour.

### **Day 2 :: Sunday, June 13, 2010 :: Chicago, Illinois to Springfield, Illinois Approximate Mileage :: 225 miles**

After a short briefing of the days travels, it's time to climb onto the saddle, open up the throttle, and begin our Route 66 experience! Starting out in Chicago, the City of Big Shoulders, at the beginning point of The Mother Road, we will then head proudly southwest across the Land of Lincoln, following the path of Historic Route 66 through Cicero, Berwyn and on into Joliet. We will experience many Route 66 icons along the way, including a stop to pay tribute to the Gemini Giant, before enjoying lunch at an authentic Route 66 eatery. Then it's off through Gardner, Dwight and Odell before joining the super slab on the way to Funks Grove. Then were off to see Tall Paul, before the group rejoins the super slab for the last leg of the day's journey which will end in Springfield, Illinois.

### **Day 3 :: Monday, June 14, 2010 :: Springfield, Illinois to St. Louis, Missouri Approximate Mileage :: 165 miles**

An early visit to the Cozy Dog Drive-In prepares us for another day along this great old two-lane highway. Our travels today takes us along the path of the 1918 Illinois State Route 4 through Auburn, Virden and Nilwood before riding our chrome steeds around the quaint, brick paved square in Carlinville where we will stop for a break. The group returns to old 66 in Litchfield just in time for lunch, before traveling through Mt. Olive on the way to visit with Rich and his bunnies in Staunton.

Leaving Staunton, the group follows the old road through Hamel, Edwardsville and Mitchell before crossing the mighty Mississippi and roaring into Missouri where the stately Chain of Rocks Bridge is located. After skirting around St. Louis on the way to our hotel for the night, and dinner, we visit a cool icon of old Route 66 located on Chippewa Street.

### **Day 4 :: Tuesday, June 15, 2010 :: St. Louis, Missouri to Springfield, Missouri Approximate Mileage :: 215 miles**

Heading westward down old 66 from St. Louis through the beautiful Ozark State of Missouri ... on two wheels ... is nothing less then spectacular. Today's tour features a superb ride along two-lane 66 through several small towns from Pacific to Cuba, including a stop at an outpost, before joining the super slab into Rolla where the group will stop to enjoy a unique culinary treat that is Maid-just-Rite.

Further west on old 66, the group encounters the famous Devil's Elbow along with some early four

lane 66 and the Hooker Cut. Ready for some more two-lane 66 across the Missouri Ozarks? No problem. The tour follows old 66 through Waynesville, Buckhorn, Gascozark and Lebanon. Today a combination of super slab and the old two-lane roadbed is placed behind us on the way to Springfield, Missouri where we will hold-up for the night at an authentic motel from the heyday of old Route 66.

**Day 5 :: Wednesday, June 16, 2010 :: Springfield, Missouri to Tulsa, Oklahoma**  
**Approximate Mileage :: 220 miles**

Beyond Springfield, the old highway heads west to Gary Turner's Sinclair Station just like a pleasant step back in time, before heading on west toward Carthage through the scenic countryside along an old road which has very dependably served our country for over 80 years.

Carthage is home to the Boots Motel and the 66 Drive-In Theatre, then it's onward toward Joplin and the State of Kansas. The path of old 66 entering Kansas is truly one-of-a-kind as it winds through Hell's Half Acre and into the old coal mining town of Galena, the home of the 4 Women on the Route and Tow Tater. After passing the Eisler Brothers Store in Riverton, the hunt is on for the only remaining Marsh Arch Bridge located on Route 66.

Baxter Springs is the final town along the mere 13.2 miles of old 66 through the southeast tip of Kansas and then it's across the Oklahoma State line into our first glimpse of Native American country. We then travel through Quapaw, Commerce, Miami (pronounced Mi am ah), Afton, Catoosa and on into Tulsey Town where we stop for the night and a much needed rest.

**Day 6 :: Thursday, June 17, 2010 :: Tulsa, Oklahoma to Clinton, Oklahoma**  
**Approximate Mileage :: 200 miles**

Once in the saddle again, Sapulpa, and the brick deck of the 1921 Rock Creek Bridge and traveling along a tree canopied and pristine section of the old historic Ozark Trail is our morning treat. Continuing on through Stroud, Chandler and Wellston, the group puts more vintage two-lane in their back pockets as they approach Arcadia, where a well deserved stop is made for some home cookin' and then a visit with Butch at the Round Barn

Refueled and refreshed, the group skirts around Oklahoma City, and heads for Bethany and more two-lane 66. Yukon and El Reno are up next before riding across the 3/4 mile long Pony Bridge on the way to Hydro and both the old and new Lucille's. Weatherford marks the last town along 66 before we arrive in Clinton, Oklahoma before ending another perfect summer day along old historic 66.

**Day 7 :: Friday, June 18, 2010 :: Clinton, Oklahoma to Amarillo, Texas**  
**Approximate Mileage :: 185 miles**

The first order of business is to check out the Oklahoma Route 66 Museum. Then we pass the Besie Wye, where old 66 provides the group with miles of original Portland concrete pavement which closely follows the lay of the land just like it has always been there. In Elk City we visit the new National Route 66 Transportation Museum, before heading west through Sayre, Foss and Hext and to a well deserved "Redneck" lunch break and entertaining show at the City Meat Market in Erick.

As we bid Oklahoma goodbye, and leave Texola behind, the Lone Star State welcomes the riders with open roads fit for a road king all the way to McLean where some Devil's Rope is encountered. Leaving McLean on the super slab, it is time to kick back and settle into the saddle for our final ride of the day under sunny Texas skies, all the way to the Big Texan Steak Ranch in Amarillo, Texas before hanging their hats for the night at the Big Texan Hotel.

**\*\*This is the ending point of the 7 Night Eastern Route 66 Tour**

## **\*\*This is the starting point of the 8 Night Western Route 66 Tour**

### **Day 8 :: Saturday, June 19, 2010 :: Amarillo, Texas to Albuquerque, New Mexico Approximate Mileage :: 300 miles**

An early morning ride through Amarillo peaks the groups interest for what comes next. But what could be so interesting as to lure this group of road warriors off their bikes and out into the middle of a wheat field in the Texas panhandle to have a closer look? It's the world famous Cadillac Ranch!! Then it's time to enjoy a long ride straight through Bushland, Wildorado, Vega and Adrian on the way to Tucumcari for a hearty lunch break and a peek at an old Curio Shop and a Blue Swallow.

Then it is on through Montoya, Newkirk, Cuervo and Santa Rosa before joining the super slab for the afternoon trek into Albuquerque for the night under the beautiful star lit skies of "Big Sky Country", which are not usually found anywhere else.

### **Day 9 :: Sunday, June 20, 2010 :: Albuquerque, New Mexico to Williams, Arizona Approximate Mileage :: 370 long miles**

Buckle your seatbelts today as we travel 370 miles, the most miles of any day of the tour. Rising up Nine Mile Hill, we then cross the vast Rio Puerco Valley on the way to Mesita and the Laguna Pueblo. From here, and all the way to the Arizona border, exists some of the most fabulous scenery New Mexico has to offer.

Following old 66 through big sky country, traveling the same path that millions and millions of those before us have traveled, is a humbling experience ... and one the group will savor as we pass through Grants, Bluewater and Prewitt on our way westward, rising in elevation up to the Continental Divide.

In Arizona, we travel through the Petrified Forest National Park and the Painted Desert. The gorgeous views from the vista points of the colorful badlands of the Painted Desert quickly give way to the vivid multi-colored permineralized Conifer logs and remnants, buried here by sand and volcanic ash since the Late Triassic Period, of the Petrified Forest. Leaving the Park, Highway 180 directs the group toward Holbrook where a stop for lunch with Joe & Aggie is long overdue.

"It's a girl my Lord, in a flatbed Ford, slowin' down to take a look at me" .... as we arrive at The Eagles, Standin' on a Corner Park, in Winslow, Arizona. West of Winslow the majestic, snow-capped San Francisco Peaks appear, along with some ruins from the heyday of old 66 named Two Guns and Twin Arrows. Then it's on into Flagstaff for a well merited break at "The Zoo" before "easy riding" it to Bellemont to pay our respects to Peter and Billy at the old Pine Breeze Inn. A stop at a Biker's Roadhouse for dinner is certainly unique and welcomed by each road warrior, before enjoying an evening ride through the lush and fragrant Ponderosa Pine forests and beautiful scenery on our way on further west in to Williams.

### **Day 10 :: Monday, June 21, 2010 :: Williams, Arizona to the Grand Canyon Approximate Mileage :: 165 miles or 210 miles +/-**

Williams, known as the Gateway to the Grand Canyon, also has a very pleasureable Route 66 atmosphere, with several old motels, eateries and neon signs along the two-way loop through town. Williams was also the last town bypassed by the interstate in 1984. Today is your first day with a choice. You are on your own today .... You can sleep in, and take the day off and enjoy the cozy little mountain town of Williams, Arizona or get up early and travel to the Grand Canyon National Park for some simply spectacular scenery !! Don't forget the cameras and plenty of film or cards for your digital cameras !!

The group will be staying at the same Motel in Williams tonight and enjoying the charm of this quaint town. There is a laundromat in town if you need to catch up on doing some laundry.

**Day 11 :: Tuesday, June 22, 2010 :: Williams, Arizona to Las Vegas, Nevada**  
**Approximate Mileage :: 235 miles**

Heading into the lower elevation of western Arizona, the riders eagerly keep an eye out for the Crookton Road Exit where old 66 is once again rejoined for a two-wheeled, two-lane expedition along the longest surviving uninterrupted alignment of old 66 that stretches through Seligman, Peach Springs, Hackberry and on into Kingman.

After a stop at Angel's Barbershop and the Rusty Bolt, the riders descend on the Snow Cap for a snack before aiming the handlebars toward the Hualapai Indian Reservation and Peach Springs. After Truxton and Valentine, a pit stop at the Hackberry General Store is certainly a must for this group of riders before they begin the journey into Kingman where we veer off of Route 66 and head north to Hoover Dam and Lake Meade and then on into the gambling and entertainment mecca of Las Vegas, Nevada for the night !!

**Day 12 :: Wednesday, June 23, 2010 :: Las Vegas, Nevada**  
**Approximate Mileage :: 20 miles +/-**

Today is a free day for everyone to explore and have fun in "Sin City" - Las Vegas .... so just remember "What Happens in Vegas, Stays in Vegas" !! So get out there and have some fun ..... Tomorrow we must tackle the most grueling portion of the 2,800 mile tour ... traveling across the vast desert landscape of the arid and desolate Mojave.

The group will be staying in the same Hotel in Las Vegas tonight and will enjoy more of the the fizz, pop, bang, boom and glamour that Las Vegas has to offer before returning back south to Route 66 tomorrow.

**Day 13 :: Thursday, June 24, 2010 :: Las Vegas, Nevada to Barstow, California**  
**Approximate Mileage :: 260 miles**

Leaving Las Vegas, (hey, that would be a good name for a movie ....), the crowded four-lane gives way to a peaceful and mostly deserted two-lane highway that the group follows south through Searchlight on the way back south to rejoin Route 66 at Arrowhead Junction. After a stop at Fenner, several ghost towns are passed through before arriving at Roy's in Amboy for a well deserved break. Rolling on across the National Old Trails Highway, the surface becomes slightly rough for those traveling on two-wheels, and in response, we re-join the super-slab on the way to Barstow and today's late lunch as the Historic Bagdad Cafe awaits our group of thirsty and dusty riders in the distance.

After lunch we stop for a visit at The Mother Road Museum, in Barstow before ending the day a little early due to the intense desert heat, where we will take off our boots and shake off the desert dust for the night.

\*\*Please be sure to drink enough liquid in the form of water or Gatorade today to ward off the possibility of dehydration.

**Day 14 :: Friday, June 25, 2010 :: Barstow, California to Los Angeles, California**  
**Approximate Mileage :: 160 miles**

On this our final day of the Riding Route 66 Motorcycle Tour, more miles of the National Old Trails Highway are put behind us before stopping at the California Route 66 Museum in Victorville. This afternoon we descend the Cajon Pass, down through the San Bernardino Mountains, and enter the Los Angeles Basin. One last rural expanse of old 66 will be experienced before heading west toward Santa Monica on the busy super-slabs of Los Angeles.

The group will aim their dusty iron horses westward toward the Pacific Ocean one last time to follow Santa Monica Boulevard to Ocean Avenue and onto the Santa Monica Pier, marking the end of this spectacular journey across the heartland of America.

This evening the group will join together for one final time to enjoy a Farewell Dinner Reception and to celebrate and to individually recall the highlights of our once in a lifetime, two-lane adventure along The Mother Road ... along Route 66.

## **Day 15 :: Saturday, June 26, 2010 :: Depart from Los Angeles, California**

Today the tour participants will begin their individual treks toward home.

This magical journey, with its "one-of-a-kind" riding experience, down the most famous two-lane highway in America, its close camaraderie with many newly made friends, the countless unique and dusty icons of the old road, the remaining ruins of prosperous days gone by, along with the ever changing scenery across this spectacular country, have filled each rider with conjured up thoughts and vivid memories of a simpler time, of a pre-franchised era, and of a time before America became generic ...

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