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Back from the Wild West

We're just back from a trip to New Mexico. We completed the location filming for *Ride Route 66 - New Mexico* so now are doing the editing and scoring for the



Kirk Woodward

fourth video in our Route 66 series. Fortunately, our trip coincided with the **Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta**. Quite an event. Eight hundred hot air balloons - the most surprising: So many are *not* balloon shaped. The event always runs the first week in October and attracts a half million visitors to the city. We pulled a small pop-up trailer out there and even the RV park was packed.



Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

Far Ranging Repeat Offenders

Bill & Carrie Oakes will be back on the Mother Road next June. **What a ride they plan.** From their homebase in California, they'll first go to Key West, FL, then up the coast to Charlotte and Washington, DC. Then



Bill & Carrie Oakes

out to Chicago to "do" Route 66 with the people headed west. Total mileage? Gosh, 8,000? A ride to remember!

Time Flies When Your Havin' Fun



The Easy Rider Chopper

Peter Fonda was in New Orleans in October to celebrate the **30th Anniversary** of the movie *Easy Rider*.

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Motorcycles to DFW

American Iron Horse Motorcycles has done a deal to install a restaurant and motorcycle store at the Dallas Fort Worth Airport. They'll put a different bike on display - for sale - every ninety days. **Now there's a way to spend your layover!**

Rides Better When Its Paid For

Bill Mikesell, a **Repeat Offender**, from Elgin, IL, tells me that his 'Wing just runs ever so much better since he got it paid for. We know the feeling. Bill plans to start in Chicago or Dwight, IL and roll to the Santa Monica Pier. Bill favors Dwight because you miss Chicago traffic and he says they serve a terrific breakfast at a truck stop there. Bill has been riding for 40 years, he'll be riding 66 when he's 66 (April, 2000).



Bill Mikesell, Elgin, IL

German 66'ers

Michaela and Rainer registered for the 1999 run of the Mother Road Ride/Rally® but their schedule required that they leave after the Chicago riders and they took a somewhat different route to California. Michaela told me they made side trips to Graceland (Rainer is a big Elvis fan), Grand Canyon and Las Vegas. Altogether they logged over 3,000 miles. Their next USA objective is Highway 1. The interest in Route 66 in Europe has been the most pleasant surprise of my association with this event and the Old Road.



Michaela (left) & Rainer Hohlwein, Ubstadt-Weiher, Germany

**Only Bikers understand
why dogs ride with their
heads out the window.**