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Seasons Greetings

I hope your Holiday Season is a great one and that the New Year is a happy and prosperous one. Certainly 1999 has been fun here in Texas. I was able to ride



Kirk Woodward

with the Chicago participants in the 5th Annual Mother Road Ride/Rally as far as Amarillo and **11 people have already registered for The Millennium Run: 6th Annual Mother Road Ride/Rally, June 10-17, 2000.**

If you are considering coming along with us next year, I would urge you to get your registration in early. **There is no "on site - day of departure" registration** (registration closes one week before). You can always get a refund if you find you can't go and we are **capping registration at the first 100 bikes.**

Give money back? Sure. No questions asked refunds has *always* been our policy at the Mother Road Ride/Rally. Why? Well, I never register in advance for a bike event because I know that weather or something else might make it impossible for me to attend. **We need people to register in advance, so** why expect them to do it if we wouldn't ourselves? Actually, I think it is pretty short sighted of bike events not to offer refunds . . . every other business in the world will give you your money back - under certain conditions. **Our "condition" is that you return your registration materials.** Fair enough?

X Marks the Spot



Excelsior-Henderson front fork

Excelsior-Henderson is making a hard run at becoming a major American based manufacturer of motorcycles. Their initial model is a

cruiser. Cruiser style bikes now account for over 50% of all bikes sold in the United States. Here in Texas at least one major HD dealer has taken on the EH line with some success. The distinctive front fork treatment makes the EH easy to recognize. I wonder if those sexy chrome springs really function . . . they sure look great.

Bill Oakes Favorite Motel



Bill Oakes and his favorite Route 66 Motel. "Sleep in a Teepee."

Bill & Carrie Oakes rode Route 66 in June of this year and snapped this picture. Bill sent me a e-mail saying that no one believes he is posing in front of their hotel room. There are several "tee-pee motels" along Route 66. The best known in Holbrook, Arizona.

Planning Ahead

- Way Ahead

Got a card from the **Albuquerque Convention and Visitors Bureau** announcing "Remember the Route," marking the 75th Anniversary - Diamond Jubilee Festival of Route 66. It is set for July 20-22, **2001** (yup, the year *after* next). Albuquerque takes Route 66 very seriously. The old road went right through the center of town (Central Avenue) and it is lined with old buildings businesses. A pedestrian mall at 4th & Central shows the miles to/from Chicago and Los Angeles.

If they do as neat a job for Route 66 as they do for their hot air balloon fiesta, this will be



Scene from "Riding Route 66 - New Mexico."

Albuquerque Annual Hot Air Balloon Fiesta

a must event for Route 66 cruisers. We made the fiesta - camcorder in hand - this year (it is always the first week in October). We incorporated balloon fiesta footage in our new Route

66 video *Riding Route 66 - New Mexico* and the reviews of that part of the tape have been most kind.

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