

ROADHOUSE

RIDING ROUTE 66 :: DAILY ITINERARY

Saturday, July 28th, thru Wednesday, August 8th, 2012
Historic Routing :: Chicago to LA

Day 1 :: Saturday, July 28, 2012 :: Arrive in Chicago, Illinois

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, July 29, 2012 :: Chicago, Illinois to Springfield, Illinois **Approximate Mileage :: 225 miles**

After a short briefing of the days travels, it's time to saddle up, throttle your bike, get in formation 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, July 30, 2012 :: Springfield, Illinois to St. Louis, Missouri **Approximate Mileage :: 170 miles**

An early visit to the Cozy Dog Drive-In prepares us for another day along this great two-lane highway. Our travel today takes us along the path of the 1918 Illinois State Route 4 through Auburn, (1926 alignment) 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 (1930 alignment) in Litchfield just in time for lunch, before traveling through Mt. Olive on the way to visit with Rich and Big Red in Staunton. Leaving Staunton, the group follows the old road through Hamel, Edwardsville and Mitchell with a stop at one of Al Capone's old hangouts before crossing the mighty Mississippi 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, July 31, 2012 :: St. Louis, Missouri to Springfield, Missouri **Approximate Mileage :: 220 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 pristine 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, August 1, 2012 :: Springfield, Missouri to Tulsa, Oklahoma
Approximate Mileage :: 220 miles**

Beyond Springfield, the old highway heads west with more enchanting two-lane highway 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, August 2, 2012 :: Tulsa, Oklahoma to Clinton, Oklahoma
Approximate Mileage :: 230 miles**

Once in the saddle again, Sapulpa is the gateway to two-lane Oklahoma 66. 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 and 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 (with 38 steel trusses) 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, August 3, 2012 :: 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 Bessie Wye, where old 66 provides the group with memorable 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 National Route 66 Transportation Museum, before heading west through Sayre, Foss and Hext. 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. Lunch at the Red River Steak House is well worth the wait !! 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.

**Day 8 :: Saturday, August 4, 2012 :: 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 stop at the historic Blue Swallow Motel. 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 found anywhere else.

Day 9 :: Sunday, August 5, 2012 :: Albuquerque, New Mexico to Williams, Arizona Approximate Mileage :: 365 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. Then "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 still further west in to Williams, Arizona, known as the Gateway to the Grand Canyon, also has a very pleasurable vintage Route 66 atmosphere, with several old motels, eateries and neon signs along the two-way loop through town.

Day 10 :: Monday, August 6, 2012 :: Williams, Arizona to Needles, California Approximate Mileage :: 180 miles

Heading on west 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 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 rounding Seven Mile Curve and on into Kingman for lunch. After lunch, we head up into the Black Mountains in search of Oatman and the burros, being careful to watch the road instead of just the breathtaking scenery !! Leaving Oatman we cross the Colorado River on our way to Needles, California and the swimming pool !!

Day 11 :: Tuesday, August 7, 2012 :: Needles, California to Victorville, California Approximate Mileage :: 190 miles

Today we cross the desert and want to get an early start to beat the heat. Please be sure to drink enough liquid in the form of water or Gatorade today to ward off the possibility of dehydration. As we roll across the National Old Trails Highway (1926 alignment), 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 with a stop at the famous Bagdad Café, in Newberry Springs. A lunch at Roy's, a Juan Pollo Restaurant famous for succulent roasted chicken, awaits our group of thirsty and dusty riders in Barstow. After lunch we stop for a visit at The Mother Road Museum, in Barstow before heading west along more of the National Old Trails Highway 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 in Victorville, California.

Day 12 :: Wednesday, August 8, 2012 :: Victorville, California to Los Angeles Approximate Mileage :: 140 miles

On this our final day of the Riding Route 66 Motorcycle Tour, we will sleep in a bit to make up for yesterday's heat before visiting Victorville Harley Davidson and the California Route 66 Museum in Victorville. Today 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 a mixture of busy super-slabs of Los Angeles and the Historic Arroyo Seco Parkway. The group will then 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 Historic Route 66.

Day 13 :: Thursday, August 9, 2012 :: Los Angeles

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 ...

Memories enough to last each of the now,
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