

The Mother Road Rally NEWS

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Registration Opens

January is the “traditional” month when registration opens for our annual tour of Route 66. **The Mother Road Rally** is an “all brands invited” all motorcycle tour of Historic Route 66. We used to call this time period “Early Bird” registration, but **25 people have already signed up** for the June run, so maybe this time should be called Foot Draggers Registration? If you find later that you can’t go, **this is probably the only rally event that offers a full refund of your registration fee.** Just return the registration materials to the office. Why? Well, advance registrations are a terrific help to organizers, but who wants to lose their money? We don’t have “day of departure” registration, so it seems only fair that we offer refunds.

California Highway Stencils

Our hats are off to a special cooperative effort on the part of local, state and Federal officials in



(Left to Right) Jesse Fragoso, Maggie McShan, Elaine Downing, Franklyn Smith in Needles, CA
Photo courtesy Needles Desert Star, Robin Richards

California. They have launched a Route 66 stenciling program in their state. As Roadies know, it SURE is reassuring, after making a turn, to know that you are still on your favorite road. You can see it is no simple task to get a roadway marked. Lets hope other states follow Califor-



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nia’s lead in making Route 66 easier to follow. In Needles, for example, Route 66 originally ran on both Front and Broadway streets . . . now both are well marked.

Canadian Registrant

Theo Meester from Beamsville, Ontario was researching Route 66 on the Internet after reading



Theo Meester, Beamsville,
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a National Geographic article on the Old Road. Happily he came across our Web site and became our 21st registrant for the 7th Annual run. Theo recognized the added fun of experiencing Route 66 with other riders.

Museum Quality Route 66

Twelve sections of Route 66 in Oklahoma have been trucked to the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. They plan an exhibit of the Mother Road



for 2003. Visitors will be able to walk on original road bed. These segments were taken from a section of the Old Road slated for destruction, so while never happy to read about loss of original

