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Ready to Roll Again

It takes about this long for me to get rested up from the tour and the cleaning up afterwards. Were it not for the 100 plus heat we've been having here in Texas, I'd be ready to roll out again. **Sadly, a family obligation** (one of those that if you miss the event, they throw you out of the family) **will preclude my participation next year.** But the Rally has enough tail wind to be another huge success without me in the lead bike. **See Rallymaster story in this newsletter.**



Kirk Woodward

River Crossing With No Loss of Life

One of the spookiest "original Route 66" sections is in Missouri . . . at the Devil's Elbow.



Millennium Run riders cross the bridge over the Big Piney River at the Devil's Elbow, Missouri. June 11, 2000. Picture courtesy of Ken Lato.

"Spooky" because it is several miles of four lane, divided highway (cut off by I-44) that is virtually deserted. Our pipes reverberated off the stone out croppings. The deepest rock cut on the Old Road is here. The locals call it, simply, The Elbow. A sharp turn to cross the bridge over the Big Piney River. But so many people got killed on that sharp turn that 66 Roadies came to call it The Devil's Elbow.

The Mother of the Mother Road

Lucille Hamons, Hydro, OK, has been serving up cold drinks and several most welcome shade trees to Route 66 cruisers for 60 years. Now 85 years young, Lucille will autograph her book,

Lucille - Mother of the Mother Road - for one and all. She told me she **would love** to climb on the back of my 'Wing and head to California, but who



Lucille Hamons and Kirk Woodward

Picture Courtesy of Bill & Kim Cutsinger

would mind the store? Lucille's daughter, Cheryl Nowka, born on the second floor of the store, is a sales agent for Lucille's book and will see to the autographing for buyers. **702-876-3626**

Classic Stop

The Launching Pad Drive Inn is a favorite stop for the Rally in Illinois. Ninety miles out from



Launching Pad Drive Inn, Wilmington, IL

Picture Courtesy of Bill & Kim Cutsinger

Chicago, it is a logical place for gas and a mid morning coffee break. The Gemini Giant is one of six "giants of 66." We've seen one or two others but haven't yet pin pointed all six.

Rallymaster for 2001

Patrick Evans has graciously agreed to serve as Rallymaster for the bikes leaving Chicago on June 9, 2001. Pat is not only a veteran Route 66 cruiser, he is a "student" of the Old Road. He gathered a wealth of "road stories" before running the Route. His favorite was the man who recalled his father buying meat and bread at a grocery store, his mom making sandwiches and then the whole family sleeping under their car as they rolled towards California. Pat's Rally e-mail address is pat@hhjm.com and he will welcome your thoughts about seeing Route 66.



Pat Evans, Fresno, CA

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