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October 2021

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Special points of interest:

- Member meeting Oct 14 @ Pizza Ranch
- Cruise-in @ Hardees Oct 9
- Halloween Cruise-in @ Hardees Oct 31
- Mystery Cruise—Tentative Oct 21

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Route 66 Cruisers Newsletter

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President's Message

Man y'all

I can't believe it's the end of the cruise season, I'm not ready. But hey we still have our cruises on Saturday, October 9th at Rock & Roll Hardee's from 1-4 p.m. and our Halloween cruise is Sunday, October 31st at Rock & Roll Hardee's also from 1-4 p.m. Don't forget we have a costume contest at this one and most folks put out buckets of candy for the kids so be sure the kids and grand kids come out. I hope you were able to make it out to our September cruises, the Chatham Hardee's cruise was a fun one and we had great feed back from the community as well. Hope to see you at the monthly membership meeting, we will meet at Pizza Ranch - meeting starts at 7 p.m. but come on out early and have dinner with us.

The Mother Road Festival was a blast, Greg & Sue Cooper put their hearts into making sure it happened and that it happened here!

Route 97 Crusaders are having their Christmas for our Kids cruise on Sunday, October 10th at the Petersburg Hardee's from 1-4 p.m. They ask that you bring a new unwrapped toy to donate, its been a rough year all around lets see what we can do to help make these kids Christmas.

Our Christmas Party is scheduled for December 5 at the Anchor Boat club. The reservation form is included in this month's newsletter. Reservations with payment must be returned to Cassie Langley by November 12 so we can get a count for the caterer.

The Halloween Cruise-in is October 31 at Hardees on Stevenson. There will be prizes for best costumes as in previous years.

See ya down the road.

Jeff



Club News and Reminders

- Please try and bring \$5 bills for registration. Especially early, it s dfficult to provide change for large bills
- The Christmas party planning is underway. Remember, you need to participate in 4 club events throughout the cruising season to be able not pay for the Christmas party dinner. (i.e. your party deposit returned to you) Anyone who wants to assist Cassie Langley with the Christmas Party preparations, please contact her via email @ langleyrt66@gmail.com
- We are asking any club members who would like to share their baking skills to provide the deserts for the Christmas party. Based on past parties, we have some very talented bakers!!
- Please keep in mind things are kind of fluid right now and scheduled events for all clubs may change with short notice, please check our Facebook page, our web page or call one of the Board members. We will try our best to keep up with everyone. Also check Cool Cruisers Facebook and don't forget classicpony.com.



Happy Birthday
from the
Route 66 Cruisers
Car Club!!

October Birthdays

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Chris Hays	October 1	Pat Smith	October 11
Janette Hays	October 3	Eddie Johnson	October 18
Shelly Weatherholt	October 3	Nancy Moriconi	October 19
Blake Martin	October 3	Jack Delmar	October 21
Nancy Halpin	October 6	Tom Sheary	October 21
Virginia Blevins	October 7	Joe Catalano	October 25
Vickie Freeland	October 8	Allan Freeland	October 30

Member Meeting

The September member meeting was at Hardee's on Stevenson. It was attended by 29 members and guests.

Derek Roberts won the 50/50 for \$50. Congrats!

Newsletter contest winners were Arlene Flury, Jodee Homer, Juanita Walker, Pat Harris and Lee Kalka! Way to go ladies!!

Names were drawn for the dash plaques for the remainder of the cruise-ins this season:

- Jerry Campbell—September 15th Cruise at Hardees in Chatham
- Jan Porter—September 18th cruise at Hardees on Stevenson
- Jeff and Cassie Langley—September 26 cruise at Fairlane (previously designated for a cruise that was cancelled)
- Jodee Homer—October 9th Cruise at Hardees on Stevenson
- Melissa Roberts—October 21 Halloween cruise at Hardees on Stevenson

The October member meeting will be October 14 at Pizza Ranch. The meeting will start at 7:00. Come early to enjoy good food and good friends!!

D's "Easy" Trivia

What we learned....

1. Hot Rod ants actually do exist
2. Route 66 is known as the Mother Road. The term "Mother Road" was coined in the novel "Grapes of Wrath".
3. Chrysler was the first auto manufacturer to make a production model that could go 70 mph
4. Bobby Kennedy is the fourth person mentioned in the 1968 hit song "Abraham, Martin and John."
5. On Edsel Ford's 21st birthday, his father gave him \$1 Million in gold.
6. A tradition in Thailand is that the king gives free vasectomies each year on his birthday. YIKES!!

Sponsor's Corner

Corporate level sponsors

Isringhausen Imports



In its 30 year timeframe, Isringhausen has made its name synonymous with quality vehicles in Springfield where it all began. Starting in 1990 when they acquired the BMW and Porsche dealerships, to adding Mercedes Benz in 1992 and Volvo in 2014 (for the second time) they have established themselves as a leading dealership for high quality vehicles and service. Their philosophy that all customers deserve attention, honesty and respect is extended to their employees as well creating an environment for long term employees. They have a commitment to excellence of customers, employees and community.

The Route 66 Cruisers club thank you for your support!



LRS



LRS has positioned itself as a global technology leader with over 900 employees in offices in North America, Europe, Asia and Australia. Started in 1979 as a partnership between Dick Levi, Roger Ray and Bob Shoup as a consulting firm, their services have grown to include printing software, consulting services, pension administration software, computer hardware, education and technical training and web development and hosting. LRS is a good corporate citizen the Springfield community contributing to multiple charities and philanthropy efforts. Dick Levi is now the sole owner but has maintained their mission to be a leading force in technology. LRS has been voted as best employer multiple times.

Sanganois



Sanganois is an Illinois based company that specializes in the transportation of business or personal goods and cargo within the state. It is owned by members Troy Smith and Renee Hayward-Smith.



Welcome New Members!

The Route 66 Cruisers keeps growing!! We approved three new member applications!

Blake Martin

Kelly Martin

1974 Chevrolet Corvette

Steven and Jodie Koch

1956 Packard Caribbean Convertible

1976 Cadillac Convertible

1940 Ford Coupe

If you see at the next cruise-in, meeting or mystery cruise, be sure to say hello and welcome them to the club!

If you know someone who wants to join, have them download the application from our website.

Mystery Cruise



We are in the process of trying to schedule one last Mystery Cruise for the season. We do not have any information to post at this time. Due to all the events going on during the month, and getting harder and harder to find a place that has enough staff to accommodate groups the size that normally turn out for these.

Please watch your email, Route 66 Cruisers website and Facebook page for any updates regarding whether we will have a mystery cruise for October.

This is in reference to the official Route 66 Cruisers Mystery Cruise.

Newsletter Contest

How well did you read your newsletter?

Bring your answers to the next member meeting and all who answer correctly will be entered in a drawing for a door prize!

1. Where was the person from that won the sponsor's trophy at the Sept 18 cruise-in (city & State)_____
2. What is the deadline for your RSVP for the Christmas Party?_____
3. What is free in Thailand each year on the King's birthday?_____
4. Where was the term Mother Road first coined?_____
5. How many birthdays this month?_____
6. Who submitted this month's yummy recipes?_____



Nuts and Bolts

Well it's October and I know a lot of you put up your rides this month, most of you already know this stuff but we have some new folks that have become caretakers of family owned cars or made recent purchases and are continuing the passion we all share. Here are some winter storage pointers for you all to consider from one gear head to another.



First thing is a quality battery tender these are inexpensive and will extend the life of your expensive battery, have multiple cars? No problem they make tenders with multiple banks and extended leads. Second on the list is antifreeze. O'Reilly's sells testers so you can make sure your antifreeze is ready to protect the engine from another Illinois frigid winter. If you have any doubts about the coolant in your system now is a good time to have a flush done.

Third is engine oil, I am not about to open the can of worms on which oil is best and all of that, what I suggest and do on my own and my buddies cars is change the oil before you put them away for the winter, drive them for awhile so that fresh oil coats everything and protects your engine. I start mine up monthly actually I usually drive mine up until the first snow or bitter cold as soon as the salt hits the street I put mine up too.

Some guys put carpet squares under the tires and I always keep mine properly inflated as well but I am normally out in the garage often so its easy for me, not so much for others.

Fourth is the fuel, this can really save you some money and hassle. On our carburetor fuel systems I highly recommend using a product called Star Tron, you boat guys know what this is and how well it works. It is a stabilizer and much more I buy mine at O'Reilly's but it is widely available locally as well as on line, you just add it to the fuel tank and drive her around for a bit. Even if you don't use this product use another one maybe Sta-Bil, todays fuel can be very unfriendly to our old and new carburetors.

Fifth is do a full detail on the car, this way you know all of the road grime, bug juice, tree sap and some saps hand prints are all cleaned off that finish, don't forget a real good thorough interior cleaning, just a few missed crumbs or a stray fry could bring some unwanted and destructive guest, we also put fresh cab scent bags down in the garage, you can find them locally as well.

As always these are just my suggestions andits entirely possible I am full of beans! Whatever you do please do it safely.

See ya down the road

Jeff



Things you probably haven't thought about

And probably won't again....

Annie Oakley (born Phoebe Ann Mosey; August 13, 1860 – November 3, 1926) was an American sharpshooter who starred in Buffalo Bill's Wild West show. Oakley developed hunting skills as a child to provide for her impoverished family in western Ohio. At 15, she won a shooting contest against experienced marksman Frank E Butler whom she later married. The pair joined Buffalo Bill in 1885. At five feet tall, Oakley was given the nickname of "Watanya Cicilla" by fellow performer Sitting Bull translated to "Little Sure Shot" and the nickname stuck.

Racecar driver Lee Petty once did a full lap with a pit crew member still on his hood. The crew member? His son Richard Petty.

Next time you have a bowl of Post cereal think about Charles William "C.W" Post, he was born here in Springfield Oct 26th 1854.

Longest bridge on Route 66.....The 3,944.33 ft Canadian River Bridge, built in 1933 near Geary Oklahoma.

1951 was the first year for the Chrysler Firepower engine, this first generation Hemi produced 180hp a far cry from the 840hp available today

Whale oil was used as a lubricant in car transmissions as recently as 1973.

If George Washington were alive today he would drive a 57 Chevrolet!



Recipe Corner

Pineapple Sunshine Cake

Submitted by Frances Gatlin—

1 box yellow cake mix

4 eggs

1/2 cup oil

1 (8 oz) can crushed pineapple with juice

Icing:

1 (8 oz) container whipped topping, thawed

1 small box instant vanilla pudding

1 (8 oz) can crushed pineapple with juice.

- 1) Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- 2) Spray a 9x13 pan with cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine cake mix, eggs, oil and 1 can of crushed pineapple with the juice. Mix well.
- 3) Pour into prepared baking pan and bake for 25—30 minute or until toothpick inserted in center of cake comes out clean. Allow to cool completely on a wire rack.
- 4) In a medium bowl, fold together the icing ingredients. Spread over the top of the cooled cake.

Hamburger Potato Cheese Casserole

Submitted by Francis Gatlin

3 lg russet potatoes, peel & sliced 1/4—1/2 “ thick

2—3 tbsp. chopped onion

1 lb ground beef (preferably lean)

Salt and pepper

Cheese Sauce

2 Cups Milk

3 tbsp. butter

3 tbsps. four

1/2 tsp slt

1/2 tsp pepper

8 oz shredded sharp cheddar cheese

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Brown hamburger and onion
3. In a 2 1/2 quart covered casserole dish, place a layer of sliced potatoes. Top with half of hamburger/onion mixture. Salt and pepper to taste.
4. Repeat layering of potato slices and hamburger mixture (and salt & pepper if desired)

Make Cheese Sauce:

1. Melt 3 T butter in saucepan over medium-high heat. Add 3 T flour, salt and pepper. Stir quickly to blend.
2. Add 2 c milk, stir with whisk to incorporate butter/flour. Reduce heat, stir till thickened and bubbly. Remove from heat and add shredded cheddar. Stir until cheese melts.
3. Pour cheese sauce over hamburger and potatoes in baking dish. Making sure all layers and potatoes are coated.
4. Cover and place in oven. Bake for about 1 1/2 hours till potatoes are tender and top is browned.



Route 66 Cruisers Classifieds

Business Ads



Contact Carla Rapps with your business card to advertise here. Members can advertise their businesses here for \$5.00 for the entire season

Space available

Member Merchandise for Sale:



Have anything auto-related you need to get rid of? Want to make some money in the process? Send your ad to the newsletter editor and place an ad right here!. The ad can run for free for up to 90 days for members.

Contact Carla Rapps if you have an ad to include.

Club Merchandise

We have lots of merchandise for sale:

Rt 66 Cruisers short sleeve blue/red t-shirts. Prices are as follows:

small—xl - \$15 each 2x - \$17 3x - \$18.

We also have leftover Route 66 glasses from the last Christmas party. The club is selling them for \$5 each.

We also have blue Route 66 tote bags available for purchase for \$10 each.

All merchandise is available upon request and Ronda Whitehead will have the merchandise at cruises at the registration table.

Cruise-in Schedule

Saturday	April 24 CANCELLED— Make-up 9/18	Rock N Roll Hardees— Stevenson Drive	4 p.m.—7 p.m.
Sunday	May 2 ✓	Fairlane Diner- Sherman	1 p.m.—4 p.m.
Saturday	May 15 ✓	Rock N Roll Hardees— Stevenson Drive	5 p.m.—8 p.m.
Saturday	June 12 ✓	Rock N Roll Hardees— Stevenson Drive	5 p.m.—8 p.m.
Sunday	June 27th CANCELLED	Fairlane Diner - Sherman	4 p.m.—7 p.m.
Sunday	July 11 ✓	Fairlane Diner - Sherman	4 p.m.—7 p.m.
Saturday	July 17 ✓	Rock N Roll Hardees— Stevenson Drive	5 p.m.—8 p.m.
Wednesday	July 28 ✓	Tasty Café - Sherman	5:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Saturday	August 14 ✓	Rock N Roll Hardees— Stevenson Drive	5 p.m.—8 p.m.
Sunday	August 22 CANCELLED	Fairlane Diner - Sherman	4 p.m.—7 p.m.
Wednesday	September 15 ✓	Hardees—in Chatham	5:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Saturday	September 18 ✓ Make-up	Rock N Roll Hardees— Stevenson Drive	5 p.m.—8 p.m.
Sunday	September 26 ✓ tentative	Fairlane Diner - Sherman	4 p.m.—7 p.m.
Saturday	October 9	Rock N Roll Hardees— Stevenson Drive	1 p.m.—4 p.m.
Sunday	October 31	Rock N Roll Hardees— Stevenson Drive <i>Halloween Cruise</i>	1 p.m.—4 p.m.



Other Cruisin' News You can Use



⇒ Rt 97 Crusaders will be having a cruise-in at the Petersburg Hardees Oct 10 1—4 for the Menard County Kids Christmas. Please bring a new unwrapped toy.



Cruise-in Reviews

Hardees in Chatham—September 15

This cruise-in was scheduled due to a cancellation with Tasty Café. Turnout for it was decent with 28 cars and their owners registered. Looks like the ladies of the board had a great time with the Hardee's Star!!

The 50/50 drawing for the evening was worth \$35 and went to Ed VanDerWol. Congrats Ed!! Because Renee and Troy could not be present, the Sponsor's Award was not presented.



Hardees— September 18

Great turn out for a late summer cruise-in! There were 49 cars registered. The 50/50 drawing was worth \$90 and went to Derek Roberts (again!) A drawing for the Shell Gas card went to Janet Hayward. Two detail buckets, donated by O'Reilly Auto Parts, went to Jim Keiser and D. Walker. Congrats everyone!

The Sponsor's Award was presented to Lee Shark from Greenville OH with his 1976 Old 442 Car. He and five of his friends were driving the entire length of Route 666 and heard about our cruise. Each of them were presented a club t-shirt

Fairlane—September 26

What a beautiful day for a cruise!! A bit windy but a great day. It was a good turn out with 35 cars and many came out after the Mother Road show to continue their cruising weekend.

John LaDew was the lucky winner of the \$79 50/50 drawing.

Rob and Deb Lee won the sponsor's trophy.

Bill Fawns was the lucky recipient of a detail bucket.

The lucky winner of the gas card was Carter Logue!!





SPRINGFIELD, IL

Cruise-in at the Rock n Roll Hardee's

Join us Saturday October 9th **1PM-4PM**

and our **Halloween Bash**

on Sunday October 31st **1PM-4PM**

Cars, Food, Fun, and Music

Door Prizes, 50/50





2021 Route 66 Cruisers Christmas Party

Send the bottom portion of the flyer below to Cassie Langley with payment. The money for one member and one guest is refunded at the door when you arrive. Club renewal forms will be available at the registration desk as well if you want to renew at that time. Money for children attending is not refundable. A full bar will be available along with tea and water. As always, we are calling on our fantastic club bakers to provide the desserts. Hope to see everyone there. Every registered guest will receive a gift—and there will be prizes galore throughout the evening. Flyer is also available from the club's website www.route66cruisers.com



2021 CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 5th - 4 to 7 p.m. @ Anchor Boat Club

407 East lake Shore Drive Springfield IL 62712

Dinner will be catered by MJ Chicken & Fish

Dinner includes mini Italizn Beef, Fried Chicken, Green Bean, Mac & Cheese and Salad

Desserts provided by the club members. Cash bar available.

Each person with a reservation who attends will receive a gift from the club.

R.S.V.P. with payment and short form below to:

Route 66 Cruisers

c/o Cassie Langley

110 W. Madison Athens, IL 62613

CLUB WILL REFUND PAYMENT FOR ONE MEMBER AND ONE GUEST per active Membership*

*In order to receive your reservation fee back at the door, you must have attended at least 4 qualifying events (member meetings , cruise-ins , car show(asper By-Law change in 2019) and submitted your reservation including all parties attending, by the deadline listed below.

If you are unsure if you have met the requirements, please email LangleyRt66@gmail.com or call Cassie Langley at 217-891-1853

Payment must be received with your reservation by Friday, November 12, 2021

.....short form ----- cut here ----- short form

Cost: \$20.00 per adult /member (to be refunded at the door) * X _____ = _____

\$ 15.00 per child (12 and under) (non-refundable) X _____ = _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Name (s) of Adult (s) _____

Name (s) and Age (s) of children under 12 years of age _____



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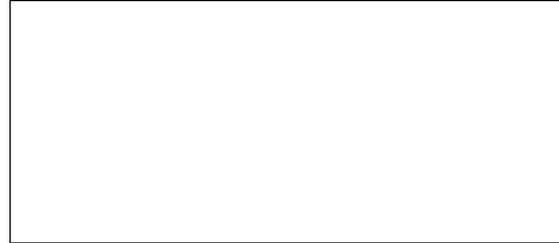
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Rear Bumper

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>Cruise-in Hardees</i>
10	11	12	13	14 <i>Member Meeting</i>	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 <i>Board Meeting</i>	29	30
31 <i>Halloween Cruise-in @ Hardees</i>						

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