



Route 66 Association of Illinois

To Preserve, Educate, Promote, and Enjoy Route 66 in Illinois

FUN FOR YOUNG ROADIES

✧ Adventure Journal ✧

Hi, Young Roadies! We know Route 66 is fun for all ages! That's why we've put this Adventure Journal together just for you - the younger travelers along the Mother Road - to help you enjoy and learn about this American treasure called Route 66.

ROUTE 66 ART GALLERY

Get out your cameras, paints, markers or crayons! We'll display

catsup to a giant...Giant! We want to display your artistic

a picture of Route 66 or one of her attractions taken by or created by one of YOU in each edition of Adventure Journal! It can

be a picture of anything you'd like, from a road to a rabbit - a giant bottle of

talent here in our Route 66 Art Gallery.

Submit your masterpieces to the addresses listed below - we're excited to see what you can do! Have

fun and get creative about the Mother Road!



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Contact Us

Please send your pictures and stories to share here in the Adventure Journal!

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www.il66assoc.com



Family Focus

A couple of our young Association members have been busy traveling with Mom and Dad along Route 66. Elizabeth and Charlie Friedrich were nice enough to write all about their adventures (with a little help from their parents) so we can go along with them for the ride!

Let's find out what the Elizabeth and Charlie's Family discovered along the Mother Road!

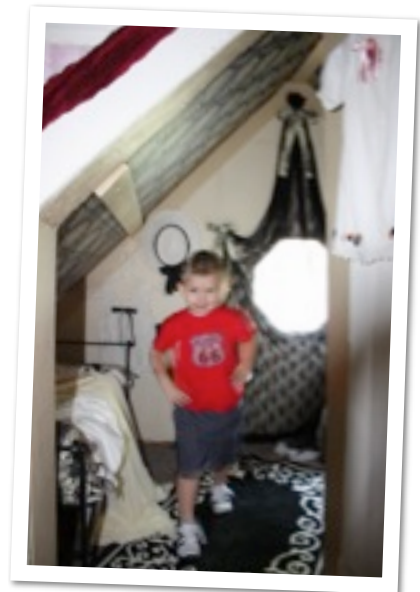


Elizabeth Friedrich

Hi, my name is Elizabeth and I am 6 months old. You may have met my big brother before his name is Charlie and he is 4 years old. My parents recently took me on my first big Route 66 adventure on June 4th to the St. Louis Route 66 Festival at the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge. (Story continued on page 3.)

Charlie Friedrich

Today is June 4th and my name is Charlie. You may remember one of my earlier travels on 66 to Funks Grove. Yes, you guessed it, mom and dad have taken me on another trip. This time it was with my baby sister, Elizabeth, who is only 6 months old. It is her first trip down 66. (Story continued on page 4.)



Family Focus (continued)

ELIZABETH FRIEDRICH

I could not believe that the festival takes place in 2 states from Madison IL to St Louis MO by a mile long bridge with a bend in it.

We left our home in Springfield and headed towards the Route 4 alignment to Chatham. We took a slight detour off of 66 and went to see the Sugar Creek Bridge that is a neat, wooded covered bridge.

Our next stop was outside of Auburn along the red brick road to Becky's Barn. My brother had been here last year and signed the inside of Becky and Rick's school bus, I can't wait until I can write.

After that we continued winding our way to our next destination, Henry's Rabbit Ranch in Staunton. Rich was nice enough to take our picture on the big rabbit outside! Dad liked looking at an old '67 VW Hatchback that belonged to Bob Waldmire. Everyone enjoyed seeing all the furry rabbits. My mom bought me a stuffed rabbit named Spot, I love his pink nose and soft ears. With all the visiting with Rich, time got away from us fast and we high tailed it to the festival.

Whew, it was a hot day! We made it to the bridge and got to ride in style: our double stroller with covers to keep the sun out of our eyes & keep us cool. We began our trek from the Illinois side and found out that most of the cars were parading off the bridge. Dad was disappointed he didn't get to see the cool cars.

When we made it to the Missouri side we met our good 66 friends: Joe Sonderman and Cheryl Eichar Jett. They had a table in the shade to sell their various books. My dad bought Joe's newest postcard book with great color pictures from all along Route

66. We relaxed in the shade with cold bottles of water, nice conversation, and good music.

Shortly after that we started our long walk back to our car. Now it was onwards to our final destination of the day Ted Drewes Frozen Custard, my mommy's favorite place to stop in St. Louis. We drive route 66 the whole way there and the place was packed. They even had police help directing traffic.



Mom opened up the back of the van while dad got our snack. We enjoyed our wet, cold concretes, I even got a small taste of the creamy treat. Daddy bought me a cute, yellow onesy with the Ted Drewes logo.

After our long day on the road it was time to go home. I was tired and slept most of the way home. I had a good time on my first trip down route 66.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Friedrich

Be a Route 66 Reporter like
Elizabeth and Charlie!

Send your own Route 66 Adventure to us today!
(Contact information on Page 1)

Family Focus (continued)

CHARLIE FRIEDRICH

We started out after my soccer practice on the Route 4 alignment to Chatham. We made our first stop at the Sugar Creek Bridge as a little side trip to Auburn. The bridge was pretty cool. The cicadas were covering the bridge and flying all around; it was neat to see what they looked like since all I see at home are usually just their shells.

We got back on the road and headed towards Auburn and Becky's Barn. I got a new action figure from their place, The Flash. We visited for a while and then we got back on the route again and headed for Henry's Rabbit Ranch in Staunton.



Rich's place is one of my favorite stops. I have to get a picture taken on the giant rabbit every time we stop, but this time was more special because it was my sister's first visit. Rich was great and took a picture of all four of us on the rabbit. Then we went inside to see all the real rabbits. They are all so cute. I took several pictures with my camera. Elizabeth found herself a stuffed rabbit named Spot. She constantly is eating on the ears. After our long visit we headed out on the road again to make our next stop the Chain of Rock Bridge.

Our stop at the bridge was for the car festival. We started our journey on the Illinois side. By the time we got there we missed the cars on the bridge and the parade of the cars leaving the bridge. But that is okay because we still had a great time. I loved looking off the bridge and seeing all the water and trees under it. The day was so hot by the time we got to the area that we tried to get to the Missouri said as fast as we could. When we got to the Missouri side there was a band playing and our friends, Joe Sonderman and Cheryl Eichar Jett, they had a nicely shaded area to sell all their great books. We sat and talked with them while we cooled down and drank some cold water. We also listened to the music from the band. I talked Dad into taking me over to the stage so that I could see them close up. It was great. After our visit it was time to cross the bridge again to head to our next part of our journey. Next stop Ted Drewes.

We traveled 66 through St. Louis and grabbed a quick dinner and kept going until we got to Ted Drewes. This is my mom's favorite place to stop every time we are in St. Louis. We got there at just the right time; got a great parking spot. My mom opened up the back of the van so we could sit in the back to enjoy our dessert and relax. Since we didn't see a parade on the bridge, where we parked all the cars exiting had to go past us, I said it was a parade. There was even a police officer to direct traffic and keep things moving. My mom gave my sister several bites of the custard and she loved it. Dad even got her a onesie. We then got back in to the car to head home. I then had to wait one more week until my next trip; The Motor Tour.

Mom and Dad went all the way on Friday to start the Motor tour in Romeoville. I couldn't go for

Friday and Saturday, because I wanted to play soccer Saturday morning. I then joined mom and dad on the trip Sunday morning for the rest of the trip. Elizabeth didn't go with us this time. She was still exhausted from her first trip last weekend.

To start my trip Sunday with mom and dad was in Springfield. We went to the Illinois State Police Heritage Museum. We drive by it all the time, but have never been there. I liked seeing the different items that the officers use. I especially liked the cars and motorcycle. There were little cars that looked like they were for kids but just on display. I had to take pictures of them and with them.

Our next stop was at the fairgrounds. I wanted to ride the rides, but they were closed, so I played on the playground instead. Next was our stop for lunch at Vic's. All the food was good. Our next stop was at the Old Capitol. I got to go upstairs; that was fun. I also liked seeing the statues around the capitol as well.

We stopped at the Lauterbach tire man; I took my picture with him. He is one of the three famous giants in Illinois. That completes my pictures with the giants.

We then made our way down the route and stopped to see some buffalo at Buffalo Bills Ranger's Ranch in Gillespie. That was neat to see these big animals up close.

Then in Carlinville, we also stopped at a cool house. It had a very small room that was just the right size for kids my age. Dad said that the house was part of a collection of homes known as Sears homes.

We then traveled on to Litchfield and went to the Ariston Café and then back home.

I can't wait until our next trip on 66 again. Happy travels from me and my family to you and your family.

Sincerely,
Charlie Friedrich

THINGS TO DO ON ROUTE 66!

See our website for more information!

SPOOKY HALLOWEEN FUN!

[Spirits of Tours/
Timeless Presentations](#)

OCT 21 & 22
[Godley Park District
Harvest of Horrors
Haunted Barn](#)

OCT 27
[Witches' Night Out
Joliet, IL](#)

I'M HUNGRY!

The [Cozy Dog Restaurant](#) in



Springfield, IL is the home of the hot dog on a stick! Tasty and fun food!



PLEASE TAKE ME HERE!

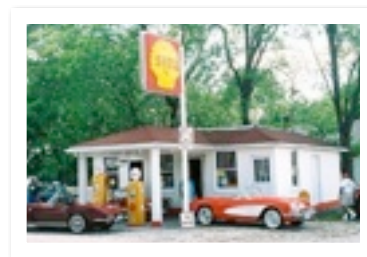
The [Route 66 Association of Illinois Hall of Fame and Museum](#) has lots of

fun things to see that were once a part of Route 66! See the history of the Mother Road comes alive Visit for free at 110 W.

Howard St.,
Pontiac, IL.

NAME THIS ATTRACTION!

What is this Route 66 Attraction? Tell us your answer and we'll post the



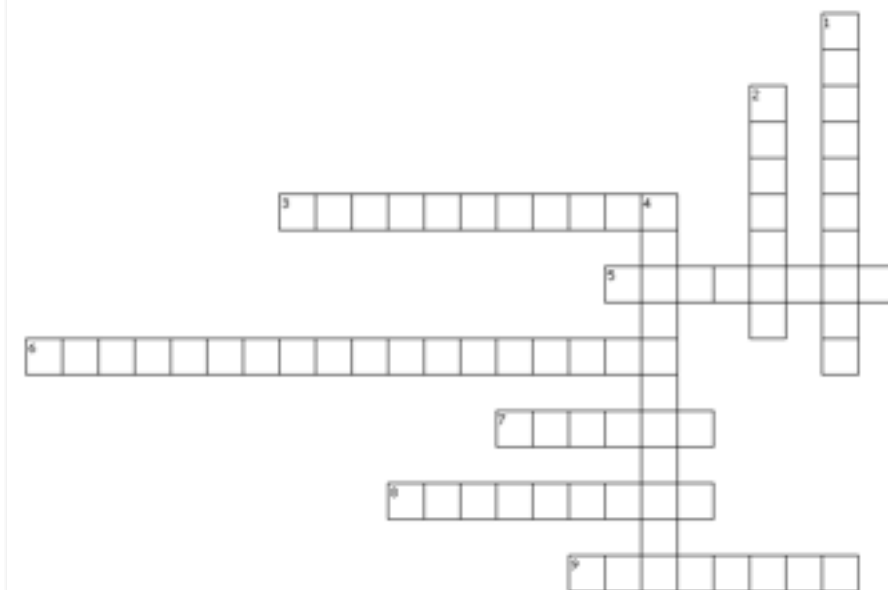
names of those who answered correctly in our next issue.

Mail or email your answer to us (contact info is on the cover).

Fun and Games

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Route 66 Attractions



Across

3. Big guy at the Launching Pad in Wilmington, IL
5. Elvis (and Marilyn and James and Betty) have left the building
6. Imagine the size of the burger!
7. That's not graffiti on those buildings!
8. This one's red, not yellow, Dorothy
9. Giant Bunyon in Atlanta, IL

Down

1. Please pass the sirup
2. New Home of Bob Waldmire's Bus and Van
4. Obey the law in Gardner or else...

Route 66 Association of Illinois

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIPS - **FREE** FROM BIRTH TO 18 YEARS OF AGE!

Hey Kids! You're never too young to care about the Mother Road! Junior Memberships are available **FREE** to all Young Roadies under the age of 18. All you need to do is ask Mom or Dad to fill out the attached membership application (or online at www.il66assoc.com/content/join-route-66-association-illinois) and submit it to us.

Junior Members receive:

- Membership Card
- Decal
- An online newsletter, *Adventure Journal*, just for young roadies! (Turn this sheet over to learn more about our online Newsletter especially for Junior Members.)

Junior Members must register with the attached application which must contain a valid parent's signature.

A membership form will be sent to the parents; however it is not mandatory that they join.

The Junior Membership will expire on the 18th birthday of each member.

Only residents of the Continental United States are eligible for Junior Memberships at this time.

ADULT MEMBERSHIPS

We welcome all you grownups to join our Association along with your Young Roadies!

The valued members of our Association help support our efforts to **preserve, promote, educate and enjoy Route 66 in Illinois**. We welcome you to join us in this noble cause.

Adult Members receive:

- Membership Card
- Our quarterly print newsletter, *The 66 News*
- Voting privileges at our quarterly association meetings
- Decal(s)

Please take a look at the attached membership application (or download it at www.il66assoc.com/content/join-route-66-association-illinois) and choose the membership that's right for you!