

# The Mother Road Ride/Rally NEWS

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## Record Registration in Sight

Fifty-one (51) bikes have registered for 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Mother Road Ride/Rally® as of yesterday's mail. That compares with a **total** registration of 57 bikes last year and the 62 that signed up in 1996 (the record number). Why? Can't say. We've not done much different than in past years, but, of course as time goes by more and more people learn about the Rally. Roughly 30 of the 51 registrations have come in over the Internet . . . so we should credit that "channel" a good bit. It was not a factor in the first three years of the event.



Kirk Woodward

## Slow Learner Department



Ed Boyd

Ed Boyd of Cumming, GA registered last year and has signed up again for the Millennium run this June. Ed told us he "Had to Repeat." His friends said he has always been a slow learner.

We believe he is after one of our coveted "Repeat Offender" Rally pins. They are given free of charge to people registering more than once for the Rally.

Actually 2,448 miles . . . and the return home . . . can require more time than many people can allocate. A number of people sign up over several years and focus on a different section of Route 66 each year.



Repeat Offender Pin

## Tower Building Re-Opens

Our mailbag brought us news from Shamrock, Texas. The famous Tower Building has been acquired by the City of Shamrock

and is set to re-open as a Visitor's Center. The building was built in the 1930's right on Route 66 at the eastern edge of Texas. It was - and is - an excellent example of the Art Deco style of building. It was a bustling place during the heyday of Route 66 but in recent years it has been closed and there was concern that it would not remain. We look forward to visiting the Tower Building in June.



Tower Building  
Shamrock, Texas

## Relax & Unwind



Chris Randol

Chris Randol from Boulder, CO, told us that relaxing and unwinding are two of the main reasons he'll be making the Rally. He plans to run from Albuquerque, NM to Los Angeles and then return to Denver via the California coast. Relax and unwind on a motorcycle? Well, you need to understand that Chris' 'day job' is that of a Psychotherapist.

## Airborne on a Road King

Rodge McGowan of Carol Stream, IL drives for Airborne Express and will taking his seven year

old son, Matthew, with him on his Route 66 run. He plans to start in Chicago and run to the Oklahoma border this year, then complete the Route next



Rodge McGowan  
and son Matthew

year. As a child, Rodge, traveled a good bit of the way of the old road via I-55 and I-44 . . . recalls stopping at Merremac Caverns in Missouri. Now he wants to share that experience with Matthew. Which goes to show that Route 66 is the road that will never die . . . its fun, people, places are passed down through generations.

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