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KING OF THE ROAD ANTIQUE CAR CLUB

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TIME TO THINK

Here we are, ready to begin a fresh new season in KOTR. Our members are once again drifting in from all around this great country, and Europe too, some have even decide to call this area "HOME" for good. We welcome you back into the arms of KOTR. Together we can and will make this the best of the car clubs.

We have a preliminary schedule laid out for you that we hope will bring a variety of activities to enjoy with our friends. Let us know what you think would make us

a better club. The idea of a bus excursion to Lakeland has been tossed about. A visit to Florida Southern College by Frank Lloyd Wright with lunch or dinner at Ford's Garage. How does that sound to you?

It is definitely a TIME TO THINK about the upcoming season for KOTR, we have the cars and we have the friends, so let's put our heads together and make this the very best season of all. You'll be glad you did!

LOOKING DOWN
THE KOTR HIGHWAY
mark your calendars now!



**WING DING
WEDNESDAY**

September 9th

4:30pm



Rte. 441 East Leesburg,
past the air port, at
Lakes Blvd, light.

Cousin Vinnie's is so much
more than wings, it has a
full menu if you're not into
wings. You might want to
bring your own cushions,

**OAKWOOD
SMOKEHOUSE**

**KOTR
DINNER**

**OCTOBER
9th**

5:30 pm

LADY LAKE

**We've got
a bone
to pick with you!**

**RESERVATIONS
MUST HAVE
by 9/23**



**KOTR
RETRO
PARTY
SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 8TH
4:00 PM**

**PIZZA AND DUCK PIN
BOWLING, JUST LIKE
WHEN WE WERE
KIDS.**



Sage advice for those contemplating

the purchase of an old automobile; "Know the Language"

Older restoration..... Can't tell that it's been restored

Rare model..... Nobody liked them when they were new

Needs engine work..... It's been frozen for 30 years

Good investment..... Couldn't depreciate anymore

Completed Glidden tour..... On a trailer

Low mileage..... Third time around

Lost storage..... Neighbors getting up a petition

Drive home..... If you live next door

Easy restoration..... The parts will come off in your hand

Clean..... Sat out in the rain yesterday

Headin' on west



In the June issue of KOTR PINS, we started a journey down the “Mother Road,” Route 66. Beginning in “Chi-Town,” heading west, we got as far as Bloomington, Illinois. That was a very busy leg of our journey. As our trek progresses we will want to take in the usual points of interest as well as find some interesting eateries along the way. This month we will concentrate on the foods of Route 66.

Our first eatery of note was the “world famous” Cozy Dog in Springfield, Illinois. It opened in 1949 and is still servin’ up those hot dogs on a stick to this day. Just click

on the cozy dogs to the right and you will be back in Springfield enjoying a tasty “Cozy Dog” once more. Oh, the memories!



Later on the next day we cruised into St. Louis where we stopped at Ted Drewes Frozen Custard for a treat. The frozen custard stand was started in 1929, its route 66 location opened in 1941. Drewes is also noted in the St. Louis area for its seasonal sale of, yes, Christmas trees of various species. Want to know more about this local hot spot, just click on the ice cream cone.



As we head on west out of St. Louis, we might want to chow down at the Hi-Way Café in Vinita, Oklahoma. It has been dubbed the “best hole-in-the-wall restaurant in Oklahoma.” How could we pass by that without stopping in. There is also a 1963 AMC Rambler on display, sporting 60,066 stickers. You’ll wanna count ‘em just to make certain that they ain’t lyin’. There just so much to do and see on this route that you’ll want to take your time and just mosey along!

West of Vinita after a few hours we’ll go through Stroud,

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Oklahoma, home to the Rock Café. It first opened its doors in 1939 and still serves up some great fare. As the Pixar movie “CARS” was in the pre-production phase, the staff visited here and the character of Sally Carrera is based on Rock Café proprietor Dawn Welch and her efforts to rebuild Stroud after a devastating, 1999 tornado had its way with the town. Click on the picture to the right to find out more about this historic site.



There are so many sites in this next leg of our journey westward, we'll have to be careful of our time. We could be out here for a month or more. As we approach Texas and New Mexico the stops just seem to fill our minds with the stories of long ago when Route 66 was young and the cars were new.

In Texas, big and wild Texas, there is a must stop in Amarillo, The Big Texan Steak Ranch & Brewery. This is the home of the “Free 72 ounce Steak.” This is a challenge, you have to eat the entire meal, by yourself, in a one hour period of time. The meal starts with shrimp cocktail, then there is a baked potato along with a salad and roll and butter and of course the 72 ounce (4.5 pounds) steak! You pay up front, \$72, if you alone finish it in one hour, you get your



money back, hence the “FREE” steak dinner. Want to learn more? Click on the picture here. We'll probably want to overnight here as well after that meal.

Here in Amarillo were are

but an hour or so from the mid point of our cross country trip in Adrian, Texas. 1139 miles from Chicago and Santa Monica Pier in California.

After a good night's rest in Amarillo, we are heading west into New Mexico. You'll maybe want to put on your sombrero to get in the mood for the “South Of The Border” fare so prevalent in New Mexico. For lunch, in Tucumcari, the lunch break will find us at Del's Restaurant most likely, great for tacos and burritos. There is a lot of sand between the Texas state line and Albuquerque where we'll dine and call it yet another day. The Route 66 Diner is a modern iteration of an old style diner. You can either opt for a seat at the counter on old style, swivel stools or cuddle up close in a cozy booth to enjoy a trip down memory lane for supper.

Heading west again in the morning we soon reach the Arizona state line and not too much further is the Petrified Forest. A certain stop along the way. You can relive that award winning movie of 1936 starring Leslie Howard, Bette Davis, and Humphry Bogart. What a thrill! Still it's not yet time to call it a day. Perhaps an overnight in Winslow at the La Posada Hotel there. Who knows, you might even meet a girl in a flatbed Ford. My Lord!

Not too much further west you'll most likely want to stop in Williams and take a train ride to the



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Grand Canyon and all its splendor. After all this is a once in a life time journey, let's make the most of it. Want to learn more about this side trip just click on this logo. Din-



ner at the Fred Harvey Restaurant or Spenser's Pub across from the train depot, what a way to end this very busy day or two.

There is a lot of open space in Arizona as we head westward from Williams until we get to Seligman. Here we find the Road Kill Café, a very interesting eatery! Their motto is "If you kill it, we grill it." It is one of those kitschy places that attract a great many locals as well as tourists like us. The walls are covered with dollar bills signed by the many diners who have eaten there over the years, as well as many elk and coyote heads on display. Just good food served in a unique setting, perfect for route 66 in the desert.

Not far down the road we will head into our last state of this cross-country trek, California. Here's a tidbit of information for your already crowded brain, we will pass through the town of Needles. In the comic strip "Peanuts," Charlie Brown's dog Snoopy has a brother "Spike" who lives out in the desert in Needles. Factoid, Charles Schultz, creator of the strip lived, as a boy, in Needles and his pet dog was named Spike. Now you know!

Now that we have traveled all this way from Chicago to California, had eaten some many great meals and enjoyed some interesting side trips, they helped to make our sojourn a memory filled with a land that once was! It

would seem that California has tried and accomplished the task of eliminating that part of our history, leaving scant traces of that great era. Much of Route 66 in California has been through desert landscapes with ghost towns and ghost sites left to be blown away with the sands of time. Hardly worth stopping for except for a photo, only to say I was there. Then again in Goffs, the "Desert Tortoise Capital of America" there are the tortoises that you cannot touch, they are protected. Touch them and they may eliminate their valued water supply on you. The Goffs store, graffitied and up in flames. Built in 1883 and burned down in 2021

This is much of what remains on Route 66 until you hit the end of the trail in Santa Monica, on the coast. Almost a forgotten afterthought among all the glitter of the times today.



We've had a good time on this trip, I hope that you enjoyed it too. It is good to have pleasant memories of the good times and reminisce about them with close friends. We'll meet again on the road to Pleasantville, some day. Keep the memories alive.

THIS IS A MEMORY TEST

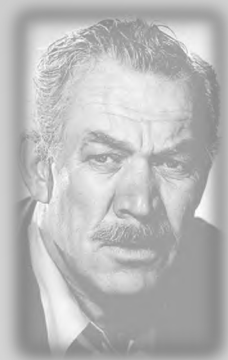
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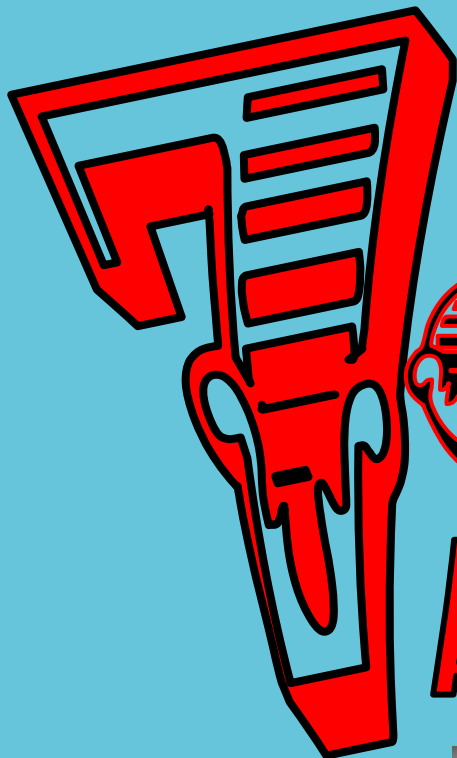


Back in 1958 there was a car company that had a promotional give away program with every dealership in the country, and it was aimed at young children.

Can you name the company, and what they gave away to the children in a drawing, and what the children had to do?

Click on the photo to the right to bring back the "good ole days."





BUCK CHUCK



JULY 8TH

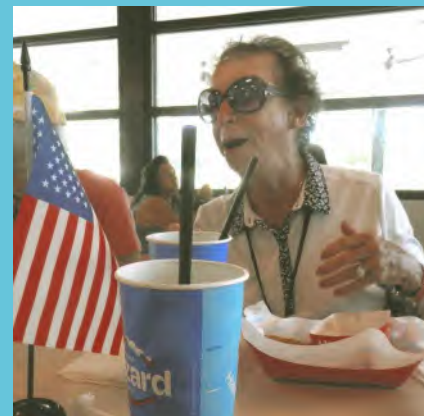
A KOTR CHEAP DATE NIGHT



Due to the high temps on the 8th, only one classic car made the trip, Frank Fox and Marcie McDowell brought their 1932 Ford hot rod phaeton.



Marcie McDowell explaining the size of a whatchamacallit to her husband Frank Fox and Leif Drexler. Wile enjoying the cool of the inside at DQ.



Bonnie Lloyd relating a story to friends amid a myriad of cups and flags. The chicken strip dinner is her favorite.



Dee and Frank O'Donnell enjoy their sundaes as part of the \$7.00 meal deal at DQ every night.

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July 18th

A day at the ball park



We gathered at Ski Beach Restaurant for dinner had a wonderful meal overlooking Lake Harris. A few were camera shy here! Then we headed across the parking lot to the ball park for the final home game.





KOTR Aug. 7th KARS und KRÜLLERS



Ten hungry KOTR members drifted into DIP-A-DEE DONUTS in Leesburg for our first donut run of the year. There is nothing quite so nice as fresh baked “krullers” and your best friends. Sadly only one old car made it.

Saint Paul's Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, August 28th

Fourteen members and guests made their way to Bellevue's Saint Paul's Parish for a wonderful spaghetti dinner. There was ample servings for take home. Many took their own wine of choice to compliment their meal. There was also a 50/50 drawing, (none of us won.) For an additional \$3.00 they had a variety of home made cakes for dessert, I had a piece of "Better than s x", and I would have to agree, it was better than nothing! We even had musical accompaniment for the evening with a rendition of "King of the road," among others.





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Learn about all the exciting things to do at the Big Texan Steak Ranch! Check out the winners & rules to the 72oz Steak Challenge. See our full menu and take-out options. Shop our giftshop online. See full list of our handcrafted beers from our brewery



Free 72 ounce Steak

The Big Texan's legendary 72-ounce steak challenge is not for the faint of heart, but for those bold enough to conquer it, it's a carnivorous feat to remember. [Learn about the rules, history and past champions.](#)



Restaurant

Feeding folks since 1960, we are a generational family business feeding generations of families. [View our menu and history.](#)





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\$16.99

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Steak Knife – 9.5" Stainless
Steel

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Cup

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[View Menu](#)

Spend your night in Amarillo with us!

The Big Texan has more to offer than just big steaks! Stay with one of partners either at our RV Park, Cabins, Wagons, Airstream, and AIRBNBs on property.

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AMARILLO BY MORNING RV PARK

BIG TEXAN WAGONS

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