

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**Cruisin' Route 66**  
**Joliet to Litchfield**  
**Friday, June 20, 2008**

**NORTHERN CRUISE** to Litchfield leaves at 8:30 a.m. from the **ROUTE 66 VISITORS CENTER** 204 N. Ottawa Street (Route 53/66 & Route 30) in Joliet. (NOTE: Ottawa St. is one-way going south.) Arrive at the Visitors Center by 8:30 a.m. to receive your driving instructions and more. Those who want to stay overnight on Thursday, 6-19, are encouraged to make reservations at Harrahs Hotel, with free garage parking, 2 blocks from our starting location. Phone Harrahs at 815-740-7800 for information and/or reservations.

Directions into downtown Joliet:

**FROM I-80**

Exit at Route 53 (Chicago St.) North. Follow Route 53 (66) north to the street under the viaduct, Washington Street. Turn left. Go 2 blocks west to Joliet Street. Turn right. Go 4 blocks (past Harrahs) to Webster Street. Turn right. Visitors Center is at the end of this street. Use parking lot on your left.

**FROM NORTH**

I-55 south to exit #268, Joliet Rd. Follow Route 53 (66) south to Joliet. Watch for *Joliet Kicks* directional signs leading to the Rt. 66 Visitors Center and the parking lot.

For additional information call John or Lenore at 815-458-6616.

(On Friday, 6-20, they will be available at their cell, 815-210-3321.)

**ITINERARY**

**Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. The Adventure Begins!**

- We will gather and register at the exciting Route 66 Visitors Center in Joliet. You can visit, pick up souvenirs, and take your photo with the Blues Brothers, send a special e-mail, and more.
- Meet award winning Route 66 authors, John & Lenore Weiss. They will answer any questions. Copies of their detailed Illinois Route 66 book, *Traveling the . . . NEW, HISTORIC ROUTE 66 OF ILLINOIS*, will be for sale and personally autographed.
- Detailed driving instructions will be provided by John & Lenore. They will contain information on all the special festivities & activities waiting exclusively for you. Below is just a sample of some sites you will visit as you travel Route 66 to Litchfield.

**The Tour**

- Wilmington - Quaint historic Rt. 66 town. Visit the shop operated by *The Route 66 Soda Company*
- Gardner - Original 2 cell jail open for photo opportunity
- Odell - 1932 Standard Oil Filling Station restored. A great photo opportunity. Souvenirs
- Pontiac - Visit the Route 66 Hall of Fame & Museum, and the impressive War Museum
- Lexington - Cruise down historical, original, Memory Lane.
- Funks Grove Maple Sirup - Enjoy meeting the Funks. Fresh maple sirup available for purchase
- Atlanta - Visit the Bunyon Giant, town murals, clock tower and so much more
- Lincoln – Visit the Guinness Book of World Records Abe Lincoln and the special 5 ton wagon.
- Springfield - The Cozy Dog Drive In on Route 66 is where the corn dog on a stick originated. You have to enjoy one or two.
- Farmersville – See the newly restored Art's sign

**WELCOME TO THE LITCHFIELD PARTY!**

# **Southern Cruise – Motor Tour-Chain of Rocks Bridge to Litchfield, Illinois**

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**Contact:** Rich Henry 618-635-5655 or email at Route66@midwest.net

**10:00 am begin trip across bridge.** Will allow about 30 minutes on bridge for picture taking. Last car has to be departing no later than 10:30am. Will congregate on Illinois side parking lot. Follow Historic 66 thru Northern Granite City past several Old 66 motels/gas station into Mitchell.

**10:40 am arrive Luna Café in Mitchell.** Depart Luna at 11:15 going eastward to Edwardsville.

**11:35 am arrive at Sonic Drive In.** Depart Sonic at 12:10 pm eastward towards Hamel.

**12:35 pm arrive at Scotty's in Hamel.** Depart Scotty's at 1:15 pm eastward to Staunton.

**1:30 pm arrive at Henry's Ra66it Ranch in Staunton.** Depart Ra66it Ranch at 2:10 pm.

**2:20 pm arrive at Country Classic Cars for drive thru only.** Don't stop. Country Classic Cars open on Saturdays, not Sunday.

**2:30 pm arrive at Soulsby's Shell Station, Mount Olive,** for picture taking. Depart Soulsby's at 2:50pm.

**2:55 pm arrive at Mother Jones Monument** for picture taking/whatever. Depart Mother Jones at 3:15pm.

**3:30 pm arrive at Litchfield** for the rest of weekend's fun and entertainment.

**May all your travels, whether on Route 66 or other roads, always be a safe and enjoyable one. Thank You!**

Congregate on the Missouri side of the bridge by 9:30 am. This is south of I-270 on Riverview Blvd, can't miss. There is now a \$5.00 fee per vehicle charged by Trailnet to help offset the expenses due to recent grant losses.