



# Route 66 Museum Musings

Fall Edition 2015



## “THE CALIFORNIA ROUTE 66 MUSEUM” AT THE VICTORVILLE FALL FESTIVAL



On, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Victorville Civic Center, The City of Victorville had its Fall Festival. The museum had a booth with items from the gift shop ranging from Route 66 shot glasses to “T” shirts that were sold to the public. Museum Board Officers and Docents gave out museum brochures, flyers for the museum’s 20th Birthday Celebration, and Classic Car Show. The majority of the day was sunny and “HOT”. By late afternoon the “The California Zephyr” winds arrived that’s when the crew called it a day and dismantled the display and pop up tent. “WHAT A DAY!”

## The California Route 66 Museum 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Classic Car Show

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 “The California Route 66 Museum”, Celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> Year, and Classic Car Show.

It was a sunny morning in the high desert. Route 66 and the surrounding streets were almost deserted. In the distance sounds could be heard from the four corners of the compass; it was the sound of car

motors descending on Victorville, to converge on the California Route 66 Museum.

As the sun rose, so did the spirits of museum officers, volunteers and the participants.

It was “ALL HANDS ON DECK” from the Museums Officers, right down to the newest volunteers rising to the occasion. From early morning setup, helping with traffic control, directing the visiting cars to parking spaces, inquiries regarding items in the museum, security patrolling the parking lots, to late afternoon breakdown and stowing of equipment.

The people who shouldered the heaviest load to put on Anniversary and Car Show together were Sue and Patti Bridges.

Car after car arrived, from your mom and pop’s meek everyday work transport, to the air sucking, exhaust belching blood rushing, Detroit muscle cars. From the big boar Ford, General Motors, Dodge, Chrysler, Plymouth, and everything in between. The event had approximately ninety-eight cars in attendance, including “Filmore,” the Museum’s 1966 Volkswagen, participated in this event, to pose for pictures with participants, their families and friends.

We had “Ms. Route 66,” Monica Burrola, who brought many smiles to participants’ and visitors’ faces while walking around the venue shaking hands and speaking with everyone.

We had participants that arrived with their families, friends and alter egos - even miniatures of their cars. Sound equipment and music were supplied by “DJ KevDog” and live music was supplied by “Working Poets Band.”

Many of the participants were former military personnel from all branches of the military.

Awards were given out to various car show participants and their vehicles.

#### 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TROPHY WINNERS

##### BEST IN SHOW-

Robert Peterson (1950 Chevy Deluxe Coupe)  
Sponsor-CALIFORNIA ROUTE 66 MUSEUM

##### MUSEUM CHOICE-

Ed Henry (1969 Chevy)  
Sponsor-GENE & LAURA ST JOHN

##### JUDGES CHOICE-

CAR-Rick Holt (1939 Ford)  
Sponsor-BUSH WHACKERS CAR CLUB

##### MOST CREATIVE-

Stew Scroungeworthy (1945 Tow Truck)  
Sponsor-BOB RIGG

##### UNDER CONSTRUCTION-

Cody Jackson (1949 Chevy)  
Sponsor-CALIFORNIA HISTORIC ROUTE 66 ASSOCIATION

##### FURTHEST-

Ray Ellis (Escondido)  
Sponsor-CENTURY 21-FAIRWAY

##### 20<sup>TH</sup> VEHICLE REGISTERED-

Wesley Stellrecht (1946 Ford Sedan)  
Sponsor-FENCE WORLD

##### JUDGES CHOICE-TRUCK-

Harold Pantez (1951 Ford Pick-up)  
Sponsor-CHARLES WHELAN

##### PEOPLE'S CHOICE-

Albert May (1927 Studebaker)  
Sponsor-BRUCE SHANKS

##### PEOPLE'S CHOICE-

Bill Muzquerz (1966 Red Mustang)  
Sponsor-MTM HANDY MAN SERVICES

##### MAYOR'S TROPHY-

Ed & Barbara Smith (1946 Ford Coupe)  
Sponsor-VICTORVILLE

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#### **Thank You For Being Apart Of Our 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

#### **BIDS ARE BEING SOUGHT FOR MUSEUM MAINTANCE**

Currently, the museum is in the process of obtaining quotes for a major maintenance problems with our building.

The problem is the backup in the kitchen/breakroom sink drain pipe, it is a broken pipes under the cement verified by Hitt Plumbing Company.

The museum received a quote and information from Hitt Plumbing regarding the cost to replace or reroute the drain pipe is estimated at \$6,600.00.

More bids are being sought from different companies to do this maintenance work. Hopefully, by next Board Meeting bids will have been received to move forward with building repairs.

#### **VISITORS**

The museum was visited by Lena Faber who traveled Route 66 from Chicago Illinois to Santa Monica California on a bicycle. She started her adventure in May and hoped to arrive in Santa Monica by the end of June, but stopping in towns along Route 66 and talking with town residents the trip took a little longer than expected.

Mrs. Faber is originally from the former USSR. She missed out on the Western pop culture and Route 66 because it was prohibited in the USSR.

## VISITORS (Cont.)

She is now collecting stories from Americans "who lived and worked" along Route 66 for a future photo book. Mrs. Faber is a former journalist, who wrote three books, based on her newspaper travelogue series "The Route", which were published in Russia.

Mrs. Faber had no entourage or support vehicles. Accompanying her on her cross country trip, was a large teddy bear. She ate and slept with various new friends and families when invited.

The museum hosted a book signing by Janet Rendell who wrote "Route 66 to the Milky Way". Ms. Rendell has received great reviews on her book. Several interested readers came to purchase and have their books signed by Ms. Rendell.

The United Kingdom Wounded Warriors Motorcycle Tour Group made a return visit to our museum. The Wounded Warriors travel Route 66 and various parts of the United States on motorcycles despite their handicaps. We wish them safe journey in their travels.

The museum had several tour groups visit in October. The Retired General Electric Group, and Adventure Caravans.

The museum had a first time visit from "Free Spirit Tours". The retired visitors enjoyed refreshments supplied by the museum. The group was met by "The California Route 66 Museum" President Sue Bridges, and several docents to give visitors a look at the past thru "The California Route 66 Museum" experience.

The museum was in fast company when Stefano Colett of Monaco who is an Indy Car driver who was entered in a race at the Ontario Speedway. He drives the #4 race car. If you would like to follow his exploits on his racing career go to Indycar.com.

The museum set a new visitor record for the month of August. There were several days of eighty plus visitors, and a one day record of over a hundred visitors.

**In August the museum welcomed over 1,336 visitors. In September the museum welcomed 1,196. Visitors In October the museum welcomed 1,126 visitors**

We "THANK" the docents and museum personal for there over the top efforts in making "The California Route 66 Museum" a worldwide success. **WE ARE FAMOUS BECAUSE OF YOU!**

**The "California Route 66 Museum" apologizes for any misspelled names of our visitors.**



To see more pictures of our museum visitors go to the museums website: [www.califrt66museum.org](http://www.califrt66museum.org).

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING 2015 EVENTS

Events:

The California Route 66 Museum Breakfast Fund Raiser at Applebee's Restaurant, 12044 Armargosa Road, Victorville which was to be held on **November 14<sup>th</sup> 2015, HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES.**

## NEW TO THE MUSEUM

There has been new addition to the brochures rack by the new main entrance where the docents meet our visitors. Besides English the new brochures are in German, Spanish, Japanese and Portuguese. We will be adding French, Chinese, and Italian in the near future.

The carpet in the Victorville and Transportation Rooms were replaced in September by Carpet Corral whose store location is on Main Street in Hesperia. The carpet material was unraveling, and was becoming a safety issue to visitors and volunteers.

## THE CALIFORNIA ROUTE 66 MUSEUM ON LINE

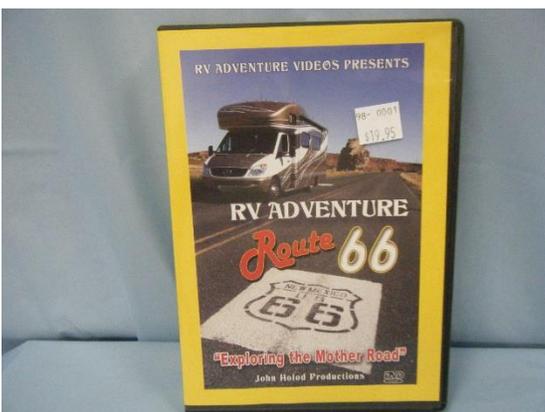
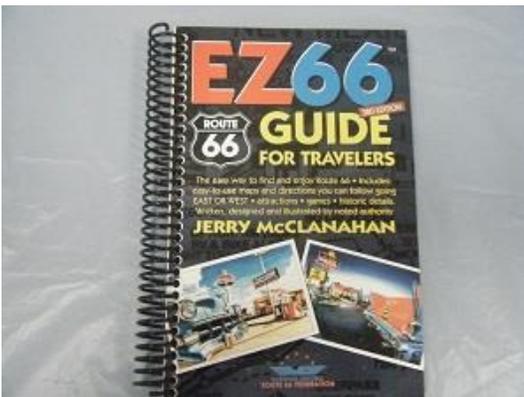
The California Route 66 Museum ONLINE Store has been accepting **International** and **Domestic** orders. **Flat rate shipping for items under 5 pounds is \$8.95.**

Look for **NEW** merchandise such as Men, Women and Children's "T" and sweat shirts. Clocks and other items on the museum's website.

Be sure to visit The California Route 66 Museum's merchandise website at: [www.route66merchandise.com](http://www.route66merchandise.com).

The California Route 66 Museum has upgraded its mobile site for merchandise viewing on your smart phone, and/or tablet.

The museum website will contain information about upcoming museum events. To see more photos of past museum's events and newsletters, go on-line at the museum's digital sites.



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