

Route 66 ‘The Mother Road’ The SDC 100th Anniversary Celebration.

By Steve Fitzgerald

Cyrus Avery can be credited with getting the Road from Chicago to Los Angeles underway in 1925, with the idea of creating an organized, numbered road rather than the hodgepodge of local roads with a variety of names and numbers. The next year, it began with federal matching funds, and during the Depression, it received assistance from the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Works Progress Administration. By 1938, it was all “paved”. It was an all-weather road, even if some parts were gravel. The great migration of the 1930s saw many desperate people drive it with what vehicles they had. Many of those vehicles did not make it all the way, and many people perished along the way. John Steinbeck referred to it as ‘The Mother Road’ in his book about a family named Joad in his great epic work, “The Grapes of Wrath.’ They were desperate people. But they were the people, and they just kept on and did not give up. They were heading west, just as people did in the mid-1800s, with nothing but hope and resolve, just as did the folks who left Europe earlier for America in a bid to survive.

Times got harder during World War II, when gas was rationed, and most drivers were allowed only 3 gallons of gasoline per week. Civilian traffic was greatly reduced while military traffic increased exponentially. The many traffic convoys to and from places like Ft Leonard Wood were dependent upon Rt. 66. After the war, many people began to move west again for jobs, and much of the infrastructure we see remaining today was developed at that time. Tractors replaced mules on farms, which reduced the need for farm workers. Whereas at one time our country had 43 workers on farms for every person living in the city, after the war, we reached a point where there was one farm worker for every 43 people living in a city. Many people wanted the new consumer goods available, and their route to obtaining them led them to seek work in the burgeoning West. Until President Eisenhower began developing the interstate highway system in the mid-fifties, roads such as Route 66 and the Lincoln Highway were the common choice for transportation.

There were many changes to Route 66 over the years, and we will follow the oldest of the routes that followed the earlier path developed in the Southwest by Edward Fitzgerald Beale for the US military. Just think of what it must have been like to travel west toward an uncertain future in the thirties. Now think of what it must have been like if you were Black and had to live with towns having sunset laws requiring you to be out of town by sundown.

On our Studebaker Drivers Club route, I have made each day's run reasonable and checked that the overnight stops offer a variety of hotels/motels, ranging from the Hampton Inn, where Sheryl and I stay, to Motel 6 and Super 8. And we have a special arrangement with the Tee Pee Drive Inn in Sapulpa, OK, to stay there. Plus, there are many historic motels along the route, including the El Rancho in Gallup, NM. It will be a great journey! Please join.

Steve Fitzgerald

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Make your own hotel accommodation. We have no rooms blocked or reserved.

Here are Steve's suggestions:

Route 66 Hotels we used – Look for the Brown 1956 Studeolet pickup

If my wife were taking the trip, I would be in the Cadillac and staying at Hampton Inns. All of these towns offer a wide variety of lodging, from high-end to budget, and even original Route 66 places. However, my wife can no longer ride far in the pickup, so I follow the majority's request on some of the tours I have led, and I shall be staying at Wyndham Hotels. Membership in the Wyndham Rewards Program gets you discounts and rewards.

The exception is the historic El Rancho Hotel in Gallup, NM, which is a must-do whenever in Gallup. These are the hotels where I shall be if you have any questions, ideas or suggestions. I plan on departing by 8:00 am each day. My cell # is 970 209 7814 Steve

Day 1 May 11 Springfield, IL Super 8 - 13308 Dirksen Parkway

Day 2 May 12 Sullivan, MO Super 8 - 601 N Service Rd.

Day 3 May 13 Miami, OK Days Inn - 2120 E Service Rd.

Day 4 May 14 Sapulpa, OK Super 8 - 1505 New Sapulpa Rd.

Day 5 May 15 Elk City, OK Super 8 - 2801 East Hwy 66

Day 6 May 16 Tucumcari, NM Super 8 - 4001 Tucumcari Blvd.

Day 7 May 17 Santa Fe, NM La Quinta - 4298 Cerillos Rd.

Day 8 May 18 Gallup, NM El Rancho Hotel - 1000East Hwy 66

Day 9 May 19 Flagstaff, AZ Days Inn - 3601 E Lockett Rd.

Day 10 May 20 Kingman, AZ Days Inn Kingman West - 3023 East Andy Devine

Day 11 May 21 Victorville, CA Days Inn - 15401 Park Ave, East

I do not plan on resort-style stops when I am just staying the night and leaving early in the morning. I do not endorse any of these hotels/motels, except the El Rancho, which is an experience and has a very good restaurant. - Steve

General Itinerary, turn-by-turn details are linked to each day with interesting stops along the way.

- May 11, 2026, Day 1, Chicago to Springfield, IL, 410 miles and about 7 driving hours.
 - We will start at 8:30 am, May 11, at The Navy Pier, then at Adams and Michigan Ave. by the Chicago Art Institute, where the lions are sitting, and at the Rt66 signage that begins and ends in Springfield, IL. This is the longest day in miles and driving hours. This day is for getting out of Illinois and closer to where much of Rte. 66 history begins.
- May 12, 2026, Day 2, Springfield, IL, to Sullivan, Missouri. 226 miles and about 7 driving hours.
 - The horseradish capital of the world, a giant catsup bottle, the historic Chain of Rocks Bridge, the Gateway Arch, and more!
- May 13, 2026, Day 3, Sullivan, MO, to Miami, Oklahoma. 270 miles and about 6 driving hours
 - Missouri, through Kansas, then into Oklahoma, with many stops along the way.
- May 14, 2026, Day 4, Miami, OK to Sapulpa, Oklahoma, 125 miles and under 3 hours driving.
 - There is a lot to see here, so we built in some time. The Blue Whale, Totem Pole Park, Big Bill the Muffler Man, and Heart of 66 Auto Museum are a few. A gathering is planned in Sapulpa; details to come.
- May 15, 2026, Day 5, Sapulpa, Ok, to Elk City, Oklahoma. 250 miles and about 6 hours of driving.
 - Pyramids, Motorcycles, a round barn, a Rt 66 museum in Clinton, and the National Route 66 Museum in Elk City, both worth the time.
- May 16, 2026, Day 6, Elk City, OK, to Tucumcari, New Mexico. 290 miles and 6 hours of driving time
 - Don't miss getting a photo of your Studebaker Lark in Lark, Texas, with the local signs; try a 72-ounce steak at The Big Texan; visit Cadillac Ranch; and much more. In Adrian, TX, you are about halfway through the route.
- May 17, 2026, Day 7, Tucumcari, NM to Santa Fe, New Mexico. 215 miles and 5 hours of driving.
 - The Town of Escalante in Espana is considered the first town in what became the United States. See the amazing Miraculous Staircase at Loretto Chapel—the oldest church at 401 Santa Fe Trail dates from 1610.
- May 18, 2026, Day 8, Santa Fe, NM to Gallup, New Mexico. 20 miles and just over 4 hours of driving time

- Owl Rock, restored 66 dimer and beautiful scenery. There were other 66 routes over the years, including some that bypassed Santa Fe and went through Los Lunas, way to the south, then up toward Gallup. There are many old pueblos whose ruins can be seen today along the southern route, and over time, many villages began banning non-natives from entering, and some still do.
- May 19, 2026, Day 9, Gallup to Flagstaff, Arizona. 215 miles and just over 4 hours of driving time
 - The Petrified Forest, Standing on the corner in Winslow, Meteor City, Twin Arrow, and many stops of interest.
- May 20, 2026, Day 10, Flagstaff, AZ to Kingman, Arizona, 170 miles and about 3 hours of driving time.
 - Williams is where the train to the Grand Canyon starts, old cars and interesting places in Seligman, and Valentine at the Hackberry General Store.
- May 21, 2026, Day 11, Kingman, AZ to Victorville, California, 282 miles and just over 5 driving hours.
 - Donkeys in Oatman, amazing scenery, and the California Rt 66 museum in Victorville.
- May 22, Day 12. Victorville, CA, to Santa Monica Pier and the end of the road, 135 miles and 5 hours of driving, depending on traffic. Congratulations! You Made It!

From the SDC, our thanks go to Steve and Sheryl Fitzgerald for creating these route instructions, tracking time and mileage, and for their willingness to lead our group. Steve noted that: Total miles on the old Road is about 2,532 miles and fifty-one hours of driving time at the speed limit. Stop whenever and wherever you wish and see what you wish. You will not see everything, but imagine driving it in a vehicle from the 1920s or older. Much of the road was gravel or just dirt in the early years. During the heart of the Great Depression, it was mostly paved. They probably did not have potholes as bad as those on the Interstate in New Mexico today.

Steve plans to leave 100 Adams Street in Downtown Chicago at 8:30 am on May 11th and arrive at Santa Monica Pier in the morning of May 22. He will take Sheryl to the Orange County airport, then return to the pier for the rest of the day. Anyone wishing to join Steve as he returns to Colorado on the old roads is welcome to do so. His drive home to Colorado via Death Valley and the lesser-known roads of Nevada and Utah, as the other routes to the north are usually closed due to snow in May.

Day 1 Chicago to Springfield, Ill. This day is for getting out of Illinois and closer to where much of Rte. 66 history begins. This is the longest day in miles and driving hours.

410 miles, just under 7 driving hours

Starting 8:30 am, May 11, at The Navy Pier, then going by Adams and Michigan Ave., by the Art Institute, where the lions are sitting.

Town	miles	time	
Cicero	11.0	19	Car Wash with turrets at SW Ogden Ave.
Berwyn	3.0	10	Henry's Hot Dog Place. A bit early, but there it is.
Lyons	3.4	10	Loop right on 39 th then left on W Lawndale
McCook	2.1	4	I 55 bypasses Plainfield – Go right to get to Plainfield
Countryside	5.3	9	In this area, you will be on the Old Lincoln Highway the first coast-to-coast route of 1915, aka US Hwy 30
Willowbrook	7.0	15	
Bolingbrook	10.6	17	
Romeoville	4.3	11	White Fence Fa10rm, Closed on Monday
Lockport	5.2	12	
Joliet	16.5	23	Two versions of 66 here. Choose to go via Elwood.
Elwood	14.5	24	Veteran's Cemetery 400,000 spaces
Wilmington	7.8	11	Gemini Giant and Launching Pad Restaurant
Braidwood	21.5	30	Polka Dot Drive Inn Restaurant
Godley	2.8	6	
Braceville	1.7	4	
Gardner	4.0	7	Routes rejoin. Go through town, then along Hwy 53
Dwight	9.3	13	Old Gas Station at 134 W Mian St. Pedestrian tunnel at W Hamilton and S West St. Next door is a Frank Lloyd Wright-designed bank Welcome Center, 1896 Windmill 110 'tall 101 W South

Odell	9.0	12	Restored Standard Station
Town	miles	time	
Cayuga	5.6	7	Meramec Caverns Sign.
Pontiac	5.1	9	Route 66 Hall of Fame Museum 110 W Howard St. Pontiac/Oakland Museum 205 N Mill St. Good stop!
Ocoya	6.5	10	
Chenoa	4.9	6	
Lexington	8.7	11	Look for Memory Lane -old highway section
Towanda	8.4	11	Fragment of the old roads. Use Shelbourne, then left on Henry, Right on Pine, Left on Linden, Right on Willow Left on Main
Normal	6.8	11	Sprague's two-story Filling Station
Bloomington	3.0	8	Center St. for westbound
Shirley	7.0	11	66 is between RR track and I-55
Funks Grove	4.3	5	Maple Sirup ok - Maple syrup
McLean	4.9	7	
Atlanta	5.2	8	Left away from RR - Paul Benz Muffler Man, Hot Dog at 103 SW Arch St. Use Sycamore and Arch.
Lawndale	4.0	6	Murals
Lincoln	7.1	11	Largest Covered Wagon
Broadwell	7.6	11	
Elkhart	4.0	5	Great Murals
Williamsville	7.1	10	Signpost for Rte. 66
SPRINGFIELD	13.5	21	Stop for the night-

Lincoln lived in Springfield for twenty years. The only home he owned was at 413 S 8th St. Cozy Dog, originator of the corn dog. Carpenter Park, some of the original road is seen here.

End of Day one

Day two - Springfield, Illinois to Sullivan, Missouri.

228 miles, six and a half hours

Town	miles	time	
Chatham	12.3	20	Also, Auburn is here. One mile north is the brick road
Thayer	10.6	13	Passing through Auburn – old brick road
Virden	2.8	6	
Girard	4.0	6	Carlinville had the largest courthouse in the US in 1869
Standard City	7.4	11	Also may pass Carlinville and Nilwood
Gillespie	17.0	23	Through Colinsville, the Horseradish capital, giant Catsup bottle
Benld	3.2	6	Look for the Pink Elephant shop, then Sawyerville
Staunton	6.4	9	Rabbit Ranch - Country Classic Motors East of Freeway
Edwardsville	18.2	24	Gas Station with Ural motorcycle, then Collinsville
Mitchell	9.3	17	Look at the Chain of Rocks Bridge
Madison	7.6	15	You may pass through Granite City
Venice	1.1	3	Next will be McKinley Bridge
St. Louis, MO	6.0	13	Gateway ArchPark on the Levee Good Stop
Marlborough	12.4	19	Highways 44 and 366 will get you to Rte. 66
Crestwood	2.8	7	
Sunset Hills	3.1	8	
Fenton	4.3	10	
Eureka	12.9	21	
Allentown	2.7	6	You may also pass through Wildwood
Pacific	12.7	18	Bluffs on the North side
Gray Summit	4.8	8	The Teepees are private residence
Villa Ridge	4.3	8	

Town	miles	time	
St. Clair	14.6	21	
Stanton	9.9	14	Meramec Caverns
SULLIVAN	6.2	12	This is the end of Day 2.

Day 3, Sullivan, MO to Miami, OK

268.3 miles, five and a half hours

Town	miles	time	
Bourbon	6.4	11	“Make Our Bourbon Your Bourbon” South on Springfield Rd. Through remnants of Leasburg and Hoffline. Use Lick Creek Then Hollingshead to Cuba
Cuba	11.6	16	Great Murals OLD Wagon Wheel Motel still in use, murals
Fanning	4.6	7	General Store open since 1930. largest rocking chair
Rosati	4.9	7	Vineyards
St. James	5.4	8	Use St. James Rd and Bishop Ave to Rolla
Rolla	10.1	17	This is a car lover’s town. 1933 Totem Pole Antiques, 1413 Martin Springs Road. Use N Bishop to Kings Highway then Martin Springs Rd.
Doolittle	7.3	12	Honoring Jimmy Doolittle. Also, the Cherokee Trail of Tears
St. Robert	20.8	20	Before St. Robert, check out Devil’s Elbow. Follow Trout Rd. then Trophy Lane and Teardrop Rd. & old 66 to Devil’s Elbow
Lebanon	32.1	3	Several routes here, you may go through Buckhorn, Laquey, Hazelgreen, Sampson, and Niangua after Conway
Phillipsburg	12.4	17	
Conway	5.0	8	
Marshfield	15.4	22	Scaled down model of Hubbel telescope. You might pass through Holman, Stafford & Springfield
Plano	15.1	24	
Halltown	4.1	5	Whitehall Mercantile
Phelps Albatross	15.4	15	You may see Paris Springs, Spencer, Heatonville &
Rescue	4.4	4	

Plew	3.5	4	
Avilla	4.7	4	
Red Oak II	9.0	10	“Artist” collection of buildings and creations, License plates
Carterville	12.1	17	Centerville and Carthage may be merged together
Webb City	1.2	3	
Joplin	7.0	12	Murals at 602 Main, Great Falls at 5400 S Riverside

LEAVING MISSOURI AND ENTERING KANSAS, STILL ON DAY 3

Galena, KS	7.4	12	The north loop will take you by ‘Cars on the route.’
Riverton, KS	3.0	6	Nelson’s Old Riverton Store on Beasley Rd.
Baxter Springs, KS	8.3	11	Field of Dreams, Curio Shop with Deli, Cow Town, Visitor Center Tenth and Military

LEAVING KANSAS AND ENTERING OKLAHOMA, STILL ON DAY 3

Quapaw, OK	6.1	8	A few murals from the 1970s
Commerce	12.0	16	Mickey Mantle
Miami	4.3	10	Old Marathon Station at 331 S. Main. Rte. 66 Motorcycle Museum at 128 S. Main. bit of the old one lane road is here

END of Day Three

Day 4 Miami, OK to Sapulpa, OK

124.2 MILES DRIVING TIME TWO AND A HALF HOURS

Town	miles	time	
Narcissa	6.4	8	World's largest matchbook collection, burned down
Afton	8.7	10	Junk Art AND- ruins of old motel
Vinita	15.0	17	Big Bill the Muffler Man
White Oak	6.8	8	Go straight, NOT on US 69 See concrete road in Foyil
Chelsea	11.7	15	Pryor Creek Bridge, Totem Pole park. Red 'Tunnel You may pass through Sequoyah and Claremore. Near Catoosa is the 'Blue Whale'
Tulsa	57.5	62	Lots of things if you can go slow
Sapulpa	18.1	22	Exciting events planned for you here in Sapulpa. Trolley car display at 701 Dewey. Heart of 66 Auto Museum- 13 Sahoma Lake Road

END OF DAY 4

Day 5 Sapulpa, OK to Elk City, Oklahoma

246 MILES, ABOUT FIVE AND A HALF HOURS

Town	miles	time	
Kellyville	8.4	11	
Bristow	14.9	18	Once home to many millionaires,
Depew	7.4	10	Huge natural gas underground storage
Stroud	10.4	14	Rock Café and Ozark Trail Pyramid
Davenport	7.7	11	BRICK DOWNTOWN and Mural
Warwick	7.5	10	Seaba Station Motorcycle Museum and a Stone Outhouse
Wellston	4.3	8	
Luther	8.5	11	East end of the land run in 1889
Arcadia	8.1	10	Round Barn and much more. Phrase 'Almighty Dollar' & 'Happy Hunting Ground' West side of town 66' tall Pop bottle
Edmund	8.8	13	First public School in 1889 murals
Okla. City	15.7	25	First parking meters & shopping carts. In on Kelly, out on NW 39
Bethany	10.9	17	Old Bridge west of town
Yukon	8.2	16	Garth Brooks and Dale Robertson from here & Chisum Trail
El Reno	12.7	22	Army horses raised here. POW camp for Germans and Italians
Calumet	13.6	18	Go north on US 270
Geary	11.6	15	On the north loop is the old route
Hydro	12.5	17	Lucille's, Mother of 'Mother Road' East of town
Weatherford	8.4	10	
Clinton	14.9	15	Rte. 66 Museum, 2229 Gary Blvd. Stay straight on 3rd

Foss 15.8 18 crumbling

Canute 7.7 11

ELK CITY 8.8 11

END OF DAY 5

Elk City has a fabulous National Route. 66 Museum, which has much more than just cars. Plan to spend some time here. My wife liked it, but the hour or so we had was not enough.

Day 6 Elk City, OK to Tucumcari, New Mexico

289 MILES FIVE AND A HALF DRIVING HOURS

Town	miles	time	
Sayre	20.6	24	Jarrold at the NAPA store on the east end of town is great. Post Office at 201 N 4 th has great mural of Land Rush. Owl Drug at 4 th and Main has a Soda Fountain
Hext	8.5	10	Roger Miller Museum at Shep Wooley and Rte 66
Texola	7.1	8	

Cross into Texas, still on Day 6

Shamrock, TX	16.3	18	Town is doing much to celebrate the 100 th anniversary of Rte. 66. The Conoco station was used for the movie 'CARS'. Murals, old gas station. Piece of the actual Blarney Stone
Lela	6.2	8	Still has some of the original dirt road.
McClellan	14.6	16	Original brick road and RR stop. Devil's Rope/Rte. 66 Museum.
Alanreed	8.2	9	Rte. 66 sign on the road has been maintained.
Groom	23.0	23	Large cross and religious statue work.
Lark	20.6	24	If you have a Studebaker Lark get pictures with signs
Conway	17.1	18	
Amarillo	30.7	33	If you do the 72 oz steak dinner in an hour at The Big Texan frontage Road on the north side, there is a big sign. Crazy to try it.
Bushland	14.0	15	Cadillac Ranch, Bring paint and carry out empty can(s) In Vega, try Mama Joe's pies
Adrian	35.1	32	Might be the midpoint of Rte. 66
Boise	18.0	28	

Crossing into New Mexico, still on Day 6

Glenrio, NM	22.3	24	Some of 'Grapes of Wrath' filmed here
San Jon	19.2	23	Old abandoned motels

Town	miles	time	
Tucumcari	24.0	25	Fabulous Murals and old cars - Neat Restaurant with murals of locals at end of booth. West end of town on North.

END OF DAY 6

DAY 7 TUCUMCARI, NM TO SANTA FE The Old Route

211 MILES AND ABOUT FOUR AND A HALF HOURS DRIVING TIME

Town	miles	time	
Montoya	22.5	24	Take I 40 to exit 321, Not much left beyond the cemetery
Newkirk	12.2	18	
Cuervo	9.3	14	From I 40 take exit 277, Steam Train in 'Grapes' crossed river on bridge near here
Santa Rosa	17.7	19	Neat Rte. 66 Auto Museum with some food and nice folks running the place. Great garage across the road, a bit west.
Dilia	34.0	33	
Romeroville	26.2	25	Sant Fe Trail
Tecolote	5.3	9	Go south of I 40 on the frontage road
Bernal	6.1	9	
San Jose	10.2	12	
Ifield	5.4	8	
Rowe	8.6	11	Get on NM 63 North, cross I40 at exit 307
Glorita	9.2	15	Glorieta Pass and Civil War battle
SANTA FE	19.8	24	The square, the Governor's Palace, and a church. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• From the pass, join I-40 at exit 299 to get over the pass, then exit at 294 and stay on the north side.• Then I-40 again to exit 284 to NM 466 to Old Pecos Trail and stay right into Santa Fe.• Find your way through the maze of one-way streets to the old plaza, then, after seeing the Governor's Palace, go to 207 Old Santa Fe Trail to see the amazing Miraculous staircase at Loretto Chapel. The oldest church at 401 Santa Fe Trail dates from 1610.

END OF DAY 7

Lots of a variety of hotels and motels southwest of downtown on Cerillos Rd (Hwy 14)

Day 8, Santa Fe, NM to Gallup, NM

213 miles and about four and a quarter hours of driving time

Town	miles	time	
Bernalillo	47.0	48	
Alameda	-		Use 4 th St. to your right. The DAR's NM Madonna of the Trail is here. Placed by the Daughters of the American Revolution, one is each of 12 states
Albuquerque	18.2	25	a restored 66 Diner at 1405 Central
Misita	42.9	42	Use the frontage road, then pass through Laguna. Laguna is where Kirk Douglas picked up a priest at St. Joseph of the Lake. Mission for 'The Big Carnival'.
Paraje	11.0	15	Pass by Owl Rock on the way
Budville & Cubero	4.0	6	Bud Rice's Budville Gas Station ruins on north side, Cubero is where Lucy stayed after dumping Desi. And Hemingway wrote 'The Old Man and the Sea' here
McCarty's	9.5	12	
Grants	13.9	21	Native for 'Place of friendly smokes' with Kit Carson.
Milan	3.2	9	
Bluewater	9.4	13	
Prewitt	9.6	13	
Thoreau	11.5	15	named after Herry David Thoreau. The Continental divide five miles to the west.
Wingate	20.5	20	Ft. Wingate was near here
Rehobath	6.5	8	Take the road south of the RR tracks
GALLUP	5.2	10	I really like the El Rancho hotel and its Restaurant

END OF DAY 8

There were other routes of 66 over the years, including some that bypassed Santa Fe and went through Los Lunas, way to the south, then up toward Gallup. There are many old pueblos whose ruins can be seen today along the southern route, and over time many villages began banning non-natives from entering, and some still do.

Day 9, Gallup, NM to Flagstaff, AZ

214 MILES AND A BIT OVER FOUR HOURS DRIVING TIME

Town	miles	time	
Manuelito, NM	16.7	21	Caves used in 'The Big Carnival' in 1950 are to the north
Lupton, AZ	6.1	12	Use 118 under I 40 to frontage rd. and Teepee Trading Post
Houck	11.2	12	Site of a hokey Theme park used for F Troop
Sanders	9.7	11	
Chambers	7.6	11	Petrified Forest National Park and the Painted Desert Use exit 311 from I40
Hollbrook	47.6	45	Tourist stops
Joseph City	12.3	14	1876 Mormon Settlement. Jackrabbit Trading Post, Manila, Hibbard, Hobson, & Havre rough dirt road
Winslow	21.8	23	Standing on the corner statue, Kinsley and 2nd from the song "Take it Easy" by the Eagles. Old Trails Museum. Remembrance Garden Memorial to 9/11
Leupp Corner	9.9	11	
Meteor City	4.8	6	NOT a volcano but an actual meteor strike
Two Guns	20.4	21	Ruins of a "zoo."
Twin Arrow	18.9	19	Part of the sign is still standing, barely. Now belongs to the Casino across the highway
Winona	9.9	12	Use exit 211 Town in Bobby Troup song
FLAGSTAFF	8.7	13	College town with a lot of old motels The Museum Club is a Honky Tonk with lots of animal's heads, and where some well-known performers played

END OF DAY 9

Walnut Canyon Cliff Houses is nearby, but the trail is too steep for me
The Lowell Observatory is nearby and is where Pluto was first observed
The Arizona Trail is here. It runs from Mexico to Utah

Day 10 Flagstaff, AZ to Kingman, AZ

165.8 MILES AND ABOUT THREE AND A QUARTER DRIVING HOURS

Town	miles	time	
Bellefont	Exit 185		The old road can be seen from here.
Parks	19.0	22	Exit 178, Heading up into forested area, Takes Parks/Wagon Wheel Road, Pass by 'The deer farm' where goats chew your clothes.
Williams	15.7	18	Train to Grand Canyon runs from here. The town was named after first 'white' man here, Trapper Bill Williams
Ash Fork	17.8	19	Neat old town. Flagstone Capital of the world
Crookton	14.9	20	Exit 139 Here to California on Route 66
Seligman	10.1	20	Lots of old cars and interesting places to eat. Audley, Pica, and Yampai were south and west of the road. On a really clear day, you might see the South Rim of the Grand Canyon just before Peach Springs.
Peach Springs	37.3	37	You may pass through Truxton and Crozier. Sign in Truxton refers to the Edward Fitzgerald Beale Wagon Road used here 1857 to 1882
Valentine	18.2	20	Easy Rider, Peter Fonda fixes a flat while a cowboy shoes his horse in the background. Hackberry General Store Tourist stuff
Antares	6.0	10	
Kingman	21.9	28	Lots of things to see and do. Andy Devine lived here. Clark Gable and Carol Lombard married in the Methodist Church here, then spent their Honeymoon at the Oatman hotel in Greater Downtown Oatman. Kingman Army Air Field, thousands of WW II airplanes were disposed of here

END OF DAY 10

Day 11 Kingman, AZ to Victorville, California

282 miles and about six and a half driving hours

Town miles time

Oatman 36.8 68 If you are on I-40, exit #44 at McConnica to use CR40 aka the Oatman Highway to Oatman. An old mining town named after Olive Oatman, who was abducted for several years by Mojave natives. After a straight section, enter slow hills and sharp turns. Watch for blind corners. Oatman is a tiny town and may be crowded. Watch out for motorcycles and Donkeys. There is not much parking. Not great for my motorhome towing my motorcycle and boat at 59.5 feet long. Not great for many cars back in the day.

Golden Shores 19.8 31 A retirement community. The Arch Bridge carries water. You may go through Topock

Crossing into California. Still on day 11

Needles, CA 13.4 19 from I-40, use exit 13. Often quite hot. Old Ore Wagon

Goffs 29.4 31 Hopefully, the road and bridge work is finished

Fenner 10.1 11 Lots of bridges to Barstow, many closed

Chambless 40.6 60

Amboy 6.0 8 Cinder cone volcano. Lots of lava rock.

Bagdad, near the Bagdad Café of movie fame, is not much left around here

Siberia 15.0 16 Folks do not get sent there for re-education.

Ludlow 13.2 15 Chevron station is not cheap - but it is there.

Newberry Springs 32.4 37 Stay north of I-40 and RR tracks

Daggett 11.9 15 Once a popular supply destination from Death Valley Tom Mix and John Muir hung out here

Barstow 10.8 14 Growth due to commuting Angelenos, some murals

Lenwood 5.6 11 Losing identity due to the growth of Victorville

Hodge 6.5 7 Just like Lenwood

Town	miles	time	
Helendale	13.1	18	not much
Oro Grande	12.5	16	Classic Emma Jean's Holland Burger Cafe
Victorville	5.1	9	Calif. Rte. 66 Museum 16825 D street near 5 th and 6th

END OF DAY 11.

Day 12 Victorville, CA to Santa Monica Pier and the end of the road

133 miles for about four hours of driving, depending on traffic and wrong turns.

Town	miles	time	
San Bernardino	40.8	55	Original first McDonald's Museum
Azusa	36.0	71	You MAY pass through Irwindale and Duarte
Monrovia	5.9	14	
Arcadia	3.1	10	You MAY pass through Sierra Madre
Pasadena	8.9	14	You will be on the route of the Rose Bowl Parade Local Jacob Murdock drove a Packard with his son and two daughters to New York in 1908.
Hollywood	23.9	34	You will PROBABLY pass through Glendale
W. Hollywood	2.5	8	Walk of Fame - Hollywood and Vine
Beverly Hills	2.2	8	Yes, it is another world
San Monica Pier	9.5	18	Travelers in the 1930s usually turned off to the valleys

For the day, it has only been 133 miles for about four hours of driving, depending on traffic and wrong turns. If lost, just keep heading west-southwest. My family, like the Joad's, turned off at Mojave and went to the San Joaquin Valley. Tehachapi Pass is still a struggle.

END OF ROUTE 66

Total miles on the old Road, as close as I could come to it, has been 2,532 for about fifty-one hours of driving time, because when forced to use Interstates, I went at about the speed limit, ok, a bit over it. Realistically, plan for sixty hours of driving time. BUT stop as you wish and see what you wish. You will not see everything, but just imagine driving it in a vehicle from the twenties or older. Much of the road was gravel or just dirt in the early years. During the heart of the Great Depression, it was mostly paved. They probably did not have potholes as bad as those on the Interstate in New Mexico today.

We plan on leaving 100 Adams Street in Downtown Chicago at 8:30 am. We need to arrive at the Pier in the morning, then take Sheryl to John Wayne Airport in Orange County, after which I shall return to the Pier for the rest of the day. I will then drive home to Colorado via Death Valley, and the lesser-known roads of Nevada and Utah, as the other routes to the

north are usually closed due to snow in May. Anyone wishing to join me on the way to Colorado on the old roads is welcome to do so. It is a great ride.

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