

THE ROUTE 66 CAR CLUB IS A QUALIFIED 501c (3) CHARITY

JULY 2021

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MEETINGS - General Membership meetings are scheduled for the second Wed. of the month. The next meeting is August 11th at Quality Automotive, 5301 E Empire Ave, at 6:00 pm. Bring your own chairs. Raffles are back and refreshments are provided. The next board meeting is August 4th. All members are welcome. Contact Julie for details.

MEMBERSHIP – We have 51 paid members.

We are still looking for someone to fill the Membership position, as well as some other spots. If you are wondering what is involved, please contact Julie KBM.

CRUISE DIRECTOR – Have ideas for a club activity? Contact John Borhek *john@vmsources.com*

WEB-SITE – <u>https://route66carclub.org</u> Our webmaster is Doug Bischoff at <u>route66carclubweb@gmail.com</u> He is asking for members to submit high res images of their cars for the Members' Rides section.

NEWSLETTER – What have you done with YOUR car lately? Going to an event? Contact Suzanne at edmonds02@msn.com

PHOTO FILE - Post your Car and Car Club-related photos to our Route 66 Car Club Pictures Google Photo File.

https://photos.app.goo.gl/DaKdg7F17Zsg8fMb6



Upcoming Route 66 Club Activities

For more information please contact John Borhek john@vmsources.com

- 1. Next membership Meeting Quality Automotive August 11th 6:00 pm. Raffles and food are BACK!
- 2. July 25th Club Picnic new date due to fires. See flier.
- **3. Aug. 28th Thunder Over Flagstaff Show IS ON! We need all club members involved.** Have you signed up to help with the show? There are many ways you can help. Registration, parking cars, selling raffle tickets, helping count ballots, and more. Contact Robert to sign up. YOU ARE NEEDED.
- 4. September 18th Poker Run

Other Activities

- 1. Fridays at Park Santa Fe 5 pm until dark
- **2. July 17th and Aug. 21st Rehab and Coffee** 9:00 AM 12:00 PM Village Center 1740-1808 E. Route 66 Harmon Glass/China Star parking area
- **3. July 30th and Aug. 27th Doney Park Food Truck Round Up #3** 5 PM MST 8 PM Silver Saddle Center
- 4. August 7 8th Prescott Antique Auto Club 46th Annual Watson Lake Show
- 5. September 24-26, Run to the Pines in Pine Top AZ
- 6. October 2nd, Sedona Car Show, and Winslow Car Show
- 7. October 9th, Payson Beeline Car Show
- 8. November 19-21, Scottsdale Good Guys

July

BIRTHDAYS

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What's under the hood?

By Julie KBM, President

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Wow, it's July already. Half the year has flown by. On the flip side, half the year is still to come. There are so much good and rewarding things in our future. How about getting involved as an officer in the Route 66 Car Club? For me, personally I have gained so much, volunteering is so rewarding. I think it was less than 4 months into the club when there was an opening for a Membership Director. I made the silly statement that if you can't find someone, I would give it a try. Well, for a year and a half I served as Membership Director. I had a great and rewarding time meeting the current members, recruiting new members, and promoting the club.

Next came the opening for Cruise Director so again I said if someone will take Membership, I'll try Cruise Director and there I was. Well, you know how it goes... I'm now President. All of these positions have meant so much to me. I have gained friends and acquaintances along the way. I made memorable contacts and experiences. I get a warm fuzzy feeling inside that I have made a small difference in the tasks I've committed too. I like to think I've made a difference, for the positive, in the club and those around me. I am building on my personal skills and learning to improve as a person. As a few of you know I am terrified, I mean TERRIFIED, of public speaking! But with the help and assistance of a few fellow club members that supported, nudged, pushed and kicked my butt to get out there, I am getting better at standing up there in front of my car club family and addressing you all at the meetings. The excellent part is I have not fainted or thrown up on any of you, so far.

So, if I can do this, so can you! Please, please, *pleeeeease*, consider becoming a bigger part of this club. To remain an Arizona Corporation 501 (c) (3) we must fill the officer positions or disband. The Route 66 Car Club of Flagstaff has so much history, so much recognition in the car community and the northern half of the state, that we cannot let it just fade away into the beautiful Arizona sunsets. I'm begging you, club members, come share the rewards with me before it's too late. We need YOU! Fill the open positions for the remainder of this year (term) and renew these officer positions for the upcoming 2022, and more. Come share the wonderful rewards and personal accomplishments with me. Become part of a special team and intensify those memories, be more than what you thought you could be and have fun along the way. Will you come join me?

Club Picnic Time

Hot Rods and Hot DogsOR



Maybe you prefer a Classic... like a hamburger.

It is time for the Route 66 Car Club Potluck picnic July 25th, 2021, Sunday. Starting at Noon and burgers hit the grill at 1pm.

It is \$5.00 per person, and <u>we must have an RSVP for the meat count.</u> The club is providing the Hamburgers and Hot Dogs with buns. Members are to bring the sides dishes and desserts.

This year's Potluck Picnic is being hosted at Julie KBM's property. 6142 Espee Dr. (Doney Park) Right off Hwy 89 and Silver Saddle. See map below. North on Highway 89 just past Horseman's Lodge, Turn Right or East on Silver Saddle. The take the first Right on to Silver Spur and then a left of Espee, unmarked but it's the only left you can turn on. Small distance on nice gravel/dirt road.

Members, please bring your side dish or dessert and your chairs. I'll be Collecting money and RSVPs at the Friday nights, or at the Club Cruise or the day of but again, we must have the headcount by 07/22/21 – RSVP to Julie today, at 928-699-5804 and leave me a message or by email to Rt66julie@gmail.com
Looking forward to seeing you there!

Friday Night, Cruise Ins...

at Park Santa Fe - Harbor Freight parking lot.

Every Friday – 5 pm until dark. It is GREAT seeing old friends venture out to join the fun. Bring a chair and stay a while. Club cars or daily drivers, it doesn't matter. C'mon down. Reminder: refrain from burnouts or other exhibitions of power, please. We want to be able to continue meeting at this location.

Need a club shirt? A new name badge? A window placard for your car? Let's show our pride in our club and represent at car events. Contact Julie KBM for information.



Show time (August 28) is fast approaching and we need all hands-on deck. If you have not contacted Robert (928) 527-6844 to sign up for a team, do so now. Help is needed in many areas including parking, registration, ballot tabulation, and more. This is our club's premier event of the year. The last show (2019) was a success, Let's build on that and make this year even better.

T-shirts -



Route 66 Car Club of Flagstaff Annual Charity Car Show To order a T-shirt, contact Julie KBM before August 1st. They are a limited edition!

\$15.00 if ordered early. \$20.00 the day of the show, if there are any left over.

Show Sponsorships –

Thanks to the efforts of our members, sponsorships for the show are rolling in. Do you know a company that would be interested in sponsoring our show? Nothing is lost in asking. Thank you to *Route 66 Fabwerks*, *Hagerty Insurance* and *RockAuto.com*. We are proud to have you as our partners and look forward to sharing more sponsors with you next month.



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Letters to the Editor

Hello Suzanne!

Alice and I made it to Coeur d'Alene, ID. safely towing the Willys truck behind us. Once arrived, it only took me two weeks to attend my first car show in the area. It happened to have been the first annual Pharaoh's Car show as well. Of course, I had to represent the Route 66 Car club of Flagstaff, AZ! In doing so, the Willys took "Best Modified" in its category of 1950 through 1959 trucks!

Just so happened at the same car show there was the National convention of model T's going on next to us in the parking lot! Over 200 Ts in attendance! The most I've ever seen! (They tell me that this was a small group!) Ha ha ha!

We hope all is well with everyone and continue to enjoy seeing the news around the Route 66 Car Club!

Take care, Alan and Alice St. Germain





Great to hear from you guys. You represent our club very well! Thanks for the note and stay in touch. S.E.





SEPTEMBER 30, 1931 - JUNE 30, 2021

"She never had a negative thing to say about anyone,"



The Route 66 Car Club community lost long-time member Lela Gary last month. Sixteen members of the club drove to Sedona to attend the memorial service on July 10 to pay tribute to her memory and support her husband during this time.

At the July membership meeting, those who knew Lela spoke fondly of Lela and Cecil, saying they exemplified the spirit of the club through their kindness and sense of community. Some of their comments are included herein.

Many of the same people attended the wonderful 90th birthday party thrown for Lela's husband Cecil, just last year. Our deepest condolences are with him on his loss.

"They drove their '34 Ford everywhere."

"Wonderful people."



May Lela's memory be a blessing to all who loved her, always.





Mormon Lake Cruise – June 19

By John Borhek, Cruise Director

We had a successful cruise to Mormon Lake this morning. In all 12 cars showed up but about 10 ended up participating in the run.

We started out with a little confusion on the departure time. I had written 9:00 a.m. in the agenda, but at the meeting we had discussed 10:00 a.m. As it turns out most of us were there ready to go at 9:00 a.m., but we elected to wait until 10:00, just in case. It's a good thing too, because several people rolled in right before 10:00. We rolled out of Staples right at 10:00 a.m. with Jerry taking the lead in his E-Type, me in back in the MGTD, and Robert, Adriana and Cody driving the support vehicle.

It was warm as we set off on Mormon Lake Road, and the drive was scenic and beautiful as always. All the vehicles made it without incident, except I had to stop to let the old MG cool down for about 10 minutes.

Mormon lake was bustling when we arrived shortly before 11:00 a.m. Unfortunately, in spite of two calls and posted hours, the restaurant did not open until 11:40 a.m. for our no-host lunch. About half the group waited it out and it turned out the food was excellent and service friendly. On the way back we encountered some light showers but nothing even to require putting the top up!

I'd like to thank everybody who participated and look forward to a great Cruise in July.









Thanks for arranging these cruises for us John. There is nothing better than sharing a beautiful drive with good cars and great friends. S.E.



Parade Time



Club members participated in three July 4th parades this year: Flagstaff, Parks, and Doney Park. It was great to show our cars and show our colors.

Flagstaff - July 3rd















Doney Park - July 4th



































Parks July 4th



"I got so involved talking to people promoting the club that I forgot to take pictures. This is what was in front of me. America and a Chevy. All we needed was the apple pie."

Julie KBM

That's the best description of the day! S.E.

Thanks Kathy Federico, Julie KBM, and others for the photos.

Members' Stories



Krusin' Down the Highway A 7R6 Journey across the USA in September 2020

By Dennis Kruse

What a trip, what an adventure! Before I share the story of my big road trip, some background on my 1974 French Blue TR6 is necessary. I purchased this car in 2004. That was the year of my 30th High School Reunion. My best buddy in High School, Kurt, had a 1960's cherry red TR4 that we tooled around in during high school. In fact, we

took that TR4 on a major road trip from Iowa City, where we lived, to the Black Hills of South Dakota. While hiking in Custer State Park there, we found a complete skeleton of an elk at the base of a cliff. The elk's skull and complete antler rack were all still intact, bleached out white and clean. So of course, we decided we needed to bring this souvenir back home to Iowa. But the TR4 was a bit small for the task. We placed that skull on the console between the seats and let the antlers stick out the top and hang over the trunk. But it was so big that whenever we talked to each other and turned our head to look at our fellow passenger we poked our cheek with a sharp antler tine. That was just one of the tamer memories from our Triumph high school days. I was always envious of that TR4, and I salivated over a mimosa yellow 1974 TR6 that was at the Triumph Dealer in Cedar Rapids that year I graduated from High School.

So, in 2004, my buddy Kurt called me up to see if I wanted to go to the Reunion with him. He offered to pay for a hotel room, if I got the rental car. But then Kurt suggested we not just get any rental car, but some mustang or convertible or something that we could drive to the reunion. I said OKAY, I would find us a car. The Cedar Rapids lowa airport car rental agencies had no cool cars whatsoever. I was then routed to someone who had cars used for weddings, who would not rent us a car and only offered to drive us to the reunion. That was definitely not in the plans! But he fortunately knew of a classic car dealer in town, and said they might rent cars, so I called them up. There at Duffy's Collectibles, was a French Blue TR6 and unbelievably a 1974, the year we graduated. I ended up buying it over the phone and internet, and had it delivered to the Cedar Rapids Airport when we flew in for the reunion. Drove it to the reunion plus a road trip to the Ozark Mountains in Missouri, lots of 2 lane curvy roads there.

I have had this blue beauty, now for 16 years, since the 2004 reunion and thoroughly enjoyed tooling around Loudoun County, Virginia on scenic, hilly, curvy roads and as a member of CTR. But I have been itching for a major road trip to match my earlier high school memories. At the start of 2020, my wife and I, recently retired, and with our daughter and her husband living in Flagstaff, we decided to make the move to be with them. We found a house with a 2-car attached garage and a separate detached 2 car garage/shop perfect for storing Triumphs. Unfortunately, the Corona Virus arrived about the time we sold our house in Virginia in early March.

We were able to make our first trip out to Flagstaff in one of our normal daily driver cars to close on the new home, and then fly back to Virginia to close on the old home and drive another car out to Flagstaff. But then we still had the TR6 to move. Oh, what to do??

Well of course, I sent out a note to my friends at Capital Triumph Register, and as expected lots of help and suggestions came my way. Steve Oertwig not only had a place for my TR6 over the summer but turned into my base camp support during the big road trip. What a great help he was and what a true friend. Our relationship with Triumphs and road trips was cemented during our British Reliability Run in his Herald together back in 2015. That was a 3-day road trip to Watkins Glen and back which you can see here.

Well, as the Covid news kept getting worse over the summer, I tried to interest others in riding with me on the trip from Steve's to Arizona, but no one was willing. In September the Covid stats had simmered back down, and I flew from Arizona to Virginia on September 15th. I decided to keep a blog of my trip, which you can read here:

https://krusindownthehighway.wordpress.com

I won't replicate the blog in this article, but just share a few highlights to entice you to actually read the blog. Getting the car ready was the objective over the first few days back in Virginia.

I had done a lot to the TR6 over the last 16 years, including new bushings, springs, axles, rear shock in coils to replace the levers, new stainless-steel exhaust, and what really made a difference on the trip, a new Ford F9 5 speed transmission that was installed in 2018. That made the ride so much quieter and more fun to drive. Plus, it helped getting over the mountain passes. With the old original tranny, I could not speed shift from 2nd to 3rd, it tended to grind things unless I just gracefully laid it up into 3rd. Getting that new transmission, was like getting a new car, plus it cost about as much.

So, when I arrived in Virginia, I still needed to mount new tires as I had not replaced the tire on her since May of 2007. I had ordered some from Coker, and shipped them to Steve Oertwig, who was so nice and had them mounted for me when I arrived. I did take some time finding someone to do an alignment for me. Turns out all the new alignment machines in use today don't accommodate our narrow-framed LBC's. So, it took me quite a while to find someone with an old alignment machine. Turned out it was in my own backyard in Leesburg VA.

I had only a few mechanicals on the trip. There is a great story on my thermostat replacement, and how I found parts in a small rural Indiana town. The gasket was still labeled for Austins and Triumphs! That day's blog is here.

Another big adventure was figuring out the hard way how much capacity my fuel tank really had. Don't do this, as I did while driving in Western Kansas and Eastern Colorado on two lane roads where there are no gas stations!!

Read more here.

And finally, the worst mechanical of all, losing a key component which did not allow things to turn! Which you can read here:

There are lots of pictures on the blog of the French Blue Beauty in lots of cool places along the way. Feel free to troll around the blog site. What was most enjoyable about the trip was my decision to take only 2 lane roads the entire way. I was able to slow down, see lots of small-town America, and I found some incredible amounts of hilly curvy roads, just like those early high school days back in the 1970's when the TR6 was new. The route I chose, which I really didn't realize at the start allowed me to drive along shaded curvy roads from Fredericksburg, VA all the way to Northern Oklahoma. By following first the Potomac River to Cumberland MD, then to Wheeling WV, down the Ohio River Valley to Southern Illinois then through the Ozark Mountains of Missouri, NW Arkansas, and NE Oklahoma, and then following the Illinois and Arkansas rivers in Oklahoma to end up in Ponca City, OK. At that point, I finally found flat open country, for the first time. What a way to cross the country to that point, no boring, flat roads until I hit Kansas.

My thanks go out to all my friends in the Capital Triumph Register who provided me lots of car advice over the years to get my TR6 in good enough shape to make this trip. I could not have done it without all that guidance.

I will miss the Virginia / Maryland area, Middleburg Parades, Parkway and Crab Drives and many more. I have joined the Desert Centre Triumph Register out here in Arizona. They along with other Triumph Registers of California and Nevada put on "Triumphest" each year. The Fest rotates around to various locations in the member states of Arizona, Nevada and California. The 2021 Triumphest is now scheduled for Flagstaff on October 14-16. Hope it will still take place. And if any of you want to make a similar trip next year to have some "Revenge Travel" against this crazy Covid stuff, here is your chance. Come visit the SW in your Triumph in October 2021.

Take care and best wishes to all of you.



Thanks, Dennis! What a great adventure indeed. S.E.



Benefiting Local Flagstaff Charities

Registration Fee: \$25.00/Vehicle

*** Pre-Registration Must Be Sent By August 14, 2021 – Limited to first 250 Cars ***

Cars may begin parking @ 8:00am -- No cars admitted after 10:00 AM

Award Classes:

- 1. Best Classic Car (1920-1959)
- 2. Best Classic Car (1960-1982)
- 3. Best Muscle Car (1965-1972) [stock to period correct mods]
- 4. Best Modern Muscle Car [new generation]
- 5. Best European Car
- 6. Best Tuner [especially high performance versions of standard vehicles]
- 7. Best Street Rod [1948 or earlier with some modernization -- non-racing vehicle]
- 8. Best Hot Rod [1949-1964]
- 9. Best Resto Mod [appearance of the original, but with more modern, high-performance parts]
- 10. Best Rat Rod [unfinished appearance of a hot rod -- basically a mixture of car parts]
- 11. Best Truck
- 12. Best Special Interest [does not fit other categories]
- 13. Best Rt. 66 Car Club Member Car

Absolutely NO Cars or Parts Sales Allowed!!!!

Canopies or Umbrellas MUST Be Staked into Ground!!!!

Raffles at 2:00 PM followed by Award Ceremony

Raffles sales available throughout the day and are drawn at 2:00 PM.

1 for \$1.00 6 for \$5.00 12 for \$10.00

All proceeds are donated to local Flagstaff charities.

Need not be present to win.

Each Entrant is eligible for the Door Prizes that are drawn throughout the day.

MUST be present to win.

For More Information & Registration Form GO TO: www.route66carclub.org

E-mail: rt66julie@gmail.com or call: Julie 928-699-5804

Event Will Take Place Rain or Shine!

SORRY - NO REFUNDS

Route 66 Car Club of Flagstam Route 66 Car Club of Flagstam Route 66 Car Club of Flagstam Plagstam Aller Car Show Thunder-Over-Flagstaff Flagstaff Pulliam Airport August 28, 2021 8:00 AM — 3:00 PM

Cars may begin parking @ 8:00 AM. No cars admitted after 10:00 AM

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Name: Spous	e/Guest:
Address:	Phone:
City/State/Zip: E-mail:	
Club Affiliation (if any):	
Year: Make: Model:	Color:
Special Features:	
Registration Fee: \$25.00 per Vehicle	
Each entry must be accompanied by a separate registration form.	
Award Class # you are entering (see flyer) (only one class per vehicle entry)	
\$15.00 per T-Shirt (Optional), Please circle Adult size S M L XXL XXXL Limited quantities available day of show at \$20.00 each	
Solution Total Make Checks Payable to:	Route 66 Car Club
	P O Box 30066
	Flagstaff, AZ 86003
LIABILITY RELEASE In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate in the Route 66 Car Club of Flagstaff 2 nd Annual Charity Car Show @ Thunder Over Flagstaff, the participant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the EEA Chapter #856, Flagstaff Airport, Route 66 Car Club of Flagstaff, Coconino County, property owners, members, agents, volunteers and anyone else connected with the management or presentation of the Route 66 Car Club of Flagstaff 2 nd Annual Charity Car Show @ Thunder Over Flagstaff event from and against all liability of the loss that the participants, guests or family members may sustain or incur as a result of claims, demands or judgments arising from the participants involvement in the Route 66 Car Club of Flagstaff 2 nd Annual Charity Car Show @ Thunder Over Flagstaff event. I certify that my vehicle is properly licensed and insured to meet the legal requirement of liability. I also agree that images taken at the event of vehicles and people can be used in all media formats without compensation or restriction. All canopies or umbrellas MUST be staked into ground!!!! Selling of cars or parts during the event is prohibited!!!	
Signature:	Date:
IF UNDER 18, PARENT OR LEGALGUARDIAN	









46th Annual PRESCOTT ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB

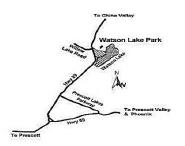
WATSON LAKE SHOW

CAR SHOW, TROPHIES & RAFFLES
PARTS EXCHANGE & SWAP MEET
OLD ENGINE FIRE-UP AREA
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WATSON LAKE PARK, PRESCOTT, ARIZONA SATURDAY – SUNDAY AUGUST 7 - 8, 2021

EVENT TIMES AND GENERAL ADMISSION

- 7am to 4pm Saturday & Sunday. Car Shows from 8am to 3pm.
 - Parts Exchange/Swap Meet & Raffle prizes both days.
- Wristband event: General admission only \$5 per person for both days!
 - 15 and under w/adult free admission. Free Parking! (see reverse)



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