

FINAL BMC ROUTE 66 TOUR IN ILLINOIS DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS

Mile Thursday July 10, 2008

We will meet at the Pilot Travel Center located at the SW corner at the intersection of Hwy 100 (Ryan Road) and I-94. Meet on the east side of the parking area at **5:15 a.m.** After handing out info and signing the wavier, we will leave at **5:45 a.m.** Have a full tank of gas and set your CB to Channel 5.

- 0 Leave Pilot Travel Center and go south on I-94 & I-294
- 80 Go south toward St. Louis on I-55
- 91* Leave I-55 at Exit 267, turn Left onto Bolingbrook Dr and go under I-55 overpass, then stop at BP station on left. We will wait for all Pilot cars here (pit stop).
- 103* Take Hwy 53 south to Joliet Welcome Center parking lot on Ottawa St between Benton & Webster. We will then walk two blocks to the Rialto Square Theatre (1926) for tour at 9 a.m. The tour/walk should last about 1hr 24min. Bring a check for \$14 per car (two people). We will cross Hwy 30 (Lincoln Highway - 1913).
- 119 After tour drive south on Hwy 53, which is Rt 66. Drive to Wilmington; note Rt 66 stuff especially the Launch Pad Drive-In (1950's)
- 124* Continue driving south on Hwy 53 to Braidwood. Stop at the Polk-a-Dot Drive-In (1956) for lunch (1hr 15min.). Look in the bathrooms!
- 128 Continue to drive south on Rt 66. We will follow Hwy 53, then Hwy 129 in Braceville, then Hwy 53 again.
- 130 Continue on Hwy 53; note Riviera Road House (1928) and Streetcar Diner being restored.
- 132* Turn onto Washington St., and follow signs to Two-Cell Jail in Gardner. We will stop for 30 min.
- 142* Get back on Hwy 53, then on Rt 66 and follow. Turn Left onto Hwy 47, then Right onto Wauponsie St in Dwight to the Ambler/Becker Texaco Station (1932), which is being restored. We will stop for 30 min.
- 150* Get back on Rt 66 and follow to Standard Oil Gas Station on West St in Odell. We will stop for 30 min.
- 161* Follow Rt 66 to Division St in Pontiac, turn Left on Howard St to Rt 66 Museum parking lot. Visit museum for 1 hour.
- 180* Go west on Howard St to Rt 66 and follow south to Rt 66 Memory Lane just north of Lexington. We will stop for 30 min.
- 188* Follow Rt 66 through Chenoa to Towanda Rt 66 signs. We will stop for 30 min.
- 196* Follow Rt 66 to Shelbourne Dr. in Normal, then Left onto Henry St., Right onto Pine St., Left onto Linden St., Right onto Willow St., Right onto Main St. and stop at Super 8 Motel for the night. Go out for Dinner.

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- 0 Leave Super 8 Motel.
- 4* Drive south on Main St., then Kingsley St., then Center St., then Madison St. Turn left at Washington St. Turn right on Robinson St. for Beer Nuts tour.
- 16 After 45 min. tour drive west on Front St., then Right onto East St., then Left onto Jefferson St., then Left onto Madison St., then straight onto Center St. and Main St. Turn Right on Business I55, turn Right onto Fox Creek Rd., then Left onto Beich Rd., which becomes Rt 66. Continue to Funk's Groove Sirup.
- 26* Continue on Rt 66 (East Rd.) to Atlanta for tour of city & pit stop. We will stop for 30 min.
- 67* Continue on Rt 66 to Lincoln via Kickapoo St., Right onto Keokuk St., Left onto Logan St., Right onto 5th St., Left onto Business I-55, and follow Rt 66 through Broadwell, Elkhart, Williamsville, Sherman, and into Springfield. Continue on Peoria St. to Bill Shea's Garage & Museum (\$2 per person). Park across the street around white building. We will stop for 1 hour.
- 73* Continue on Peoria St. then 9th St., Right onto Laurel St., Left onto 5th St., which becomes Business I-55 and 6th St. Drive past Cozy Dog Drive-In and stop at the Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center for lunch (1hr 15min) You can drive over to Cozy Dog to look around, or lunch, or go to other lunch spots.

- 104 After lunch drive south and get on I-55, get off at Exit 88 and follow R66 (Palm Rd., then Frazee Rd.), Left onto Hwy 104, then Left onto I-55. Get off at Exit 80, then Right onto Brown St., Left onto Reichert Rd. and follow Rt 66 to Our Lady of the Highway Shrine at Waggoner.
- 125* Continue on Rt 66 to Litchfield and drive past the Sky View Drive-In and Ariston Café, then continue on Rt 66 into Mt. Olive and stop at the Soulsby Shell Station. We will stop for 30 min.
- 128* Continue on Rt 66 to Country Classic Cars (\$1 per person). We will stop for 1 hr. Alternately, we can split up here if anyone would like to go to the Pink Elephant Antique Store. I will lead the cars to the store, then go back to Classic Cars, then return after 1 hr to the store. Your choice! (pit stops)
- 141 Continue on Rt 66 and stop if necessary at Scotty's Rt 66 Road House in Hamel.
- 173* We now get on I-55 and head for St. Louis to the holiday Inn Express Hotel. At the Mississippi River get on I-64 and get off Exit 40A (the streets are one way going in different direction). Turn Left onto Clack Ave., Right onto 11th St., Right onto Convention Plaza, Left onto 9th St., Left onto Dr. Martin Luther King Dr. and park your car. Check into Holiday Inn. Go out to Dinner. Note: A map of downtown St. Louis will be provided in case you get lost.

Mile Saturday July 12, 2008

- 0 Leave for Chain of Rocks Bridge at 9:30 a.m. sharp! Get on 9th St. and drive north, Left onto Cass Ave, Right onto 14th St., keep Left onto Florissant Ave, keep
- 5 Left onto Carter Ave., Right onto Shreve Ave. Take I-70 W.
- 14* Take Exit 243 to the right onto Goodfellow Blvd. Follow Goodfellow until round about and get on Riverview Blvd./Dr. (3rd right) to Chain of Rock Bridge. Drive on Bridge, get out of car and take photo's or walk on bridge. Get back in car and drive to IL side. We will allow 1hr 15min for bridge crossing.
- 34 Drive east on W. Chain of Rocks Rd., then onto I-270E for a few feet, then immediately get off onto E. Chain of Rocks Rd., then drive Chain of Rocks Rd., then get on Hwy 157 in Edwardsville. All these roads are Rt 66. We need to take I-270E to get over railroad tracks.
- 46 Follow Hwy 157 through Edwardsville and Hamel, then Left onto Hwy 4.
- 68* Follow Hwy 4 through Staunton, Sawyerville, Mt. Clare, Gillespie and into Carlinville. Stop at the town square for lunch and stores. We will stop for (1hr 15min). There are several places to eat; we like the Angus Bailey's - go to back room (lounge).
- 69* After lunch get back on Hwy 4, then Right onto Nicholas St., then Left onto University St. where Sear & Roebuck mail order houses were built for Standard Oil Co. mine workers in 1918. There were 8 different models, and 156 were built. We will stop for 30min.
- 76* Continue to drive north on Hwy 4, then Right onto Allen Rd., and Left onto Donaldson Rd. then stop. Look for the Turkey Tracks on Donaldson Rd.! The first person to find the track should give a signal. We will stop for 20min.
- 96* Continue on Donaldson Rd., then Right onto Hwy 4 and drive through Nilwood, Girard, Virden, Thayer, then Left onto Curran Rd., and follow the red Brick Road. Can you imagine driving on this road for many miles! We will stop for a close look at the road construction, and then drive slowly - 20min.
- 116* Turn Left onto Hwy 4 and drive to Springfield. Get onto I-72 East and get off at Exit 97b, go north on 6th St. to the Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center. Free time, or go for short drive. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. with the Abe Lincoln Miata Club at an Italian Restaurant

Note:

* indicates a stop

HAVE FUN! - Don & Linda McCann, and Terry & Kathy Rieck