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What a Trip!

Twenty-eight bikes left downtown Chicago bright and early on Saturday morning, June 10. Eight days later, 17 bikes put their back wheel to the curb at Palisades Park in Santa Monica. In between? Well, **everything!**



Kirk Woodward

Happily much of the trip was captured in a **video documentary** that covers the 2,448 miles in just under 33 minutes. It is ready to ship. You can get a copy by calling 1-800-



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Santa Monica Arrival

What DIDN'T Make the Video?

I felt best about friendships that formed "on the Old Road." Here were 34 people who

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didn't know each other from a bale of hay when we left Chicago. By the time we got to Santa Monica we shared *so much* together, we couldn't help but be pals. Defining events? Well, everybody will have their own, but mine were:

i Jerry Mitchell's "those are wind clouds, not rain clouds." It worked fine till we got to Springfield, MO.



Ugliest Surprise of the Whole Trip

i Dorothy Bennett's "I don't care if Ray tows my wheel chair or stretcher, *I am going ALL the way.*" **And she did . . . on her own two feet in Santa Monica.**

i Helena Nygren's "Yes, it is *really warm* here." Helena and Annette Bawel came to the run from Gothenburg, Sweden where the summer high temperature is 75 degrees.



Helena and Annette

"Really warm" as an understatement, ranks right up there with Noah saying "It looks like rain."

i Rolla, MO's Stonehenge reproduction. It isn't in any of the Route 66 "literature," but it set our cameras clicking. Amazing to think that pre-historic people in England built it TWICE as large 3,000 BC.

i Roy's Cafe. Deep in the heart of the Mojave Desert west of Needles, CA. It was 110 in the shade and Roy's was the only shade for 80+ hard riding miles. Nobody complained about the prices.

i Santa Monica. Even on an overcast morning, it was a delight to see and take pictures of the Pier, the Plaque and Saint Monica . . . who, along with the Lady of the Highway in Waggoner, IL watched over us all very well!