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The Shoemaker's Children Have no Shoes

And your tour organizer **has no ride pin.** Every year for the past five years I've ordered 100 ride pins. Top registration before this year: 63. So, even with some people ordering a pin for their passenger, I "ate"



Kirk Woodward

a lot of pins. This year? Pow! We register 80 bikes and what with passenger pins, **all the pins are gone.** The ride would be over before we could get more into stock.

What to do? We've decided to either: a. Offer a "generic" Route 66 pin I designed several years ago or, b. Reduce the registration cost by \$5.00.

Small World Department

Back before the Flood my brother and I carried papers in Beatrice, NE. Among the



Sandra Ball

other carriers: Ronald and Sandra Ball. Today Ronald is wherever his 5th wheel RV happens to be parked and Sandra will be

joining the Chicago riders on the 6th Annual Mother Road Ride/Rally®. Long time, no see, welcome aboard Sandra.

Route 66 Revisited



John Stoughton and grandson

John Stoughton will be making a trip of remembrance on the Rally. Back in 1964 he and six friends bought a Volkswagon bus and headed from Tennessee to Washington state for summer work. Driving 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, they spent a lot of time - some things kinda blurry - on Route 66. John told us that they did "jog up to Reno, Nevada. We got there around midnight. Imagine seven young hicks from Tennessee gaping at a town with so many lights you could barely tell it was nighttime!" (Editor: *John may mean they went to Las Vegas, NV. Reno would be 500 miles north of 66, La Vegas is an easy - and popular - 70 miles north of Kingman, AZ*). John was off bikes for a while but now has rolled over 27,000 miles on his Virago.

A Half Century on Two Wheels

Jon Parker of Houston, TX reports 51 years of riding motorcycles as he gets ready to do

the 6th Annual Mother Road Ride/Rally®. He told us he particularly wants to see "the road." Happily 60-80% of His-



Jon Parker

toric Route 66 **is** out there to enjoy. The Rally rides as much as time allows.

Gracious Invitation

Jack Dawes of Bethany, OK has offered to guide riders to the Murrah Memorial in Oklahoma City. We usually plan to eat lunch at the Cowboy Hall of Fame on the north side of Oklahoma City. After lunch, Jack will take those interested to the downtown Memorial. They'll then rendezvous with those going straight west from the Cowboy Hall of Fame at the Route 66 Museum in Clinton, OK. Jack and his wife, Betty, plan to ride Route 66 from Oklahoma City west to around Flagstaff, AZ.

Away from Home for a Spell

John McDonald from Downey, CA will be leaving from Los Angeles on his tour of Route 66. He read about the run and decided it was a good match with his plan to do the BMW Rally in Michigan as well as ABATE of Iowa and Indiana. Sounds like a great schedule for Summer, 2000, no?

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