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Record Registration

Through 3-30-00 we've registered 67 bikes for this year's run. That's a new record. The previous high was 62, set in 1996. And yes. That is a new picture to the right. The other one was taken five years ago, so it seemed time to do a new one. You can't see it here, but it is in color and the electronic/Internet version of this newsletter (<http://www.hhjm.com/rally/news.htm>) presents pictures in color. Chopping off the top of your head is all the rage in the Dallas Morning News, so we did that too. My forehead is also getting higher and higher so it takes care of that problem too!



Kirk Woodward

Early Leaver

Tom and Jerri Griffin are taking advantage of the "self-directed" capabilities of 6th Annual



Tom Griffin

Mother Road Ride/Rally®. Because **everyone** has a complete set of maps and directions, they can discover their

own Route 66 and start and stop whenever they want to. They are not "prisoners" of the leader who has all the goodies. The Griffins will leave their home in Michigan on April 24th and ride two up to Santa Rosa, NM. Thanks to the Rally, they combine a trip to Tularosa, NM with a look "part of Americana," Route 66.

Motorcycle Security

Skynet Telematics offers motorcycle riders vehicle security by communicating the bike's location via the Global Positioning System. If the bike is stolen, Skynet can tell authorities exactly where the bike is. It ain't cheap . . . \$2.00 a day or so on a three year contract, but neither are bikes. The news release we saw only said that Skynet is a Nevada

company . . . no address or phone number. Skynet is licensing the technology from a company based in London.

Rally's Good Friends

The Illinois Route 66 Association wrote to say "Hi!" last week. They'll be rolling up Route 66 from Edwardsville towards Chicago the same weekend we head out from the Windy City. Long time friends of the Mother Road Ride/Rally®, the Association led the way in getting Route 66 signs up in Illinois. We shared a fun night at Dell Rhea Chicken Basket in June, 1999.

Route 66 is on Their List

Don & Rose Daniels are no strangers to long distance touring. They covered 16 states in 6,937 miles making Sturgis and a host of other stops.

Route 66 has been on their list of rides "to do" for some time now. In that they live in



Rose & Don Daniels

New Hampshire,

getting to their planned starting point of Chicago is a fairly serious ride all by itself. They plan to roll all the way to Los Angeles.

First Vacation in Ten Years!

Bob Helm, from West Branch, IA, told us that he is self employed " . . . no paid vacations," and that the 6th Annual Mother Road Ride/Rally® will be first time in ten years that he has taken more than a couple of days off at one time.

"I'm really looking forward to it." Bob will be starting in Chicago but is uncertain how far he will be rolling. He is particularly interested

in the old gas stations along the road. A classic one of those is Soulsby's Station in Mount Olive Illinois. It opened the same year Route 66 came to life (1926) and has been preserved by a non-profit Association. The grease rack at Soulsby's is outside the building.



Bob Helm

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