

# **GTOAA ROUTE 66**

## **STREET LEGENDS CRUISE**

### **INTRODUCTION**

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I am Tom Oxler and my wife, Terrie, and I have driven Route 66 two previous times but rest assured, we are no experts. So, we have solicited the help of two more experienced Route 66 roadies, Don and Janice Duryea from Kansas to help us organize a great Cruise for you. Both couples are members of the GTO Association of America and GTOAA is sponsoring this event so there will be no cost to the participants other than your meals, motels and gas.

We plan on beginning our Route 66 Cruise in Pontiac, Illinois on Monday, September 17, 2018 immediately after the GTOAA Pontiac Museum Regional in Pontiac on Saturday and Sunday, September 15 -16. If you have a Pontiac or GTO or would just like to look at some of the best collector cars in the country, you might want to come early and enjoy the cars. See [www.gtoaa.org](http://www.gtoaa.org) for more details on the GTOAA Regional. We plan to end our Route 66 Cruise in Needles, California on Sunday, September 30, 2018. The current Itinerary and List of Hotels is posted on the GTOAA web site [www.gtoaa.org](http://www.gtoaa.org) and what is posted is the most current available so keep checking for changes, additions or updates.

We are designing this Cruise similar to the Hot Rod Power Tour in that we will tell you where we will start and end each day and you will be on your own to navigate Route 66 and take in all of the history it has to offer. We have designed our Itinerary to keep the mileage around 150 – 200 miles per day so there will be plenty of time for you to stop and check out all of the sights found along the way. Like the Power Tour, you can do the entire route or you can jump in and jump out anywhere along the route. If you are planning to attend, please fill out a Registration Form and return it so we know who you are and where you will be joining us.

Although we hope each of you bring your vintage GTO or Pontiac, you are certainly welcome to bring your daily drivers, rental cars and even Fords and Mopars. It is highly suggested that you sign up for AAA Plus as we will not be able to wait for you if you should break down. We will have a lot of “Motorheads” who can fix almost anything but having a good towing company like AAA is an asset you may want to have.

We are highly recommending you purchase the EZ66 Guide by Jerry McClanahan as it is one of the best Route 66 travel guides and it will be the one used by the Oxlers and Duryeas. There will be many sights along the way that we will not be stopping at but that should not dissuade you from going there. Places such as the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam and the Santa Monica Peer are relatively close to our route and are a “Must See” if you have never seen them before.

We plan on giving each of you a map for the first two days, Monday and Tuesday, as Route 66 in Illinois and through St. Louis takes many routes so we will help you by showing you which of the routes we will be taking. A little Route 66 history is that Route 66 was never built as Route 66. It took over various existing roads and as other roads were paved and widened, Route 66 was changed to use the best roads available. That is why you will see different alignments as we go along and Illinois and St. Louis have 4 and sometimes 5 different alignments as better roads or new bridges across the Mississippi were built.

After Day 3, you will be expected to follow the EZ66 Guide to get to the next destination. Yes, you can follow us but you will be certainly separated at some stop light somewhere along the route so you must become familiar with the Guide and USE IT. We cannot stop everyone else so you can catch up. If totally lost, just use your GPS or cell phone and map in the next Lunch Stop or Hotel destination.

Our email addresses and cell phone numbers are below. Feel free to contact us and save our cell phone numbers for the Cruise.

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Happy Cruising

Tom & Don

