



ROUTE 66 ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

___ NEW or RENEWAL ___

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please print or type

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

County (Illinois Residents only) _____

MEMBERSHIP FEES: (Please check one)

Includes 4 QUARTERLY ROUTE 66 NEWSLETTERS

- _____ 1 Person -\$20/yr, 1 vote, 1 membership card, 1 decal
- _____ Family -\$30/yr, 2 family members, 2 votes, 2 membership cards, 2 decals
- _____ Business/Organization -\$50/yr, 1 vote, 1 membership card, 1 decal
- _____ Lifetime (Business) - \$500, 1 vote, 1 membership card, 1 decal per year
- _____ International -\$75/year, 1 vote, 1 membership card, 1 decal. (Lifetime International Memberships unavailable)
- _____ Donation for Preservation to continue on Historic Route 66 (*Thank you – We appreciate your help*)

(Applications without US FUNDS will not be accepted)
(\$15 returned check fee applies)

Mail Application and Fee to: **Membership**
Route 66 Hall of Fame & Museum
110 West Howard Street
Pontiac, IL 61764

Our Goals: Preserve, Promote, Educate, and Enjoy 66!

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YOUR INFORMATIVE
ISSUES OF THE
ROUTE 66 NEWS!

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HELP
SAVE & PRESERVE
AMERICAN HISTORY
AND FOLKLORE ...

"ILLINOIS — WHERE THE ROAD BEGAN."

"Illinois - Where the Exciting Mother Road Begins"



Historic 2 cell jail, Gardner, IL



Restored Standard Oil Gas Station, Odell, IL



Mural- Rt. 66 Museum & Hall of Fame

Route 66 Association of Illinois

IT BEGAN IN ILLINOIS

Route 66 is probably the most well known road in this country, if not the world. It was created in 1926, along with the rest of the federal highway system. Route 66 existed until 1985 when it was formally decommissioned and replaced by interstate highways. In the time between, it earned a home for itself in the hearts and memories of people across the country. That place can never be taken away by an interstate highway.

PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION

As stated in its bylaws, the purpose of the Route 66 Association of Illinois, established in 1989, is to "Preserve, Promote, Educate and Enjoy the past and present of U.S. Highway 66." Our focus shall be on that portion of Route 66 which lies within the borders of the State of Illinois, although we will also take part in cooperative efforts which promote the highway's interest on a national level. Our primary activities shall be to promote tours, festivals and other public events along Route 66 or relating to it. We publish a newsletter as well as other informational materials. We also cooperate and counsel with the government in efforts to preserve and promote the historic highway.

MEETINGS

The association meets four times a year in January, April, July and October. There are also several planning sessions for the annual motor tour. Other meetings are scheduled as needed. All meetings are open to all members and they are encouraged to attend and take part.

MOTOR TOURS - ACTIVITIES

Each year the association sponsors a motor tour the second weekend in June. (Date subject to change.) It travels from the Chicago area to St. Louis and alternates north to south from year to year. The motor tour stops for entertainment, meals, snacks, fun, hospitality and fellowship in many Route 66 towns along the way. We also host an annual picnic for members, their families and friends every fall.

THE ROUTE 66 HALL OF FAME

The original Route 66 Hall of Fame was located at the Dixie Truck Stop in McLean, Illinois. In 2004, a larger Hall of Fame & Museum was established in the historic Fire Station in Pontiac, Illinois. This new museum commemorates the people, places and events that gave Route 66 its special character. It features plaques and displays honoring members of the Hall of Fame as well as many other authentic Route 66 exhibits of historical and unusual interest. The Museum & Hall of Fame is open year around. Admission is free. Ceremonies for new inductees are held each year during the association's annual Motor Tour.

PRESERVATION

A volunteer preservation committee was formed to work on preserving many of the structures, roads and bridges that are aging with time. We also interview folks along the road to preserve their many recollections of the highway. We work with interested parties for placement to the National Register of Historic Places. We feel our projects are in the best interest of Route 66.

Enjoy & Explore Historic Route 66 in Illinois