

**The 6th Annual
Cruisin' Route 66
Joliet to Litchfield
Friday, June 26, 2009**

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, 6-25, 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, 6-26, they will be available at their cell, 815-210-3321.)

ITINERARY

Friday, June 26th, 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. The Adventure Begins!

- We will gather 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 what you will experience on

– THE TOUR –

- Wilmington - Visit the Gemini Giant and *The Route 66 Soda Company* shop.
- Gardner – Visit the 1906 two cell jail. Photo opportunity
- Dwight – Visit the 1930s Texaco Information Station.
- Odell – Visit the famous 1932 Standard Oil Filling Station. Souvenirs
- Pontiac – See the Walldogs in Action event. Visit the Route 66 Hall of Fame & Museum. Lots more.
- Lexington - Cruise down historical, original, Route 66 Memory Lane.
- Funks Grove - Fresh maple sirup is available.
- Atlanta – Visit the newly restored 1930s Palm Café and Museum. Now open. Also see Tall Paul, the Bunyon Giant and much more.
- Lincoln – Visit the restored Mill building and world's largest Abe Lincoln & Wagon.
- Springfield - The Cozy Dog Drive In is where the corn dog on a stick originated. Have a few!
- Waggoner – Visit the Lady of the Highway Shrine. (50th anniversary)

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.