DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS - LINCOLN HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION'S 2016 "NATIONAL ROAD / ROUTE 66" TOUR FROM CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND TO JOLIET, ILLINOIS

119 miles from Gettysburg PA to the Tour Start at Cumberland MD. 977 miles from Cumberland MD to the Tour End at Joliet IL. TOTAL 1096 MILES.

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NOTE: All mileages have been rounded down to the closest 1/10th of a mile.

PRE-TOUR DAY – FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 17, 2016 - 119 MILES GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA TO CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND

From the Lincoln Highway Association Conference Headquarters at the Eisenhower Hotel & Conference Center, 2643 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17324 to the Pre-Tour Hotel: Ramada Inn "Cumberland Downtown", 100 South George Street, Cumberland, Maryland 21502 (119 miles):

- 1. Departing the Eisenhower Conference Center, turn LEFT onto Emmitsburg Road / Business Route 15. Go 1.9 miles.
- 2. Take the entrance ramp on the RIGHT for <u>southbound US Route 15</u>. Go 27.8 miles to Frederick, Maryland.
- 3. In Frederick, take the exit ramp on the RIGHT for <u>westbound Interstate 70 / Hagerstown</u>. Go 51.2 miles to Hancock, Maryland.
- 4. In Hancock, take the exit ramp on the LEFT for <u>westbound Interstate 68 / US</u> Route 40 / Cumberland (Exit #1A). Go 35.8 miles to Cumberland.
- 5. In Cumberland, take the exit ramp on the RIGHT for <u>Alternate US Route 40 / Baltimore Avenue / Willow Brook Road (Exit #44)</u>. At the end of the ramp, turn RIGHT onto Baltimore Avenue. Go 0.6 mile into downtown Cumberland.
- 6. At the yield sign on the small concrete island, turn RIGHT onto <u>Henderson</u> <u>Avenue</u>, go 1 block, then make a sharp LEFT onto <u>North Front Street</u> (along the tracks). Go 1 block.
- 7. At the light, turn RIGHT onto <u>Baltimore Street</u>, cross the tracks, and go 1 block.
- 8. At the pedestrian mall, turn LEFT onto <u>South George Street</u>, and ARRIVE at the <u>Pre-Tour Hotel: Ramada Inn "Cumberland Downtown"</u>, on the LEFT at 100 South George Street, Cumberland, Maryland 21502. Telephone (301) 724-8800. (There are hotel parking lots on both sides of the hotel.)

From the Pre-Tour Hotel to the Pre-Tour Dinner at Failinger's Hotel Gunter, 11 West Main Street, Frostburg, Maryland 21532, (301) 689-6511 (11 miles):

- 1. Departing the Pre-Tour hotel parking lot, turn LEFT onto South George Street.
- 2. Turn RIGHT onto Harrison Street. Go 2 blocks.
- 3. Take the entrance ramp on the LEFT for westbound Interstate 68. Go 8.5 miles.
- 4. Take the exit ramp on the RIGHT for <u>Maryland Route 36 / Westernport / Frostburg (Exit #34)</u>. At the end of the ramp, turn RIGHT onto <u>Maryland Route 36 / New Georges Creek Road</u>. Go 1.3 mile.
- 5. At the end of the road, turn LEFT onto <u>Alternate US Route 40 / National Pike</u>. Go 1.1 mile into downtown Frostburg, where the road changes names to <u>Main Street</u>.
- 6. After passing the light for Broadway, ARRIVE at the <u>Pre-Tour Dinner:</u> <u>Failinger's Hotel Gunter</u> on the RIGHT, at 11 West Main Street, Frostburg, Maryland 21532. Telephone (301) 689-6511.
 - a. To park, turn RIGHT onto <u>Water Street</u>, go 1 block, turn RIGHT onto <u>1st</u> <u>Street</u> (a narrow street), and park in the lots behind the building. There is an entrance on the back of the building.

End of driving instructions for Pre-Tour Day.

DAY 1 – SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2016 – 148 MILES LA VALE, MARYLAND TO TRIADELPHIA (Wheeling), WEST VIRGINIA

From the Ramada Inn "Cumberland Downtown" to the Day 1 Morning Stop at the Fort Necessity National Battlefield, One Washington Parkway, Farmington, Pennsylvania 15437 (51 miles):

- 1. Departing the Ramada Inn, turn RIGHT onto South George Street.
- 2. Turn RIGHT onto <u>Baltimore Street</u>. Go 1 block, cross the tracks, and bear off LEFT onto Alternate US Route 40. Go block.
- 3. At the concrete island, follow the sign for Alternate US Route 40 and turn LEFT onto Henderson Avenue. Go 1 block.
- 4. CONTINUE ahead on <u>Henderson Avenue / National Pike</u> (along the tracks). (*This is the beginning of the National Road.*) Go 1.1 miles and cross the steel truss bridge over the tracks.
- 5. At the light, bear to the RIGHT and MERGE onto <u>Alternate US Route 40 / National Highway</u>. Go 1.1 miles, through the "Cumberland Narrows".
- 6. At the light, turn LEFT, under the railroad bridge, onto <u>westbound Alternate US</u> <u>Route 40 / National Highway</u>. Go 6.8 miles, through the towns of La Vale and Clarysville
- 7. Immediately after the small sign for village of Eckhart Mines, turn LEFT onto Old National Pike. Go 1.0 mile.
- 8. At the light, turn RIGHT onto Maryland Route 36 / New Georges Creek Road. Go 0.1 mile.
- 9. At the end of the road, turn LEFT onto <u>Alternate US Route 40 / National Pike</u>. Go 14.3 miles through the town of Frostburg, to Grantsville.
- 10. Approaching Grantsville, ARRIVE at the <u>Day 1 Photo Stop #1: Casselman</u>
 <u>River Bridge</u> on the RIGHT in the Casselman River Bridge State Park. Turn
 RIGHT and park in the lot just off the highway.
 - a. Built in 1813. At the time the bridge was built, it was the largest single span stone masonry bridge in the country, spanning 80 feet. Declared National Historic Landmark in 1964.
- 11.Departing the bridge, turn RIGHT onto <u>National Pike / Alternate US Route 40</u>. Go 6.1 miles through the town of Grantsville to the crossroads of Keysers Ridge.
- 12.In Keysers Ridge, CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD on <u>westbound US Route</u> 40 / National Pike. Go 3.4 miles to the <u>Maryland-Pennsylvania State Line</u> (marked with a small blue sign on the right).
- 13.Just after the state line, within 0.3 mile, bear off RIGHT onto an unmarked narrow paved road (Old Forty Road) which climbs the hill. Go 200 feet.
- 14.ARRIVE at the *Day 1 Photo Stop #2: National Road Iron Plaque (on rock)* on the RIGHT.
- 15. Departing the plaque CONTINUE AHEAD on Old Forty Road. Go 0.7 miles.
- 16. Turn RIGHT and rejoin <u>US Route 40 / National Pike</u>. Go 1.3 mile.

- 17.Bear off to the LEFT onto <u>Main Street</u> which climbs the hill. Go 1.9 mile through the town of Addison.
- 18. West of Addison, turn LEFT and rejoin <u>US Route 40 / National Pike</u>. Go 13.2 miles, pass the crossroads of Farmington.
- 19.ARRIVE at the *Day 1 Morning Stop: Fort Necessity National Battlefield* on the LEFT, at One Washington Parkway, Farmington, Pennsylvania 15437. Telephone (714) 329-5811. Turn LEFT into the main entrance to access the Visitor's Center.
 - a. Fort Necessity National Battlefield preserves the site of the Battle of Fort Necessity. The battle, which took place on July 3, 1754, was an early battle of the French and Indian War, and resulted in the surrender of British colonial forces under Colonel George Washington, to the French and Indians, under Louis Coulon de Villiers.
 - b. The site also includes the Mount Washington Tavern, once one of the inns along the National Road, and in two separate units, the grave of the British General Edward Braddock, killed in 1755, and the site of the Battle of Jumonville Glen.

From the Day 1 Morning Stop to the Day 1 Lunch Stop: Dr. McCarthey's Kitchen, 1186 National Pike, Hopwood, Pennsylvania 15445) (8 miles):

- 1. Departing Fort Necessity via the main entrance, turn LEFT onto <u>US Route 40 / Washington Parkway</u>. Go 1.4 mile.
- 2. ARRIVE at <u>Day 1 Photo Stop #3: Braddock's Grave</u> on the RIGHT. Turn RIGHT into the parking lot.
 - a. General Edward Braddock (January 1695 13 July 1755) was a British officer and commander-in-chief for the 13 colonies during the actions at the start of the French and Indian War (1754–1765) which is also known in Europe as the Seven Years' War (1756–1763). He is generally best remembered for his command of a disastrous expedition against the French-occupied Ohio River Valley then in western Virginia or Pennsylvania (depending on which Royal grants) in 1755, in which he lost his life.
 - b. After the French and Indian War ended, in 1804, some workmen discovered human remains where Braddock was supposed to have been buried. Officer's uniform buttons reportedly found at the site indicated that the remains were those of General Braddock. Initially, some of the remains were kept as souvenirs. Andrew Stewart, a local magistrate, learned of the desecration of the grave site and ordered the return of the remains. Reportedly, some hand bones found their way to the Peale Museum in Philadelphia. P.T. Barnum purchased the contents of the museum and moved it to New York City. A fire in 1864 destroyed the museum. In addition, a section of vertebrae is reportedly in the Walter Reed Hospital collection in Bethesda, Maryland.

- c. The remains that were recovered were then re-interred on this small knoll adjacent to the National Road. In 1913 the marker was placed where it is today.
- 3. Departing the grave, turn RIGHT and CONTINUE ahead on <u>US Route 40</u>. Go 6.1 miles.
- 4. Take the exit ramp on the RIGHT for <u>Business US 40 / Hopwood / Uniontown Business District</u> (aka National Pike). Go 0.7 mile into Hopwood.
- 5. ARRIVE at the *Day 1 Lunch Stop: Dr. McCarthey's Kitchen* in a stone building on the LEFT, at 1186 National Pike, Hopwood, Pennsylvania 15445. Telephone (724) 550-4355.
 - a. To park, turn LEFT onto Doyle Street (at the restaurant) and park perpendicular against the white fence behind the restaurant. If full, park along the side streets of Hopwood (a small town).

From the Day 1 Lunch Stop to the Day 1 Afternoon Stop #1 at Searight's Toll House, on US Route 40, 5 miles NW of Uniontown, Pennsylvania (5 miles):

- 1. Departing the restaurant, CONTINUE westbound on <u>National Pike / Business Route 40.</u> Go 3.1 miles through Uniontown.
- 2. At US Route 119, CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD on <u>westbound US Route</u> 40 / National Pike. Go 4.1 miles.
- 3. ARRIVE at the Day 1 <u>Afternoon Stop #1 at Searight's Toll House</u> on the LEFT on US Route 40, 5 miles NW of Uniontown, Pennsylvania. There is parking behind the building.
 - a. William Searight loomed large in Fayette County during the first half of the nineteenth century. One of the wealthiest men in the region, Searight used his political connections to land the position of Commissioner of the Cumberland Road (National Road) for the state of Pennsylvania in 1842.
 - b. As commissioner, Searight was responsible for all operations, from lower level job or patronage appointments to overseeing toll collection along the roadway. This position helped increase Searight's power within the southwestern portion of the state, and also rewarded him financially. He was paid \$730 a year for carrying out his duties, a significant wage for the era. In addition to his position as commissioner, Searight also operated a popular tavern along the National Road.
 - c. Searight continued to serve as Pennsylvania Commissioner of the Cumberland Road until April 1845 when a federally directed reorganization of the management structure eliminated his position. Three years later he was named a road commissioner again, but only to oversee operations within Fayette County.
 - d. Searight's Tollhouse, constructed when the Commonwealth took control of the road in 1835, stood on the highway itself with a long, hinged gate to block all traffic until the appropriate fares had been paid. It joined other tollgates in Pennsylvania located near Petersburg, Mt.

Washington, Beallsville, Washington, and West Alexander. The money that was collected from travelers helped maintain the road and pay salaries of people employed to perform the labor. One of two remaining National Road tollhouses and a National Historic Landmark, it is operated as a historic site by the Uniontown Historical Society.

From the Day 1 Afternoon Stop #1 to the Day 1 Afternoon Stop #2 at the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum, 1 Museum Road, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301 (34 miles):

- 1. Departing the toll house, turn LEFT and CONTINUE ahead on <u>US Route 40 / National Pike</u>. Go 4.3 miles
- 2. Where US Route 40 turns right at the traffic light, CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD on <u>Business Route 40 / National Pike</u>. (*DO NOT turn right on US Route 40 towards Pennsylvania Turnpike Route 43*). Go 2.6 miles into the town of Brownville. (In Brownsville the road changes names to <u>Broadway</u> for 3 blocks.)
- 3. At the light, turn LEFT onto Market Street / westbound US Route 40. Go 3 blocks.
- 4. At the brick Greek Catholic Church on the right, <u>FOLLOW the sign for</u> <u>Brownsville</u> and turn RIGHT, go 1 block, turn LEFT, go under the bridge and CONTINUE AHEAD southbound on <u>Market Street</u>. Go 0.3 mile.
- 5. At the light, turn RIGHT onto <u>Bridge Boulevard</u> and CROSS <u>the steel truss</u> bridge over the Monongahela River, then cross over the tracks to the stop sign.
- 6. Turn LEFT onto Old National Pike. Go 2.6 miles.
- 7. Turn LEFT and rejoin US Route 40 for a short distance of 0.3 mile.
- 8. Bear off to the LEFT onto Old National Pike which climbs the hill. Go 1.6 mile.
- 9. Cross over US Route 40 and CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD on <u>Old National Pike</u>. Go 1.3 mile through the village of Centerville.
- 10. West of Centerville, turn RIGHT and rejoin <u>US Route 40 / National Pike.</u> Go 1.4 mile, through the town of Richeyville.
- 11.ARRIVE at the <u>Day 1 Photo Stop #4: Madonna of the Trail Pennsylvania</u>

 <u>Statue</u> on the RIGHT, across from the entrance to the Nemacolin Country Club.

 Park in the gravel drive on the right immediately after the statue.
 - a. Madonna of the Trail statues are a series of 12 monuments dedicated to the spirit of pioneer women in the United States. The monuments were commissioned by the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR). They were installed in each of the 12 states along the National Old Trails Road, which extended from Cumberland, Maryland, to Upland, California.
 - b. Created by sculptor August Leimbach and funded by contributions, the Madonna of the Trail monuments were intended to provide a symbol of the courage and faith of the women whose strength and love aided so greatly in conquering the wilderness and establishing permanent homes.

- Dedicated in 1928 and 1929, the twelve statues became sources of local pride. Through the continuing efforts of local and national groups, all are currently in good condition and on display.
- c. In 1911, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) established a national committee known as the National Old Trails Road Committee. It worked to establish the Old Trails Road as a great National Memorial Highway. In 1912 the National Old Trails Road Association was organized, and the roadway became known as the National Old Trails Road. The group wanted to recognize the contributions of women with a statue to be erected in each of the twelve states connected by the National Road.
- d. The committee chair, Judge (and future U.S. president) Harry S. Truman, guaranteed the expense of the erection of the monuments. A design was completed in 1927. At the dedication for the Ohio monument, Truman is quoted: "They [the women] were just as brave, or braver, than their men because, in many cases, they went with sad hearts and trembling bodies. They went, however, and endured every hardship that befalls a pioneer."
- 12. Departing the statue, CONTINUE ahead on <u>US Route 40 / Main Street</u>. Go 15.7 miles, through the towns and hamlets of Beallsville, Scenery Hill, Glyde, South Strabane, and Laboratory, to Washington, Pennsylvania.
- 13.In downtown Washington, turn RIGHT onto <u>Main Street</u>. Go 6 blocks, pass the Washington County Courthouse on the left.
- 14.At Chestnut Street, our tour departs the National Road to reach our Afternoon Stop #2. CONTINUE straight ahead on Main Street. Go 2.9 miles out the north end of Washington.
- 15. After crossing two sets of tracks, ARRIVE at the <u>Day 1 Afternoon Stop #2:</u>
 <u>Pennsylvania Trolley Museum</u> on the RIGHT, 1 Museum Road, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301. Telephone (724) 228-9256.
 - a. To park, turn RIGHT onto <u>Museum Road</u>, then RIGHT again to the parking lot.

From the Day 1 Afternoon Stop #2 to the Day 1 Hotel Stop: Hampton Inn "Wheeling-The Highlands", 35 Bob Wise Drive, Triadelphia (Wheeling), West Virginia 26059 (66 miles):

- 1. Departing the trolley museum, turn LEFT onto <u>Main Street</u> and backtrack 2.9 miles into downtown Washington to the National Road (West Chestnut Street).
- 2. Turn RIGHT onto West Chestnut Street. Go 3 blocks.
- 3. At the light, cross Jefferson Avenue and CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD on <u>US Route 40 / West Chestnut Street</u>. Go 1.7 miles.
- 4. After going under Interstate 70, in 0.2 mile, turn LEFT onto <u>Old National Pike</u>. (Foodland Grocery Store on far left corner.) Go 0.7 mile.
- 5. Turn LEFT and rejoin <u>US Route 40 / West Chestnut Street.</u> Go 8.1 miles, through the town of Claysville (where the road changes name to <u>Main Street.</u>)

- 6. West of Claysville, at the Exxon Station, turn LEFT, go under Interstate 70, and CONTINUE on <u>Old National Pike</u>. Go 5.8 miles, over Interstate 70, through West Alexander, and across the <u>Pennsylvania-West Virginia State</u> *Line*.
- 7. Just after the state line, turn LEFT and rejoin <u>US Route 40 / National Road.</u> Go 9.1 miles, through Valley Grove and Triadelphia, to Elm Grove and the eastern reaches of Wheeling.
- 8. Take the entrance ramp on the LEFT for <u>eastbound Interstate 70 / Washington</u>, <u>PA.</u> Go 3.8 miles.
- 9. Take the exit ramp on the RIGHT for <u>Route 65 / Cabela Drive (Exit #10)</u>. At the end of the ramp, curve to the RIGHT onto <u>Cabela Drive</u> and cross over the Interstate. Go 0.3 mile.
- 10.At the light for the entrance for Cabela's, turn RIGHT onto <u>Distribution Road</u> (no street sign a Bob Evans Restaurant on far right corner.) Go 1000 feet.
- 11.ARRIVE at the *Day 1 Hotel Stop: Hampton Inn "Wheeling-The Highlands"* on the LEFT, mailing address 35 Bob Wise Drive, Triadelphia, West Virginia 26059. Telephone (304) 547-4222.

From the Day 1 Hotel Stop to the Dinner Stop at the River City Restaurant, 1400 Main Street, Wheeling, West Virginia 26003 (9 miles):

- 1. Departing the Hampton Inn, turn RIGHT onto <u>Distribution Road</u>. Go 1000 feet.
- 2. At the light, turn LEFT onto Cabela Drive. Go 0.3 mile.
- 3. Take the entrance ramp on the RIGHT for <u>westbound Interstate 70 / Wheeling.</u> Go 4.4 miles.
- 4. At Exit #5A for Interstate 470, <u>stay to the RIGHT and CONTINUE ahead</u> on <u>westbound Interstate 70 / Wheeling</u>. Go 3.4 miles.
- 5. Take the exit ramp on the RIGHT for southbound US Route 250 / 16th Street / Moundsville (Exit #1B). Go 0.6 mile.
- 6. Take the exit ramp on the RIGHT for <u>16th Street</u>. At the end of the ramp CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD on <u>16th Street</u>. Go 4 blocks
- 7. ARRIVE at the <u>Day 1 Photo Stop #5: West Virginia Independence Hall</u> on the RIGHT, at the near right corner of 16th Street and Market Street. Turn RIGHT onto <u>Market Street</u> and parallel park on the street to photograph the building.
 - a. Birthplace of West Virginia. Nearly six years before President Lincoln signed the proclamation making West Virginia the 35th State in the Union, construction had begun on the Wheeling Custom House, headquarters for federal offices for the Western District of Virginia. Its completion, coinciding with the beginning of the Civil War, provided a facility for heated political discussions and constitutional conventions that led to eventual statehood for West Virginia in 1863. Here, issues dividing many Virginians slavery being one of many were debated, compromised and shaped into the skeleton of statehood. Serving as the Restored Government of Virginia (aligned with the Union) from 1861-

1863, it is appropriately known today as West Virginia Independence Hall.

- 8. Departing Independence Hall, CONTINUE ahead on Market Street for 1 block.
- 9. Turn LEFT onto 14th Street. Go 1 block.
- 10.ARRIVE at the *Day 1 Dinner Stop: River City Restaurant* on the LEFT, on the near left corner of 14th Street and Main Street, address: 1400 Main Street, Wheeling, West Virginia 26003. Telephone (304) 233-4555.
 - a. To park, turn LEFT onto Main Street, then turn RIGHT into the parking garage across the street from the restaurant.

From the Day 1 Dinner Stop back to the Day 1 Hotel Stop (9 miles):

- 1. Departing the parking garage, turn RIGHT onto <u>Main Street</u>, and then turn LEFT onto <u>16th Street</u>. Go 5 blocks.
- 2. Take the entrance ramp straight ahead signed "<u>To Interstate 70</u>". Stay to the RIGHT and follow the signs for <u>eastbound Interstate 70 / Washington</u>, taking the next exit ramp on the RIGHT.
- 3. Once on <u>Interstate 70</u>, go 8.0 miles.
- 4. Take the exit ramp on the RIGHT for <u>Route 65 / Cabela Drive (Exit #10)</u>. At the end of the ramp, curve to the RIGHT onto <u>Cabela Drive</u> and cross over the Interstate. Go 0.3 mile.
- 5. At the light for the entrance for Cabela's, turn RIGHT onto <u>Distribution Road</u> (no street sign a Bob Evans Restaurant on far right corner.) Go 1000 feet.
- 6. ARRIVE at the *Day 1 Hotel Stop: Hampton Inn "Wheeling-The Highlands"* on the LEFT.

End of driving instructions for Day 1.

DAY 2 – SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2016 – 180 MILES TRIADELPHIA, WEST VIRGINIA TO SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

<u>From the Hampton Inn "Wheeling-The Highlands" to the Day 2 Morning Stop at the National Road / Zane Grey Museum, 8850 East Pike, Norwich, Ohio (69 miles):</u>

- 1. Departing the Hampton Inn, turn RIGHT onto <u>Distribution Road</u>. Go 1000 feet.
- 2. At the light, turn LEFT onto Cabela Drive. Go 0.3 mile.
- 3. Take the entrance ramp on the RIGHT for <u>westbound Interstate 70 / Wheeling.</u> Go 3.8 miles.
- 4. Take the exit ramp on the RIGHT for <u>US Route 40 / Elm Grove / Triadelphia (Exit # 5)</u>. At the end of the ramp, turn LEFT onto <u>US Route 40 / National Road</u>. Go 0.2 mile.
- 5. Following the sign for Wheeling, turn RIGHT, cross over Wheeling Creek and CONTINUE on <u>US Route 40 / National Road</u>. Go 1.0 mile.
- 6. ARRIVE at the <u>Day 2 Photo Stop #1: Madonna of the Trail West Virginia</u> <u>Statue</u> on the RIGHT. Pull off on the right to photograph the statue.
- 7. Departing the statue, CONTINUE ahead on <u>US Route 40 / National Road</u>. Go 4.3 miles.
- 8. In Wheeling, turn RIGHT and CONTINUE on <u>US Route 40 / 7th Street</u>. Go 1 block.
- 9. Turn LEFT and CONTINUE on <u>US Route 40 / Main Street</u>. Go 3 blocks. <u>Do NOT follow the sign for westbound US Route 40 towards Columbus. Stay on <u>Main Street</u>.</u>
- 10. After going under Interstate 70, at the second light (Wheeling Inn on the right corner), turn RIGHT onto 10th Street. Go across the <u>Day 2 Photo Stop #2:</u>

 <u>Wheeling Suspension Bridge</u> over the main channel of the Ohio River, entering Wheeling Island on <u>Virginia Street</u>. (At the end of the bridge, park on city streets to walk back to the bridge to take photos of this important landmark.)
 - a. The Wheeling Suspension Bridge was the largest suspension bridge in the world from 1849 until 1851. The main span is 1,010 feet from tower to tower. It was designed by Charles Ellet Jr., who also worked on the Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge. The Wheeling Bridge was the first bridge to span the Ohio River, and was an important link on the National Road and the western expansion of America. The bridge was designated a National Historic Landmark on May 15, 1975. It remains the oldest vehicular suspension bridge in the United States still in use.
 - b. The bridge was designed prior to the advent of the automobile. At the time of construction, a horse and buggy was the heaviest load that would be expected. Currently, the bridge has a (per vehicle) weight limit of 4,000 pounds, making it unsuitable for trucks, buses, or other heavy vehicles. Traffic is advised to keep at least 50 feet between vehicles. Additionally, traffic lights at both ends only allow a certain number of cars onto the bridge at one time.

- 11. Departing the bridge, CONTINUE on Virginia Street. Go 3 blocks.
- 12. Turn RIGHT onto $\underline{York\ Street}$. Go 2 blocks and under Interstate 70.
 - a. Straight ahead is the Madison School, built in 1916.
- 13. Turn LEFT onto westbound US Route 40 / Zane Avenue / National Road. Go 18.8 miles, across the west channel of the Ohio River and the West Virginia-Ohio State Line, and through the towns of Brookside, Wolfhurst, Lansing, Blaine, and St. Clairsville, pass the Ohio University Eastern Campus.
- 14. After going thru the intersection of Route 149, pass the Morristown city limits sign, and after the guardrail, bear off to the RIGHT onto an unmarked old paved road (Main Street) that climbs the hill. Go 1.1 mile through the town of Morristown.
- 15.On the west side of Morristown, turn RIGHT and rejoin <u>US Route 40 / National Road</u>. Go 1.9 mile.
- 16. Take the entrance ramp on the LEFT for <u>westbound US Route 40 / Interstate 70</u>. Go 2.0 mile, to the next exit.
- 17. Take the exit ramp on the RIGHT for <u>Route 800 / Barnesville / Dennison (Exit #202)</u>. At the end of the ramp CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD on <u>Hendrysburg-Freeport Road</u>. Go 0.2 mile.
- 18. After passing the "Birthplace of Hopalong Cassidy" sign, turn RIGHT onto County Road 108 / Hendrysburg. Go 1.4 mile through the village of Hendrysburg.
- 19. Turn RIGHT and rejoin Ohio Route 800. Go 1.3 mile.
- 20.As the road curves to the right, turn LEFT onto County Road 40A / Old National Road. (A metal garage building on far left corner.) Go 1.2 mile.
- 21. Turn LEFT at sign for <u>US Route 40 / Interstate 70</u>, then immediately take the entrance ramp on the RIGHT for <u>westbound US Route 40 / Interstate 70</u>. Go 5.0 miles to the next exit.
- 22. Take the exit ramp on the RIGHT for Ohio Route 513 / Quaker City (Exit #193). At the end of the ramp, turn RIGHT onto Ohio Route 513, then immediately turn LEFT onto Bridgewater Road / Country Road 690. (Gas stations on both corners.) Go 2.6 miles.
- 23.ARRIVE at <u>Day 2 Photo Stop #3: Salt Fork "S" Bridge</u> on the RIGHT. Turn right and park to access the bridge.
 - a. The bridge was built 1828. It is 55 feet long, 26 feet wide, with a 40 foot span over water. The bridge was listed on National Register of Historic Places, October 15, 1966.
 - b. The bridge was closed to traffic in 2013, due to damage caused by heavy truck traffic from the local natural-gas drilling and fracking operations in the area ignoring the bridge's posted load limits signs.
- 24.Departing the bridge, CONTINUE on <u>Bridgewater Road / Country Road 690</u>. Go 500 feet.

- 25. Turn LEFT onto <u>Frankfort Road / County Road 75</u>. Go under Interstate 70, then immediately turn RIGHT onto <u>Easton Road / County Road 670</u>. Go 3.1 miles. (At Putney Ridge Road, the road changes names to <u>Range Road</u>.)
- 26. Turn RIGHT onto <u>County Home Road / County Road 73</u> and cross over Interstate 70.
- 27. Turn RIGHT onto <u>Buckeye Hiking Trail / County Road 73</u>, then immediately turn LEFT onto <u>2nd Street</u>, and then immediately turn LEFT onto <u>Old National Road</u>. Go 0.6 mile into the village of Old Washington.
- 28.At the stop sign in Old Washington, turn LEFT onto Morgan Way / southbound Ohio Route 285. Go 0.1 mile, and go thru the 4-way stop intersection for US Route 40.
- 29.Immediately turn LEFT onto <u>Old Mill Road</u> (a small road which goes up a hill). Go 0.1 mile.
- 30.ARRIVE at *Day 2 Photo Stop #4: Old Washington Cemetery* on the RIGHT.
 - a. At the cemetery there is an interpretive marker describing Morgan's Raid which took place there during the Civil War. In the cemetery are graves of three Confederate soldiers.
- 31. Departing the cemetery, turn LEFT onto Old Mill Road. Go 0.1 mile.
- 32. Turn RIGHT onto Morgan Way, go thru the 4-way stop intersection, and CONTINUE ahead 0.1 mile back into Old Washington.
- 33. Turn LEFT onto Old National Pike. Go 0.2 mile.
- 34. Turn LEFT at Chestnut Lane / Beymer Road, then immediately turn RIGHT onto US Route 40 / East Pike Road. Go 3.4 miles.
- 35. Turn RIGHT onto Old National Road / County Road 450. Go 1.5 mile.
- 36. After passing Cooks Run Road, immediately ARRIVE at <u>Day 2 Photo Stop #5:</u> <u>Cooks Run "S" Bridge</u> on the LEFT. The old bridge is covered in grass, located just to the south of today's bridge. Pull off the road and park to walk back to the "S" bridge for photos.
 - a. This bridge was built around 1830. It has fallen into disrepair and is the "least restored" of the "S" bridges seen on today's tour.
- 37. Departing the bridge, CONTINUE on <u>Old National Road / County Road 450</u>. Go 500 feet.
- 38. Turn RIGHT onto <u>US Route 40 / East Pike Road</u>. Go 3.1 miles, through the city of Cambridge, where US 40 changes names to <u>Wheeling Avenue</u>, and joins up with US Route 22.
- 39.In Cambridge, following US Route 40, turn LEFT onto <u>Dewey Avenue</u> and cross the bridge. Go 3.6 miles. West of Cambridge, US 40 changes names a third time to <u>Glenn Highway</u> (in honor of Astronaut John Glenn, who was born in Cambridge on July 18, 1921).
- 40.ARRIVE at <u>Day 2 Photo Stop #6: Peters Creek "S" Bridge</u> on the RIGHT, just west of Peters Creek Road. Turn RIGHT onto <u>Peters Creek Road</u> to access the small parking area.

- a. The bridge was built 1828. It was renovated in 2006 from damage caused by flooding in 2005.
- 41.Departing the bridge, CONTINUE westbound on <u>US Routes 40 & 22 / Glenn Highway</u>. Go 5.0 miles, through the town of New Concord, where US 40 becomes Main Street.
- 42. After crossing Ohio Route 83, in 0.3 mile, ARRIVE at <u>Day 2 Photo Stop #7:</u> Fox Run "S" Bridge on the RIGHT. Turn right into the parking lot.
 - a. The bridge was built 1828. It was designed by Benjamin Henry Latrobe, the architect who designed the US Capitol Building and the White House. The bridge was listed on National Register of Historic Places in 1973.
- 43.Departing the bridge, CONTINUE westbound on <u>US Routes 40 & 22 / East Pike Road</u>. Go 1.3 mile.
- 44. At the right turn sign for "Norwich ½ mile", turn RIGHT onto <u>Norwich Drive</u>. Go 1.5 miles, through the village of Norwich.
- 45. After passing Norwich United Presbyterian Cemetery on the left, turn RIGHT onto <u>Brick Road</u>. Go 0.6 mile, enjoying the old brick paving.
- 46.At the end of the road, turn RIGHT and rejoin <u>US Route 40 / East Pike</u>. Go 0.8 mile.
- 47.ARRIVE at the <u>Day 2 Morning Stop: National Road Zane Grey Museum</u> on the LEFT, 8850 East Pike, Norwich, Ohio 43767. Telephone (740) 872-3143. Turn LEFT onto the entry drive to access the parking in front of the building.

From the Day 2 Morning Stop to the Day 2 Lunch Stop at Tom's Ice Cream Bowl, 532 McIntire Avenue, Zanesville, Ohio 43701 (11 miles):

- 1. Departing the museum, turn LEFT onto US Route 40 / East Pike. Go 2.2 miles.
- 2. Bear off to the RIGHT onto <u>Bridgeville Drive</u>, which climbs the hill. Go 0.4 mile.
- 3. Turn RIGHT and rejoin <u>US Route 40 / East Pike</u>. Go 7.8 miles into the city of Zanesville, where westbound US 40 changes names to <u>Greenwood Avenue</u>, turns LEFT onto <u>Underwood Street</u>, then turns RIGHT onto <u>Main Street</u>. On Main Street, go 0.6 mile (8 blocks) through downtown Zanesville and onto the famous Zanesville "Y" Bridge.
- 4. At the light in the middle of the Y Bridge, turn RIGHT onto <u>Linden Avenue</u>. Go 0.5 mile, going under the railroad bridge and under Interstate 70.
- 5. At the brick church on the left, turn LEFT onto McIntire Avenue. Go 1 block.
- 6. ARRIVE at <u>Day 2 Lunch Stop: Tom's Ice Cream Bowl</u> on the LEFT, at 532 McIntire Avenue, Zanesville, Ohio 43701. Telephone (740) 452-5267. Parallel park along the streets in the area, at the rear of the building, or in the small lot to the left of the restaurant.

From the Day 2 Lunch Stop to the Day 2 Afternoon Stop at Frank Lloyd Wright's Westcott House, 85 South Greenmount Avenue, Springfield, Ohio 45504 (97 miles):

- 1. Departing the restaurant, BACKTRACK on McIntire Avenue to Linden Avenue.
- 2. Turn RIGHT onto Linden Avenue. Go 0.5 mile, returning to the Y Bridge.
- 3. At the light in the middle of the Y Bridge, turn RIGHT onto westbound on <u>US</u> Route 40 / West Main Street.
- 4. At the end of the bridge, at the gas station, turn LEFT onto <u>Pine Street</u>. Go 0.2 mile.
- 5. Turn LEFT onto Grandview Avenue. Go 0.2 mile.
- 6. At Cliffwood Avenue, turn LEFT and ARRIVE at the <u>Day 2 Photo Stop #8:</u> <u>Putnam Hill Park / Zanesville "Y" Bridge Overlook</u>.
 - a. The famous Zanesville "Y" Bridge spans the junction of two rivers the Licking River (from the northwest) joining the Muskingum River (from the northeast). South of the bridge, the Muskingum River flows south and joins the Ohio River at Marietta.
 - b. The first Zanesville "Y" Bridge was constructed in 1814. Several iterations (some of them wooden covered bridges) were washed away by serious floods before the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers constructed a series of dams and locks that now regulate the flow of the two rivers. The current concrete and steel bridge is the fifth in the series on the same location. It opened in 1984.
- 7. Departing the park, turn RIGHT onto <u>Grandview Avenue</u>. Go 0.2 mile.
- 8. Turn RIGHT onto Pine Street. Go 0.1 mile.
- 9. Turn LEFT onto <u>US Route 40 / West Main Street</u>. Go 4.6 miles. US 40 will change names to <u>West Pike Road</u>.
- 10.Bear off to the RIGHT onto Old National Road. Go 1.2 mile.
- 11.At the end of the road, turn LEFT, then turn RIGHT and rejoin <u>US Route 40 / West Pike Road</u>. Go 0.7 mile.
- 12. Turn RIGHT onto <u>Hopewell National Road / County Road 415</u>. Go 1.9 mile, through the village of Mt. Sterling, to the crossroads of Hopewell.
- 13. Turn RIGHT and rejoin US Route 40 / West Pike Road. Go 1.8 mile.
- 14.Bear off to the RIGHT onto Main Street / County Road 1, which climbs the hill on the right. Go 1.6 mile through the town of Gratiot.
- 15. Turn RIGHT and rejoin <u>US Route 40 / National Road</u>. Go 23.3 miles, through the towns of Brownsville, Jacksontown, Atherton, Hebron, and Kirkersville.
- 16.After passing Smoke Road / County Road 152, as the road curves right, turn LEFT onto <u>Pike Street / County Road 1F</u>. Go 1.2 mile through the village of Etna.
- 17. West of Etna, turn LEFT and rejoin <u>US Route 40 / National Road</u>. Go 13.0 miles, through the Columbus suburbs of Reynoldsburg and Whitehall, entering the city of Columbus, where US 40 changes names to East Main Street.
- 18.In Columbus, follow the signs for US Route 40. Turn RIGHT onto <u>South Drexel Avenue</u>. Go 0.8 mile (9 blocks) to the circular park in the center of <u>Bexley</u> (the "old-money" suburb of Columbus).

- 19.At the circle, follow the signs for US Route 40 and turn LEFT onto <u>East</u> <u>Broad Street</u> (the main east-west thoroughfare of Columbus). Go 3.2 miles into the center of downtown Columbus.
- 20.In downtown Columbus, ARRIVE at the <u>Day 2 Photo Stop #9: Ohio State</u> <u>Capitol Building</u> on the LEFT.
 - a. The Ohio Statehouse is one of America's finest examples of Greek revival architecture and is one of the oldest working statehouses in the United States. The Ohio Statehouse was completed in 1861 after 22 years of construction. The sweeping grand staircase of the Senate Building was modeled after the Paris Opera House.
 - b. Restored to its original grandeur in 1996, the Statehouse is filled with priceless historic art, including a marble bust of Abraham Lincoln the only one the President posed for during his lifetime.
 - c. The Statehouse's expansive grounds have a history, as Civil War Union soldiers frequently camped there.
- 21.Departing the Capitol, CONTINUE on <u>US Route 40 / West Broad Street</u>. Go 25.9 miles, through the west side of Columbus and on through the towns of Lincoln Village, West Jefferson (where US 40 changes names to <u>National Pike</u>), and Lafayette.
- 22. After passing Gwynne Road, as US 40 curves left, bear off to the RIGHT onto Old Hwy 40 NW / County Road 1052 (unmarked). Go 0.8 mile through the village of Summerford.
- 23. West of Summerford, turn RIGHT and rejoin <u>US Route 40 / National Pike</u>. Go 5.2 miles.
- 24.At the Harmony Township Fire Department building, bear off to the RIGHT onto East Main Street. Go 1.1 mile through the village of South Vienna.
- 25. West of South Vienna, at the end of the road, turn LEFT onto <u>Ritchie Drive</u> then turn RIGHT and rejoin <u>US Route 40 / National Pike</u>. Go 9.1 miles into the city of Springfield, Ohio, where US 40 becomes <u>East Main Street</u>.
 - a. At 5.8 miles, on the left, is the Melody Drive-In Theatre, opened in 1952.
- 26.In Springfield, after passing the Springfield water tower on the right, turn LEFT onto Greenmount Avenue. Go 1 block.
- 27.ARRIVE at the <u>Day 2 Afternoon Stop: Frank Lloyd Wright's Westcott House</u> on the RIGHT, at 85 South Greenmount Avenue at the corner of High Street, Springfield, Ohio 45504. Telephone (937) 327-9291. Park behind the house in the diagonal stalls on the right along Greenmount Avenue.

<u>From the Day 2 Afternoon Stop to the Day 2 Hotel Stop at the Holiday Inn Express</u> "Springfield", 204 Raydo Circle, Springfield, Ohio 45505 (3 miles):

- 1. Departing the diagonal parking stalls behind the Westcott House, CONTINUE ahead on <u>Greenmount Avenue</u> to High Street.
- 2. Turn RIGHT onto <u>High Street</u>. Go 0.2 mile.
- 3. Turn RIGHT onto Freeman Street. Go 0.2 mile.

- 4. Turn LEFT onto Main Street. Go 0.7 mile into downtown Springfield.
- 5. In the center of town, turn LEFT onto <u>South Spring Street / Ohio Route 72</u>. Go 2.1 miles. (In 5 blocks, the street will change names to <u>South Limestone</u> Street.)
 - a. Note Rudy's Smokehouse on the LEFT, location of our Day 2 Dinner Stop.
- 6. Turn RIGHT onto Leffle Lane. Go 0.1 mile.
- 7. Turn LEFT onto Raydo Circle. Go 0.1 mile.
- 8. ARRIVE at the *Day 2 Hotel Stop: Holiday Inn Express "Springfield"*, at 204 Raydo Circle, Springfield OH 45505. Telephone (937) 505-1670.

<u>From the Day 2 Hotel Stop to the Day 2 Dinner Stop at Rudy's Smokehouse, 2222</u> South Limestone Street, Springfield, Ohio 45505 (0.3 mile – a short walk):

- 1. Departing the hotel, BACKTRACK on Raydo Circle.
- 2. Turn RIGHT onto Leffle Lane. Go 0.1 mile.
- 3. Turn LEFT onto South Limestone Street.
- 4. ARRIVE at the *Day 2 Dinner Stop at Rudy's Smokehouse* on the RIGHT, at 2222 South Limestone Street, Springfield, Ohio 45505. Telephone (937) 324-0884.

End of driving instructions for Day 2.

DAY 3 – MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2016 – 68 MILES SPRINGFIELD, OHIO TO RICHMOND, INDIANA

DAY THREE IS A "FREE DAY" TO EXPLORE THE MANY ATTRACTIONS IN THE SPRINGFIELD AND DAYTON AREAS. DAYTON, BEING THE HOME OF THE WRIGHT BROTHERS, IS "THE BIRTHPLACE OF AVIATION". YOUR TOUR GUIDE WILL HAVE BROCHURES TO HELP MAKE SELECTIONS.

IMPORTANT NOTE: OUR TOUR DOES HAVE A 4PM TOUR SCHEDULED AT THE FORD MODEL T CLUB OF AMERICA'S MUSEUM IN RICHMOND, INDIANA, FOLLOWED BY DINNER ACROSS THE STREET AT THE FIREHOUSE BBQ. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW). ALLOW 1-1/2 HOURS DRIVING TIME ON US ROUTE 40 FROM DAYTON TO THE MODEL T MUSEUM AND DINNER IN RICHMOND, INDIANA.

From the Holiday Inn Express "Springfield" to the Day 3 Hotel Stop at the Holiday Inn Express "Richmond", 6000 National Road East, Richmond, Indiana 47374 (60 miles):

- 1. Departing the Holiday Inn Express, EXIT via Raydo Circle. Go 0.1 mile.
- 2. Turn RIGHT onto Leffel Lane. Go 0.1 mile.
- 3. Turn LEFT onto <u>South Limestone Street / Ohio Route 72</u>. Go 2.1 miles back into downtown Springfield. The street will change names to <u>South Spring</u> Street.
- 4. In the center of town, turn LEFT onto West Main Street. Go 3 blocks.
- 5. At Fisher Street, ARRIVE at <u>Day 3 Photo Stop #1: Madonna of the Trail Ohio Statue</u> on the far right corner.
- 6. Departing the statue, CONTINUE ahead on West Main Street. Go 1.8 mile.
- 7. Turn LEFT and rejoin <u>US Route 40 / Park Road</u>. Go 0.9 mile, under US Route 68 Freeway. US 40 will change names to <u>National Road</u>.
- 8. Take the exit ramp on the RIGHT for <u>westbound US Route 40 / Donnelsville / National Road</u>. Go 54.5 miles, through the villages of Donnelsville, Brandt, and Phoneton, through the north side of the city of Dayton, and on through the towns Vandalia, Englewood, Arlington, the north edge of Lewisburg, and across the *Ohio-Indiana State Line*.
 - a. In Englewood, <u>follow the signs for US Route 40</u>: at the Northmont Plaza Shopping Center, turn RIGHT onto <u>Main Street</u>, go 1.0 mile, and then turn LEFT onto <u>National Road</u>.
- 9. After going under Interstate 70, at the light, turn RIGHT onto <u>Elmhurst Drive</u>, then immediately turn RIGHT onto the <u>Frontage Road</u> that leads to the hotel.
- 10.ARRIVE at the *Day 3 Hotel Stop: Holiday Inn Express "Richmond"*, 6000 National Road East, Richmond, Indiana 47374. Telephone (765) 488-1975.

From the Day 3 Hotel Stop to the Day 3 Afternoon Stop, a museum tour at 4pm at the Ford Model T Club of America Museum, 309 North 8th Street, Richmond, Indiana 47374 (4 miles):

- 1. Departing the Holiday Inn Express, EXIT via the Frontage Road.
- 2. Turn LEFT onto <u>Elmhurst Drive</u>, then turn RIGHT onto <u>US Route 40 / National Road</u>. Go 2.6 miles into Richmond where US 40 changes names to <u>East Main Street</u>.
- 3. At 22nd Street, ARRIVE at the <u>Day 3 Photo Stop #2: Madonna of the Trail –</u> <u>Indiana Statue</u> on the near RIGHT corner in the park.
- 4. Departing the statue, CONTINUE ahead on East Main Street. Go 0.4 mile.
- 5. In Richmond, <u>do NOT follow US 40</u>, <u>do NOT turn right at 16th Street</u>. Instead, CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD on <u>East Main Street</u>. Go 0.5 mile into downtown Richmond.
- 6. Turn RIGHT onto 9th Street / northbound US Route 27. Go 5 blocks.
- 7. Turn LEFT onto <u>D Street</u>. Go 1 block.
- 8. Turn LEFT onto 8th Street / southbound US Route 27, and ARRIVE at the <u>Day</u> 3 Afternoon Stop: Ford Model T Club of America Museum on the LEFT, 309 North 8th Street, Richmond, Indiana 47374. Turn LEFT into the parking lot.

From the Day 3 Afternoon Stop to the Day 3 Dinner Stop at the Firehouse BBQ and Blues, 800 North 8th Street, Richmond, Indiana 47374 (across the parking lot):

- 1. Leave your car in the parking lot and walk across the street to the <u>Day 3 Dinner Stop: Firehouse BBQ and Blues</u>, 800 North 8th Street, Richmond, Indiana 47374. Telephone (765) 488-0312.
 - a. After dinner, we will have a special guest speaker talking about the National Road in Indiana.

From the Day 3 Dinner Stop back to the Day 3 Hotel Stop (4 miles):

- 1. Departing the parking lot, turn LEFT onto <u>8th Street / southbound US Route.</u> Go 5 blocks.
- 2. Turn LEFT onto Main Street. Go 3.7 miles.
- 3. Turn LEFT onto <u>Elmhurst Drive</u>, then immediately turn RIGHT onto the <u>Frontage Road</u> that leads to the hotel.
- 4. ARRIVE at the *Day 3 Hotel Stop: Holiday Inn Express "Richmond"*.

End of driving instructions for Day 3.

DAY 4 – TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016 – 102 MILES RICHMOND, INDIANA TO INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THE TOUR AT THE INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY: Please arrive at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway by 3:00pm sharp. We will be touring the museum, then boarding a bus to take the "Kiss the Bricks Tour" drive around the track.

From the Holiday Inn Express "Richmond" to the Day 4 Morning Stop #1 at the Old National Road Welcome Center, 5701 National Road East, Richmond, Indiana 47374 (0.5 mile) – Note: the Welcome Center opens at 8:30am.

- 1. Departing the Holiday Inn Express, EXIT via the Frontage Road.
- 2. Turn LEFT onto <u>Elmhurst Drive</u>, then turn RIGHT onto <u>US Route 40 / National Road</u>. Go 2 blocks.
- 3. At the light, turn LEFT onto <u>Industrial Parkway</u>, then immediately turn LEFT into the first driveway/parking lot.
- 4. ARRIVE at the *Day 4 Morning Stop: Old National Road Welcome Center*, 5701 National Road East, Richmond, Indiana 47374. Telephone (765) 935-8687. The center opens at 8:30am.

From the Day 4 Morning Stop #1 to the Day 4 Morning Stop #2 at the Huddleston Farmhouse, 838 National Road, Cambridge City, Indiana 47327 (20 miles):

- 1. Departing the Welcome Center, turn LEFT onto <u>Industrial Parkway</u>. Go 0.2 mile.
- 2. Turn RIGHT onto Old National Road East. Go 0.5 mile.
- 3. Turn LEFT onto <u>US Route 40 / National Road</u>. Go 2.5 miles into the city of Richmond, where US 40 changes names to East Main Street.
- 4. In Richmond, <u>do NOT follow US 40</u>, <u>do NOT turn right at 16th Street</u>. Instead, CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD on <u>East Main Street</u>. Go 0.9 mile through downtown Richmond.
- 5. At the Wayne County Courthouse (on the left), turn LEFT onto <u>South Third</u> Street. Go 1 block
- 6. Turn RIGHT onto <u>US Route 40 / A Street / National Road</u>. Go 15.5 miles, through the towns and villages of Centerville, Pennville, Pershing, and Cambridge City.
- 7. West of Cambridge City, ARRIVE the <u>Day 4 Morning Stop #2: Huddleston</u> <u>Farmhouse</u> on the LEFT, at 838 National Road, Cambridge City, Indiana 47327. Telephone (765) 478-3172. Just past the farmhouse, turn LEFT at the entrance sign to access the parking.

From the Day 4 Morning Stop #2 to the Day 4 Morning Stop #3 at the Historic Hoosier Gym, 355 North Washington Street, Knightstown, Indiana 46148 (18 miles):

- 1. Departing the farmhouse, turn LEFT onto <u>US Route 40 / National Road</u>. Go 13.9 miles, through the villages of Mt. Auburn, Dublin, Straughn, Lewisville, and Dunreith.
- 2. On the west side of Dunreith, turn LEFT onto <u>Indiana Route 3 / South County Road 325 West</u>. Go about 300 feet and turn RIGHT onto <u>Old National Road</u>. Go 3.8 miles, through the towns of Ogden and Raysville.
- 3. On the west side of Raysville, turn LEFT and rejoin <u>US Route 40 / National Road</u>. Go 0.3 mile into downtown Knightstown, where the road changes names to Main Street.
- 4. In the center of town, turn RIGHT onto Washington Street. Go 8 blocks.
- 5. ARRIVE at the <u>Day 4 Morning Stop #3: Historic Hoosier Gym</u> on the RIGHT, at 355 North Washington Street, Knightstown, Indiana 46148. Telephone (765) 345-2100. Park along the local streets.
 - a. The Historic Hoosier Gym was the location used for the 1985 film "Hoosiers" starring Gene Hackman.
 - b. Each year, the gym hosts the Annual Hoosiers' Reunion All-Star Classic.

From the Day 4 Morning Stop #3 to the Day 4 Lunch Stop at the Rathskeller Restaurant, 401 East Michigan Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204 (34 miles):

- 8. Departing the gym, BACKTRACK on <u>Washington Street</u>. Go 8 blocks into town (making the jog at the one-way street around the square).
- 9. Turn RIGHT onto <u>US Route 40 / National Road / Main Street</u>. Go 26.9 miles, through the towns and villages of Charlottesville, Cleveland, Riley, Greenfield, Philadelphia, Gem, Cumberland, and into the city of Indianapolis, where US 40 changes names to Washington Street.
 - a. Greenfield is the home of poet James Whitcomb Riley, best known for "Little Orphant Annie", "The Raggedy Man", and "The Old Swimmin" Hole." (yes, "Orphant", with a "t")
- 10.In Indianapolis, at Interstate 465, <u>do NOT follow the signs for westbound US</u>
 <u>40</u>. Instead CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD on <u>Washington Street</u>. Go 6.4 miles into downtown Indianapolis.
- 11.In downtown Indianapolis, turn RIGHT onto New Jersey Street. Go 6 blocks.
- 12. After passing Vermont Street, ARRIVE at parking lot for the <u>Day 4 Lunch</u> <u>Stop: Rathskeller Restaurant</u>, on the RIGHT. Turn RIGHT onto <u>Allegheny</u> <u>Street</u> behind the restaurant's red brick building to access the parking lot. The front door is on the north side of the building, at 401 East Michigan Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204. Telephone (371) 637-0396. There is also a parking lot on the west side of New Jersey Street.
 - b. The Rathskeller Restaurant was the location of the first meeting organized by Carl G. Fisher, on September10, 1912, who invited fellow industrialists to discuss his plans for the Lincoln Highway. (In 1912, the restaurant was called "Das Deutsche House" aka "German House"). It

was immediately after this meeting that Frank Seiberling of Goodyear Tire pledged \$300,000.

From the Day 4 Lunch Stop to the Day 4 Afternoon Stop #1 at the Crown Hill Cemetery, entrance gates on Boulevard Place at 34th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana (mailing address: 700 West 38th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46208) (5 miles):

- 1. Departing the restaurant's parking lot, turn RIGHT onto <u>New Jersey Street</u>. Immediately get into the LEFT lane and at the 6-way intersection, make a SHARP LEFT onto Massachusetts Avenue. Go 1 block.
- 2. At the next 6-way intersection, make a SOFT LEFT onto <u>Alabama Street</u>. Go 3 full blocks.
- 3. Turn RIGHT onto Market Street (a brick paved street). Go 3 blocks.
- 4. ARRIVE at the <u>Day 4 Photostop #1: Indiana Soldiers & Sailor's Monument</u>. The monument is free to visit, but there is a fee for the elevator ride to the top.
 - a. The monument is 284 feet high. It is the first in the United States to be dedicated to the common soldier. It is also the largest outdoor memorial and the largest of its kind in Indiana. It was designed by German architect Bruno Schmitz and built between 1888 and 1901.
 - b. The monument's original purpose was to honor Hoosiers who were veterans of the American Civil War; however, it is also a tribute to Indiana's soldiers who served during the American Revolutionary War, territorial conflicts that partially led to the War of 1812, the Mexican—American War, and the Spanish—American War.
 - c. In the years since its public dedication on May 15, 1902, the monument has become an iconic symbol of Indianapolis, the state capital of Indiana. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places on February 13, 1973.
- 5. Turn RIGHT onto Monument Circle, go halfway around the monument, then turn RIGHT and CONTINUE westbound on Market Street. Go 2 blocks.
- 6. ARRIVE at the Day 4 Photostop #2: Indiana State Capitol Building.
 - a. The Indiana Statehouse Capitol Building was built in 1888 at the cost of \$2 million. Indiana's fifth statehouse, influenced by the U.S. Capitol.
 - b. Parking is available in the diagonal stalls along Washington Street at the south end of the Capitol Building.
- 7. Turn LEFT onto Capitol Avenue. Go 1 block.
- 8. Turn RIGHT onto Washington Street. Go 3 blocks.
- 9. Turn RIGHT onto West Street. Go 1 mile.
- 10.At 11th Street, take the entry ramp AHEAD ON THE RIGHT for <u>northbound</u> <u>Interstate 65</u>. Go 1.5 miles.
- 11. Take the exit ramp on the RIGHT for 29th Street / 30th Street (Exit #116). At the end of the ramp, turn RIGHT onto 29th Street. Go 3 blocks.
- 12. Turn LEFT onto Boulevard Place. Go 1 block.
- 13. Turn LEFT onto <u>30th Street</u>. Go 1 short block.

- 14. Turn RIGHT onto Boulevard Place. Go 0.5 mile (4 long blocks).
- 15.ARRIVE at the <u>Day 4 Afternoon Stop #1 at the Crown Hill Cemetery</u> on the LEFT, on Boulevard Place at 34th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Turn LEFT through the stone gates to enter the cemetery. Stop at the visitor center building for orientation.
 - a. Note: The cemetery mailing address is 700 West 38th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46208. Telephone (317) 925-3800.
 - b. Carl G. Fisher, founder of the Lincoln Highway, is buried here.
 - c. Established in 1863, Crown Hill contains 25 miles (40 km) of paved road, over 150 species of trees and plants, over 200,000 graves, and services roughly 1,500 burials per year.
 - d. Crown Hill is the final resting place for individuals from all walks of life, from political and civic leaders to ordinary citizens, infamous criminals, and unknowns. Benjamin Harrison, twenty-third president of the United States, and Vice Presidents Charles W. Fairbanks, Thomas A. Hendricks, and Thomas R. Marshall are buried at Crown Hill. The gravesite of Hoosier poet James Whitcomb Riley overlooks the city from "The Crown".
 - e. Also buried here are bank robber John Dillinger, car makers August and Frederick Duesenberg, car makers Walter and Howard Marmon, Carl Fisher's business partner James Allison, gun maker Richard Gatling, Colonel Ely Lilly, poet Sarah Bolton, author Booth Tarkington, Howard Garns (the inventor of the Sudoku game), and motorcycle racer Erwin "Cannonball" Baker, among many others.
 - f. Many of the cemetery's mausoleums, monuments, memorials, and structures were designed by noted architects, landscape designers, and sculptors such as Diedrich A. Bohlen, George Kessler, Rudolf Schwarz, Adolph Scherrer, and the architectural firm of Vonnegut and Bohn, among others. Works by contemporary sculptors include David L. Rodgers, Michael B. Wilson, and Eric Nordgulen.

From the Day 4 Afternoon Stop #2 to the Day 4 Afternoon Stop #2 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, 4790 West 16th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46222 (6 miles) (Be there by 3:00pm sharp):

- 1. Departing the cemetery, turn RIGHT onto Boulevard Place. Go 4 blocks.
- 2. Turn RIGHT onto 30th Street. Go 1.6 miles.
- 3. Turn RIGHT onto <u>29th Street</u>. Cross over the river and go 2.3 miles. The road changes names back to <u>30th Street</u>.
- 4. Turn LEFT onto Georgetown Road. Go 1.4 miles.
- 5. ARRIVE at the *Day 4 Afternoon Stop: Indianapolis Motor Speedway*, on the LEFT (mailing address: 4790 West 16th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46222.) Telephone (317) 492-8500. Turn LEFT to park in the lot in front of the main building. There is also a parking lot across Georgetown Road.

From the Day 4 Afternoon Stop to the Day 4 Hotel Stop (2 hotels):

- 1) <u>Fairfield Inn "Indianapolis Avon", 119 Angelina Way, Avon, Indiana 46123</u> (8 miles)
- 2) <u>Comfort Inn "Avon", 8299 East Highway 36, Avon, Indiana 46123</u> (9 miles)
- 1. Depart the Speedway via the south entry onto <u>16th Street</u>. Turn RIGHT onto <u>16th Street</u>. Go to the traffic circle.
- 2. Go 3/4 of the way around the traffic circle, then bear off RIGHT and head south onto Main Street. Go 0.5 mile through the business district of Speedway.
- 3. Turn RIGHT onto 10th Street. Go 1.6 mile.
- 4. Take the entry ramp on the LEFT for <u>southbound Interstate 465 / eastbound</u> Interstate 74. Go 0.5 mile to the next exit.
- 5. Take the exit ramp on the RIGHT for <u>US Route 36 / Rockville Road (Exit #13)</u>. At the end of the ramp, turn RIGHT onto <u>Rockville Road</u>.
 - a. To get to the Fairfield Inn, go 4.7 miles. Turn RIGHT onto <u>Avon Village Parkway</u>, then turn LEFT onto <u>Great Lakes Circle</u>. ARRIVE at the <u>Day 4 Hotel Stop: Fairfield Inn "Indianapolis Avon</u>" on the RIGHT, address 119 Angelina Way, Avon, Indiana 46123. Telephone (317) 271-9200.
 - b. To get to the Comfort Inn, go 5.8 miles. ARRIVE at the <u>Day 4 Hotel</u> <u>Stop: Comfort Inn "Avon"</u> on the LEFT, at 8299 East Highway 36, Avon, Indiana 46123. Telephone (317) 272-8789.

<u>From the Day 4 Hotel Stops to the Day 4 Dinner Stop at the Hope United</u> <u>Presbyterian Church, 1331 Section Street, Plainfield, Indiana 46168 (5 miles):</u>

- 1. Departing the hotels, RETURN to <u>US Route 36 / Rockville Road</u> and head WEST. From the Fairfield Inn, go 1.2 mile. From the Comfort Inn, go 0.2 mile.
- 2. Turn LEFT onto <u>Dan Jones Road</u>. Go 3.7 miles. (On the way, you will go around two round-a-bouts, at County Road 100 and County Road 200.)
- 3. At the light for US Route 40 (Walgreens on near left corner), CONTINUE STRAIGH AHEAD onto Holiday Drive. Go 0.3 mile.
- 4. Turn RIGHT onto <u>Section Street</u>. Go 4 blocks.
- 5. Turn LEFT onto Lawndale Drive.
- 6. ARRIVE at *Day 4 Dinner Stop: Hope United Presbyterian Church* on the LEFT at 1331 Section Street, Plainfield, Indiana 46168. Telephone (317) 839-2797.
 - a. Our tour dinner is donated and hosted by Lincoln Highway Association National President Kay Shelton's mom, Cindy Shelton.

From the Day 4 Dinner Stop back to the Day 4 Hotel Stops (5 miles):

1. Departing the church, backtrack on <u>Section Street</u> and <u>Holiday Drive</u> to <u>US</u> Route 40.

- 2. At the light, CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD <u>Dan Jones Road</u>. Go 3.7 miles. (On the way, you will go around two round-a-bouts, at County Road 200 and County Road 100.)
- 3. At the light, turn RIGHT onto <u>US Route 36 / Rockville Road</u>. The <u>Comfort Inn</u> will be on the RIGHT and the <u>Fairfield Inn</u> will be 1 mile ahead on the LEFT.

End of driving instructions for Day 4.

DAY 5 – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2016 – 165 MILES INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA TO VANDALIA, ILLINOIS

<u>NOTE: TIME ZONE CHANGE</u> – WE WILL CHANGE FROM THE EASTERN TIME ZONE TO THE CENTRAL TIME ZONE AT THE INDIANA-ILLINOIS STATE LINE. REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR.

From the Fairfield Inn and Comfort Inn in Avon to the Day 5 Morning Stop at the Clabber Girl Museum & Bake Shop, 900 Wabash Avenue, Terre Haute, Indiana 47807 (62 miles):

- 1. Departing the hotels, RETURN to <u>US Route 36 / Rockville Road</u> and head WEST. From the Fairfield Inn, go 1.2 mile. From the Comfort Inn, go 0.2 mile.
- 2. Turn LEFT onto <u>Dan Jones Road</u>. Go 3.7 miles. (On the way, you will go around two round-a-bouts, at County Road 100 and County Road 200.)
- 3. Turn RIGHT onto <u>US Route 40 / Main Street</u>. Go 1.1 mile into the town of Plainfield.
- 4. In Plainfield, just after Avon Avenue, ARRIVE at the <u>Day 5 Photo Stop #1:</u>

 <u>President Van Buren's Carriage "Accident" marker</u> on the LEFT (a plaque on a rock next to the sign for the Western Yearly Meeting House). Park in one of the small business parking lots on the RIGHT and use the crosswalks at the traffic lights to cross Main Street to visit the marker.
 - a. While campaigning for another term, ex-President Martin Van Buren came through Plainfield in a carriage in 1842. During Van Buren's presidency, he vetoed a bill that would have provided substantial funding for improvements to the National Road. In protest of Van Buren's failure to improve the National Road, a staged accident organized by several Plainfield residents resulted in the ex-president flying out of his carriage into the muddy and tree-root tangled road, at the bottom of a long hill, into this spot, which had been favored by wallowing pigs.
- 5. Departing the marker, CONTINUE ahead on Main Street. Go 2.6 miles.
 - a. On the left side, past downtown Plainfield, next to the Dairy Queen, is the relocated Oasis Diner. Built in New Jersey in 1954, the diner arrived in Plainfield via train, and sat in its previous location on the east side of Plainfield, until 2014. The new owners had the diner moved via a flatbed truck to this location, and restored it.
- 6. After passing the Oak Tree Golf Course and the Plainfield Elks Lodge (a Victorian house), at the start of the guardrails, ARRIVE at the <u>Day 5 Photo</u> <u>Stop #2: Miles Cemetery, and Photo Stop #3: West Fork White Lick Creek</u> <u>Bridge</u> on the RIGHT. To park, pull off to the RIGHT onto the wide gravel berm before the new bridge and guardrail. From there, walk on a short path through the trees to the old 2-arch bridge over the creek (on the north side of the

- current bridge). The cemetery, from 1872, is just north of the parking area, via another path through the trees.
- 7. Departing the bridge and cemetery, CONTINUE ahead on <u>US Route 40 / Old National Road</u>. Go 22.5 miles, through the villages and towns of Belleville, Stilesville, and Mt. Meridian.
- 8. After passing the Putnam Baptist Church on the right, in 1500 feet, bear off to the RIGHT onto <u>County Road 35E</u>, a narrow country road through the trees. (This is the old National Road alignment.) At the intersection for County Road 500E, CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD on the old alignment. Go 500 feet.
- 9. ARRIVE at the <u>Day 5 Photo Stop #4: Deer Creek Bridge</u>. Do NOT park on the bridge. Park at either end and walk out onto the bridge to take photos.
 - a. The bridge was built in 1925. It is an open-spandrel concrete arch design, each arch spanning 75 feet. The overall bridge is 276 feet long. The bridge is very tall, spanning over Deer Creek ravine. See dramatic photos of the bridge, taken from below, at this website: http://bridgehunter.com/in/putnam/6700200/
- 10.Departing the bridge, CONTINUE ahead on the old road. Go 0.5 mile.
- 11. Turn RIGHT and rejoin <u>US Route 40 / Old National Road</u>. Go 6.6 miles, through the towns of Putnamville and Manhattan and the village of Reelsville.
- 12. West of Reelsville, after passing Road 625 West, in 0.5 mile, turn RIGHT onto County Road 750 S. (This is the old National Road alignment.) Go 0.3 mile.
- 13.ARRIVE at the <u>Day 5 Photo Stop #5: Big Walnut Creek Bridge</u>. Do NOT park on the bridge. Park at either end and walk out onto the bridge to take photos.
 - a. The bridge was built in 1923. It is a closed-spandrel concrete arch design, each arch spanning 76 feet. The overall bridge is 236 feet long. See photos of the bridge at this website:

 http://bridgehunter.com/in/putnam/6700229/
- 14.Departing the bridge, CONTINUE ahead on County Road 750 S. Go 0.4 mile.
- 15. Turn RIGHT and rejoin <u>US Route 40 / National Road</u>. Go 8.3 miles, through the town of Harmony, pass Knightsville, and into the town of Brazil.
- 16.On the west side of Brazil, at McGuire Street, <u>do NOT bear off to the left on</u>

 <u>US 40</u>. CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD onto <u>westbound Indiana Route 340 / National Avenue</u>. Go 5.5 miles, through the villages of Billtown and Cloverland.
- 17. West of Cloverland at County Road 700, CONTINUE ahead and rejoin <u>US</u>
 Route 40 / National Road. Go 5.1 miles, through the villages of Seelyville and East Glenn, towards the city of Terra Haute, where US 40 becomes <u>Wabash</u> Avenue.
- 18.After passing the traffic light at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (on the right), within a half mile ARRIVE at <u>Day 5 Photo Stop #6: 1931 Gas Station</u> on the RIGHT (now used as a concession stand, next to the baseball field). To access the station, at the traffic light for the US Route 40 left turn, turn RIGHT into the small driveway that doubles back to the parking area.

- 19. Departing the gas station / concession stand, turn RIGHT and continue westbound on Wabash Avenue / National Road. (i.e. at the light, do NOT follow southbound US 40 to Interstate 80.) Go 3.9 miles into the center of Terre Haute.
- 20.In downtown Terre Haute at 9th Street, ARRIVE at <u>Day 5 Morning Stop:</u>
 <u>Clabber Girl Museum & Bake Shop</u> in a large brick building on the near RIGHT corner, at 900 Wabash Avenue, Terre Haute, Indiana 47807. Telephone (812) 232-9446. Turn RIGHT onto <u>9th Street</u> to access the front doors. Park in the adjacent city parking lots or along the streets.
 - a. Clabber Girl baking powder, baking soda, and corn starch is manufactured by Hulman & Company, headquartered in Terre Haute. The brand also owns the Rumford baking powder label, as well.
 - b. Hulman & Company is a private, family-owned company founded in 1850 by Francis Hulman as a wholesale foods supplier of groceries, tobacco, and liquor.
 - c. In 1945, the company purchased the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, in what many thought was an unusual investment for a company with a rich history in the food and beverage industry. The company also owns IndyCar, the sanctioning body for American open-wheel racing.
 - d. The Clabber Girl name brand comes from the word "clabber", which means clabbered milk (sour milk). In the early 1800s, people mixed clabber with pearl ash, soda, cream of tartar, and a few other ingredients to make what we know today as baking powder.
 - e. The first baking powder brand by Hulman and company was the "Milk Brand". In 1899, it was changed to the "Clabber Brand". In 1923, the company changed the name to "Clabber Girl".

From the Day 5 Morning Stop to the Day 5 Lunch Stop at the National Road Welcome Center at Harlan Hall Opera House, 603 Locust Street, Marshall, Illinois 62441 (17 miles):

- 1. Departing Clabber Girl, RETURN to <u>Wabash Avenue</u> and turn WESTBOUND. Go 0.5 mile into downtown Terre Haute.
- 2. At 3rd Street, ARRIVE at <u>Day 5 Photo Stop #7: Vigo County Courthouse</u> on the LEFT. To park and photograph the building, turn LEFT onto <u>3rd Street</u>, go 1 block, MAKE A U-TURN at the light for Ohio Street, then turn RIGHT into the <u>parking lot</u> for Planned Parenthood and the MAB Paint Store.
 - a. The courthouse was started in 1884 and completed in 1888. Designed by Cincinnati architect Samuel Hannaford, the building was constructed by the Terre Haute Stone Company at a cost of \$443,000. The courthouse is made from Indiana limestone gathered from Stinesville, Indiana quarries. Cast-iron work in the roof and dome as well as windows and cresting were completed by Phoenix Foundry and Machine Works.

- b. Originally, the main floor consisted of offices, with two large, high-ceiling courtrooms on the second floor. Elegantly finished and furnished, the courthouse was heated with steam from a detached building to the south and featured a hydraulic elevator.
- 3. Departing the parking lot across from the courthouse, turn RIGHT onto northbound 3rd Street / US Route 41. After Wabash Avenue, go 1 block.
- 4. Turn LEFT onto <u>westbound US Route 150 / Cherry Street / Bayh Way</u>. Go 2.8 miles, over the Wabash River and through the town of West Terre Haute, where the road changes names to <u>National Avenue</u>.
- 5. On the west side of West Terre Haute, at the sign "To East I-70", turn LEFT onto Darwin Road. Go 700 feet.
- 6. Turn RIGHT onto <u>W. Old US 40</u>. Go 2.3 miles, through the village of Larimer Hill.
- 7. At the "No Outlet" sign, turn RIGHT, go 1 block, CROSS OVER US Route 40, and CONTINUE ahead onto <u>Illiana Drive</u> as it curves left and parallels US 40 on the north side. Go 3.1 miles.
 - a. On Illiana Drive at 2620th Street, we cross the <u>Indiana-Illinois State</u>
 <u>Line, entering the Central Time Zone</u>. Set your clocks BACK one hour.
- 8. At Interstate 70, CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD, rejoining <u>westbound US</u> <u>Route 40 / National Road</u>. Go 4.7 miles, through the village of Weaver, to Livingston.
- 9. At the sign for the Livingston turn-off, turn RIGHT onto <u>Livingston Road / Old</u> Hwy 40. Go 0.1 mile.
- 10. When Livingston Road turns off to the right, CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD on <u>Old Hwy 40</u>. Go 0.4 mile.
- 11. At the end of the road, turn RIGHT and rejoin <u>US Route 40</u>. Go 0.7 mile.
- 12.As US 40 curves right to bypass the town of Marshall, turn LEFT onto <u>National</u> <u>Road</u>. (A small pond and a Pentecostal Church on far left corner.) Go 1.7 miles, into the town of Marshall, where the road changes names to <u>Archer Avenue</u>.
- 13.In Marshall, turn LEFT onto <u>6th Street</u> (county courthouse on far left corner). Go 1 block.
- 14.ARRIVE at the <u>Day 5 Noon Stop: National Road Welcome Center at Harlan</u> <u>Hall Opera House</u> on the far LEFT corner, 603 Locust Street at 6th Street, Marshall, Illinois 62441. Park on the city streets. <u>The tour of the museum will occur before the lunch</u>.
 - a. The welcome center is operated by the National Road Association of Illinois.
 - b. The Harlan Hall Opera House dates to 1872. Originally owned by Howard Harlan, the building once held an opera house and a livery stable. The circle in the interstation of 6th and Locust is for "cake walks".

From the Day 5 Lunch Stop to the Day 5 Afternoon Stop #1 at the Greenup Depot Museum, 213 West Cumberland Street, Greenup, Illinois 62428 (27 miles):

- 1. Departing the welcome center, BACKTRACK on 6th Street to Archer Avenue.
- 2. Turn LEFT onto Archer Avenue. Go 1.7 mile.
- 3. West of Marshall, turn LEFT and rejoin <u>US Route 40 / National Road</u>. Go 7.1 miles, through the village of Clark Center.
- 4. After passing the grain silos on the right, as US 40 curves right to bypass Martinsville, turn LEFT onto <u>Cumberland Road / Old US Hwy 40</u>. Go 8.2 miles, through the towns of Martinsville and Cumberland to Casey, where the road changes names to Main Street.
- 5. In Casey, ARRIVE at the <u>Day 5 Photo Stop #8: World's Largest Rocking</u>
 <u>Chair (on the RIGHT) and World's Largest Wind Chime (on the LEFT)</u> at 109 East Main Street.
 - a. The World's Largest Rocking Chair is also the largest chair in America. Completed Aug. 25, 2015, it is 56.5 feet tall and weighs 46,200 lbs.
 - b. The World's Largest Wind Chimes are 55 feet tall, weighs 16,932 lbs.
- 6. Departing the chair and wind chime, CONTINUE ahead on Main Street. Go 2 blocks.
- 7. At Central Avenue, ARRIVE at the <u>Day 5 Photo Stop #9: World's Largest</u> Pencil on the far RIGHT corner.
 - a. The World's Largest Pencil is 32 feet long and weighs 500 lbs.
- 8. Departing the pencil, CONTINUE ahead on <u>Main Street</u>. Go 0.9 mile out the west side of Casey.
- 9. Turn LEFT and rejoin <u>US Route 40 / National Road</u>. Go 8.2 miles.
- 10. After passing the home improvement business on the right, as US 40 curves left to bypass Greenup, turn RIGHT onto <u>Cumberland Street</u>. Go 0.8 miles, through the town of Greenup.
 - a. Greenup is known as the "Village of the Porches".
- 11.In downtown Greenup, ARRIVE at the <u>Day 5 Afternoon Stop: Greenup Depot</u> <u>Museum</u> on the LEFT, at 213 West Cumberland Street, Greenup, Illinois 62428. Telephone (217) 923-9306. Turn LEFT to park in the lot on the left of the museum.

From the Day 5 Afternoon Stop #1 to the Day 5 Afternoon Stop #2 at the Original Western Terminus of the National Road at the Old Illinois Statehouse in Vandalia, Illinois (55 miles) - Note: arrive at the statehouse no later than 3:30pm for the tour.

- 1. Departing the museum parking lot, turn LEFT onto West Cumberland Street. Go 1.2 miles.
- 2. On the west side of Greenup, ARRIVE at the <u>Day 5 Photo Stop #10: Jackson Truss Covered Bridge</u>. Drive over the bridge and park in the area on the left.
 - a. 177 years after the original Jackson Covered Bridge was constructed, a recreation of that bridge was commemorated over the Embarass River

- (pronounced Em-ba-raa). The recreation was designed to carry modern day vehicle loads, including semi-trucks, this 200 foot single span structure is reported to be the longest covered timber bridge in the US without posted restrictions.
- b. The old bridge, according to local folk lore, was constructed by a group of people which included a young Abraham Lincoln, his father and a cousin.
- c. In 1995 a group of people started discussions on a replacement for the old bridge which had fallen into disrepair and in 1996 a flood all but finished the structure off. Costing \$2.8 million dollars to construct and funded by Federal and State funds, the old structure was demolished and removed in November of 1998 and in spring of 2001, the new bridge was commemorated.
- d. A patent from the original bridge truss aided in the design of the new bridge. Walking inside the bridge, note the size of the large timbers and the visible construction techniques used. The new bridge has a story board and observation deck on the west bank and is open to both vehicle and foot traffic.
- 3. Departing the bridge, CONTINUE ahead on Cumberland Road. Go 0.5 mile.
- 4. At the end of the road, turn LEFT then turn RIGHT and rejoin <u>US Route 40</u>. Go 16.6 miles, following US 40 through (or pass) the towns of Jewett, Woodbury, and Montrose (where the road becomes <u>National Road</u>), to Teutopolis, where the road becomes Main Street.
- 5. In Teutopolis, at the 4-way stop, turn LEFT onto <u>Pearl Street</u>. Go 1 block and cross the railroad tracks.
- 6. ARRIVE at the <u>Day 5 Photo Stop #11: St. Joseph Seminary Bell Tower</u> on the LEFT. Park in the adjacent lot.
 - a. This bell tower shrine memorial is all that remains of the St. Joseph Franciscan Seminary. The tower served as the entrance to the original St. Joseph College (Gymnasium) and Seminary, initiated in 1860 by the Franciscan Friars of the Sacred Heart Province and opened in September 1862. The tower was constructed in 1889. Many young men, and later, hundreds of priests for the Franciscans and for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois were educated here until the closing of the seminary in 1969.
- 7. Departing the tower, turn RIGHT onto <u>Pearl Street</u> and RETURN to Main Street.
- 8. Turn LEFT onto Main Street. Go 36.1 miles through the city of Effingham (where US 40 makes a left turn then curves right), Funkhouser, Altamont, St. Elmo, and Brownstown, to the city of Vandalia IL.
 - a. In the various towns, US 40's street names will change from <u>Main Street</u>, to Fayette Avenue, to Henrietta Street, back to Cumberland Road, and

- then finally entering Vandalia on <u>Gallatin Street</u>. <u>Just keep following</u> the signs for US Route 40.
- 9. In Vandalia, <u>do NOT follow the sign for US 40. Do NOT turn right onto Kennedy Boulevard</u>. Instead, CONTINUE on <u>Gallatin Street</u> and immediately ARRIVE at the <u>Day 5 Afternoon Stop #2: Original Western Terminus of the National Road at the Old Illinois Statehouse</u>, on the RIGHT. Parallel park on Gallatin Street, or turn RIGHT and park in the diagonal stalls along 4th Street.
 - a. <u>The Statehouse Interpretive Center</u> is at 315 West Gallatin Street. Telephone (618) 283-1161.
 - b. The Day 5 Photo Stop #12: Madonna of the Trail Illinois Statue is at the southwest corner of the statehouse grounds, at the corner of Gallatin Street and 4th Street.
 - c. The Day 5 Afternoon Stop #3: The National Road Interpretive Museum is one block to the west at 601 South 5th Street. Telephone (618) 283-9380.
 - d. The Old Statehouse in Vandalia, Illinois is the official west end of the original National Road.
 - e. The Vandalia State House, built in 1836, is the fourth capitol building of the U.S. state of Illinois. The brick Federal style state house is the oldest capitol building in Illinois to survive.
 - f. The Vandalia State House is significant for its association with Abraham Lincoln, who served in the House of Representatives. The Statehouse cohosts the annual "Lincoln Birthday Observance" (February 12) event in the Supreme Court chamber.
 - g. The state of Illinois gave the Vandalia State House (in operation in 1836-1839, only three years) to Vandalia's county, Fayette County, for use as the County Courthouse. Porticoes were added to the courthouse in the late 1850s, which made the building a structure in the Greek Revival style. The building served as a courthouse between 1839 and 1933, when it reverted back to the state.
 - h. In 1933, the old courthouse became the Vandalia State House State Memorial, and an extensive program of interior refitting and reconstruction began. In 1974 the State House was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.
 - i. In 1985 the building became a State Historic Site within the new Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, which maintains the old state house and interprets it to its brief time as Illinois's fourth capitol building in 1836-39. Guided tours are offered and visitors can also view the period rooms on their own.
 - j. The square on which the building is located is handsomely landscaped, with many trees. A large statue, the "Madonna of the Trail," owned by the Daughters of the American Revolution and dedicated in 1928, is

located on the southwest corner. It commemorates Vandalia as the official terminus of the historic National Road.

From the Day 5 Afternoon Stop to the Day 5 Hotel Stop at America's Best Value Inn "Vandalia", 1920 North Kennedy Boulevard, Vandalia, Illinois 62471 (2 miles):

- 1. Departing the front of the Statehouse, turn RIGHT onto 4th Street. Go 1 block.
- 2. Turn RIGHT onto Main Street. Go 1 block.
- 3. Turn LEFT onto Kennedy Boulevard. Go 1.5 miles, over Interstate 70.
- 4. ARRIVE at the <u>Day 5 Hotel Stop: America's Inn Express "Vandalia"</u> on the LEFT, at 1920 North Kennedy Boulevard, Vandalia, Illinois 62471. Telephone (618) 283-4400.

<u>From the Day 5 Hotel Stop to the Day 5 Dinner Stop at the Capitol View Steakhouse, 401 West Gallatin Street, Vandalia, Illinois 62471 (2 miles):</u>

- 1. Departing the hotel, turn RIGHT onto North Kennedy Boulevard. Go 1.6 mile back into downtown Vandalia.
- 2. At the Old Illinois Statehouse, turn RIGHT onto Gallatin Street. Go 1 block.
- 3. At 4th Street, ARRIVE at the <u>Day 5 Dinner Stop: Capitol View Restaurnt</u> on the far RIGHT corner, at 401 West Gallatin Street, Vandalia, Illinois 62471. Telephone (618) 283-9216. Park along the city streets.

End of driving instructions for Day 5.

DAY 6 – THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2016 – 133 MILES VANDALIA, ILLINOIS TO SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT HISTORIC ROUTE 66 SIGNAGE: Just like the Lincoln Highway, Old Route 66 has both early and later alignments. On our tour, you will see signs for various alignments of Old Route 66. Some of the signs may point to a road that is NOT a part of our tour. Also, at times, we will turn onto roads that are NOT marked with a Historic Route 66 sign. Not every turn was/is signed, and some Historic Route 66 signs are missing (souvenir hunters). Please adhere to our driving instructions to stay on schedule. (Of course you are more than welcome to explore!)

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THE TOURS AT THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM, 212 NORTH SIXTH STREET, SPRINGFIELD: At the Lincoln Museum in Springfield, there are two tours planned for our group - one at 2:30pm for 38 people, and one at 2:45pm for 37 people. Please arrive at the museum by 2:00pm sharp to guarantee your place in the tours.

From the America's Best Value Inn "Vandalia" to the Day 6 Morning Stop #1: Marcoot Jersey Creamery, 526 Dudleyville Road, Greenville, Illinois 62264 (25 miles):

- 1. Departing the America's Best Value Inn, RETURN to <u>Kennedy Boulevard</u> and turn RIGHT. Go 0.5 mile, towards Vandalia, back over Interstate 70.
- 2. After the ramps, turn RIGHT onto <u>westbound US Route 40 / Veterans Avenue</u>. Go 2.1 mile.
- 3. Turn RIGHT onto <u>westbound US Route 40 / Randolph Street</u>. Go over Interstate 70 and pass the ramps.
- 4. Turn LEFT onto the <u>westbound US Route 40</u> (2-lane road; a Denny's Restaurant and Truck Stop on the near left corner). Go 7.1 miles.
- 5. Turn RIGHT onto <u>Illinois Route 140</u>. Go 9.0 miles, through the towns of Mulberry Grove, Smithboro to the town of Greenville.
- 6. In Greenville, at the Casey's General Store on the left, curve LEFT onto Beaumont Avenue. Go 0.8 miles into downtown Greenville.
- 7. At the old gas station, bear LEFT onto Second Street. Go 1 block.
- 8. Turn RIGHT onto College Avenue. Go 3 blocks.
- 9. Turn LEFT onto <u>Fourth Street</u>. Go 5.5 miles, out the south side of Greenville. The road will change names to <u>Dudleyville Road</u>, cross US Route 40, go over Interstate 70, and continue as a country road.
- 10.ARRIVE at the <u>Day 6 Morning Stop #1: Marcoot Jersey Creamery</u> on the RIGHT, at 526 Dudleyville Road, Greenville, Illinois 62264. Telephone: (618) 664-1110.
 - a. In 1840, the "Markut" family, sailed from Switzerland to New Orleans, taking the steam ship up the Mississippi River to the Bond-Madison County area of southern Illinois. Once settled in America, the Markut

- name was changed back to a previous old world spelling "Marcoot". By the mid-1800's, the family was raising and milking Jersey cattle, which has continued for seven generations.
- b. In March 2010, the family created their first wheels of cheese. Marcoot cheeses are all aged in an underground aging cave, which was designed after the man-made cheese caves in Switzerland to provide natural aging for the cheese while providing energy efficiency and sustainability for the creamery.

From Day 6 Morning Stop #1 to the Day 6 Morning Stop #2: Henry's Ra66it Ranch, 1107 Historic Old Route 66, Staunton, Illinois 62088 (38 miles):

- 1. Departing the creamery, BACKTRACK 4.7 miles into Greenville on <u>Dudleyville Road</u>. In Greenville, the road changes names to <u>Fourth Street</u>.
- 2. Turn LEFT onto <u>College Avenue</u>. Go 0.5 mile. The road will curve right and change names to <u>Sixth Street</u>.
- 3. Turn LEFT onto <u>Illinois Route 140</u>. Go 23.2 miles, through the towns of Old Ripley and Alhambra, to the town of Hamel, where our tour meets up with Old US Route 66.
- 4. In Hamel, at the 4-way stop (bank building on the near right corner) turn RIGHT onto Old US Route 66 / Hillsboro Avenue. Go 0.2 mile (about 3 blocks).
- 5. ARRIVE at the <u>Day 6 Photo Stop #1: Route 66 Ridez</u> (an automobile restoration garage and Route 66 gift shop) on the RIGHT at 230 Old US Route 66, Hamel, Illinois 62046. Telephone: (618) 633-2339. Park in the lot in front of the building.
- 6. Departing the garage, turn RIGHT and CONTINUE on <u>Old US Route 66 / Hillsboro Avenue</u>. Go 3.6 miles. The road becomes the <u>Frontage Road</u> along the west side of Interstate 55.
- 7. At the end of the road, turn RIGHT onto Possum Hill Road. Go 800 feet.
- 8. At the stop sign, turn LEFT onto <u>Illinois Route 4</u>. Go 3.0 mile.
- 9. After passing Spangle Road, take the next RIGHT into Old Route 16 / Williamson Road. Go 1.0 mile.
- 10. Curve LEFT onto <u>Sievers Road</u> and CONTINUE 1.3 mile into the south end of Staunton. Follow the sign(s) for Historic Route 66. <u>Do NOT bear off to the left onto Madison Street.</u>
- 11. After curving to the right, ARRIVE at <u>Day 6 Morning Stop #2: Henry's Ra66it</u> <u>Ranch (Old Standard Oil Gas Station)</u> on the LEFT, at 1107 Historic Old Route 66, Staunton, Illinois 62088. Telephone (628) 635-5655. Turn LEFT into the gravel drive to park. Do NOT park on the grass. If needed, continue through the property and parallel park on Madison Street on the other side of the ranch.
 - a. Rich Henry's Ra66it Ranch celebrates Route 66 with its emporium of highway and trucking memorabilia that includes a collection of Campbell's "Humpin' to Please" trailers next to a replica of a vintage gas

- station. There is a wide selection of Route 66 gift and collectible items too. Henry's Ra66it Ranch is a Route 66 Visitor's Center.
- b. Rich Henry took a trip to California on Old Route 66 in 1993 and noticed the lack of Route 66 visitor centers and souvenirs of the Mother Road. When he got back home to Staunton he built his visitor center. As times changed, historic Route 66 saw a rebirth, and Henry's Rabbit Ranch was at the forefront of this movement.
- c. As for the rabbits, Henry's daughter Emily got a pair of rabbits and didn't account for the resulting population explosion. She lived in a single room apartment and things were getting a little out of hand. Rich stepped in and helped out and the next thing you know there was a new attraction on Route 66 a rabbit ranch.
- d. Each rabbit has a name and a distinctive personality. Rich has trained some of the rabbits to do tricks for the visitors that stop in.

From the Day 6 Morning Stop to the Day 6 Lunch Stop at the Ariston Café, Solsby Service Station, 413 Old Route 66, Litchfield, Illinois 62056 (14 miles):

- 1. Departing Henry's Ra66it Ranch, exit via the same gravel drive, turn LEFT and CONTINUE on <u>Old US Route 66</u>. Go 1.5 miles, following the signs for Historic Route 66. The road will curve right, then left, then right again, as it skirts around the east side of Staunton.
- 2. At Staunton Road, CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD on Old US Route 66. Go 1.2 mile.
- 3. At the end of the road, turn LEFT onto Frontage Road. Go 0.7 mile.
- 4. After passing Tall Timber Road and the Timber Lakes Golf Course sign (on the left), turn RIGHT onto <u>Old Route 66 (older alignment)</u>. Go 2.1 mile, into the town of Mt. Olive.
- 5. In Mt. Olive, ARRIVE at the <u>Day 6 Photo Stop #2: Solsby's Shell Gasoline</u>
 <u>Service Station</u> on the LEFT, at corner of Old Route 66 and First Street, Mount Olive, Illinois 92029
 - a. Henry Soulsby of Mount Olive, originally followed his father, an Irish immigrant, into mining, but in the mid-1920s an injury forced him aboveground. Understanding that a national highway would soon pass through Mount Olive, he invested most of his life savings in two lots at the corner of 1st Street, now called Old Route 66. With the balance he built a gas station.
 - b. The Soulsby Station is an excellent example of a house with canopy form. By the time Mr. Soulsby built his station in 1926, the leading oil companies had been hiring architects to design stations that would blend well with neighborhoods to minimize local opposition to the crudeness often associated with gas stations. Mr. Soulsby designed the building himself, taking into account these trends and blending well with the surrounding area.

- c. Although the Great Depression soon began, the station thrived. America was broke, but it was still traveling. As Will Rogers would say, "We might be the first nation to drive to the poorhouse in an automobile."
- d. When Henry Soulsby retired, his children Russell and Ola Soulsby took over the station, a partnership that would endure until Ola's death in 1996. Each was as adept as the other at pumping gas, checking the oil, and looking under the hood or chassis to detect and fix problems. Russell always had an eye for technology. During World War II, he was a communications technician in the Pacific theater. Shortly after coming home, he turned his experience into a second, simultaneous career-radio and television repair. He used an antenna on the roof of the station to test his work.
- e. Route 66 was a great agent of progress and development, but its very success helped spell its doom. In the late 1950s, Interstate 55 began supplanting it in Illinois. In Mount Olive, the Soulsby Station ended up a mile away from the new thoroughfare. In 1991, the Soulsby Station stopped pumping gas but continued to check oil, sell soda pop, and greet the ever-growing legion of Route 66 tourists. Sending everyone off with a wink and a wave, Russell and Ola closed the doors for good in 1993 and sold the station in 1997 to a neighbor, Mike Dragovich. When Russell Soulsby died in 1999, his funeral procession took him under the canopy one last time. This time it was his friends' turn to wink and wave.
- f. The current owner, Mr. Dragovich, and the Soulsby Preservation Society began preservation efforts in 2003, removing vinyl siding, restoring the original doors and windows, and repainting the exterior. In 2004, the National Park Service provided grant support for restoration efforts. Today, the station looks essentially the same as it did during its post-World War II heyday.
- g. Solsby Station was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2004. Plans are underway to open the station as a museum.
- 6. Departing the station, CONTINUE on <u>Old Route 66</u>. Go 2.3 mile. The road will curve right, then left, and then parallel the railroad tracks.
- 7. At the end of the road, turn RIGHT onto <u>Old Route 66</u>. Go 4.4 miles. *a. Note the old Route 66 pavement on the right.*
- 8. As the road starts to curve left away from the railroad tracks, turn RIGHT onto Old Route 66 (earlier alignment). Go 2.2 miles into the town of Litchfield.
- 9. At the intersection of Kirkham Street, ARRIVE at the <u>Day 6 Lunch Stop:</u> <u>Ariston Café</u> on the LEFT, at 413 Old Route 66, Litchfield, Illinois 62056. Telephone (217) 324-2023. Park in the lot that surrounds the building.
 - a. The Ariston Cafe was founded by Pete Adam, a Greek immigrant, in Carlinville, Illinois in 1924. The original cafe was located on Route 4,

- the predecessor of Historic Route 66. In 1929, the Cafe was relocated to Litchfield, Illinois and moved into its present location in 1935.
- b. It is believed that the Ariston Cafe is one of the oldest restaurants on Route 66. In 1992 the Ariston Cafe and the Adam family were inducted into the Route 66 Hall of Fame. In 2006, the café was listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places.

From the Day 6 Lunch Stop to the Day 6 Afternoon Stops in Springfield, Illinois:

- 1. Abraham Lincoln Home Visitor Center
- 2. Abraham Lincoln's Lincoln-Herndon Law Office (a photo stop only)
- 3. The Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum (arrive by 2:00pm for the tours)
- 4. Abraham Lincoln's Tomb and War Memorials

(46 miles to stop #1):

- 1. Departing the Ariston Café, turn LEFT onto <u>Old US Route 66</u>, go through the light for Union Street, and continue ahead for 0.8 mile.
- 2. After passing the Litchfield Sky View Drive-in Theatre on the right, at the stop sign, turn RIGHT onto Old US Route 66. Go 3.3 miles.
- 3. Turn LEFT onto 16th Avenue and cross over Interstate 55.
- 4. Follow the Historic Route 66 sign and turn RIGHT onto the <u>Frontage Road</u>. Go 3.2 mile.
- 5. At County Road 1900 N (Shell Gas Station on far right corner), CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD on the Frontage Road. Go 3.2 miles.
- 6. At Illinois Route 48 / 22nd Avenue (abandoned gas station canopy on far left corner), CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD on the <u>Frontage Road</u>. Go 8.6 miles, to the town of Farmersville.
- 7. In Farmersville, at Main Street, CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD on the <u>Frontage Road</u>. Go 8.7 miles, to the town of Divernon, where the road changes names to Reichert Road.
- 8. In Divernon, turn RIGHT onto <u>Brown Street</u> (Phillips 66 Gas Station on the far right corner), and go over Interstate 55.
- 9. Take the entrance ramp on the LEFT for <u>northbound Interstate 55 / Springfield</u>. Go 1.5 mile to the next exit.
- 10. Take the exit ramp on the RIGHT for <u>Illinois Route 104 / Pawnee / Auburn</u> (Exit #82). At the end of the ramp, turn RIGHT towards Auburn and go under the Interstate and pass the exit ramps.
- 11.At the Mobil Gas Station, turn RIGHT onto Frazee Road. Go 1.9 mile.
- 12.At Horse Farm Road, CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD on <u>Frazee Road</u>. Go 5.1 miles. In the village of Glenarm, the road will change names to <u>Douglas</u> Street for 3 blocks, then change names again to Palm Road.
- 13. Take the entrance ramp on the RIGHT for <u>northbound Interstate 55 / Chicago</u>. Go 3.2 miles towards the city of Springfield.

- 14. Approaching Springfield, take the exit ramp on the LEFT for <u>northbound</u> Business Route 55 / 6th Street (Exit #92A-B). Go 3.1 miles, entering Springfield on 6th Street.
 - a. At St Joseph Street, you will pass our <u>Day 6 Hotel Stop: The Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center</u>.
- 15.In Springfield, at Myrtle Street, DO NOT follow the signs for Business Route 55 and Historic Route 66. CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD on 6th Street. Go 1.1 mile (14 blocks).
- 16. Turn RIGHT onto Jackson Street. Go 2 blocks.
- 17.At 7th Street, ARRIVE at the <u>Day 6 Afternoon Stop #1: Abraham Lincoln</u> <u>Home Historic Site</u>, at 426 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Telephone (217) 492-4241. Turn RIGHT onto <u>7th Street</u>, and then turn LEFT into the parking lot.
- 18.Departing the Lincoln Home Site parking lot, turn LEFT onto <u>7th Street</u>, then turn RIGHT onto Edwards Street. Go 1 block.
- 19. Turn RIGHT onto 6th Street. Go 4 blocks.
- 20.ARRIVE at the <u>Day 6 Photo Stop #3: Abraham Lincoln's Lincoln-Herndon</u>
 <u>Law Office</u> on the LEFT, at the southeast corner of the Old State Capitol Plaza,
 Springfield, Illinois 62701. Telephone (217) 785-7298.
 - a. This historic site is being renovated and is NOT open to the public.
- 21.Departing the Law Office, CONTINUE ahead on <u>6th Street</u>. Go 1 block past the Old State Capitol Building on the left.
- 22.ARRIVE at the <u>Day 6 Afternoon Stop #2: The Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library (open 9am to 5pm) (Arrive by 2:00pm for the tours)</u> on the RIGHT, which are two buildings connected by an enclosed glass bridge, at the intersection of 6th Street and Jefferson Street. The Museum Parking Garage is just ahead on the far left corner of 6th and Madison Street (look for the glass enclosed stair tower). The garage entrance is on 6th Street. Parking rate is \$1.50 per hour.
 - a. Enter the Lincoln Museum Building at 212 N. Sixth St, for the tour.
- 23.Departing the parking garage via the 5th Street exit, turn LEFT onto <u>5th Street</u>, then LEFT onto <u>Madison Street</u>, then LEFT onto <u>6th Street</u>. Go 0.8 mile (6 long blocks).
- 24. After crossing the tracks, turn LEFT onto Grand Avenue. Go 5 blocks.
- 25. Turn RIGHT onto Monument Avenue. Go 2 blocks.
- 26.ENTER the <u>Oak Ridge Cemetery</u>. Where the road forks into three, take the middle fork and drive towards the tall obelisk monument.
- 27. Turn RIGHT at the <u>sign for Lincoln Tomb</u>, and ARRIVE at the <u>Day 6</u>

 <u>Afternoon Stop #3: Abraham Lincoln's Tomb and War Memorials</u>, at 1500

 Monument Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62702. Telephone (217) 782-2717.
 - a. The Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site is the final resting place of Abraham Lincoln, his wife Mary, and three of their four sons, Edward, William, and Thomas (known as "Tad"). Their eldest son, Robert T.

- Lincoln, is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Also on the site is the public receiving vault. Constructed ca. 1860 and the scene of funeral services for Abraham Lincoln on May 4, 1865, the vault is located at the base of a hill north of the Tomb. In 1960 the Tomb was designated a National Historic Landmark; it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1966.
- b. The 117-foot-tall Tomb, designed by sculptor Larkin Mead, is constructed of brick sheathed with Quincy granite. The base is 72 feet square with large semi-circular projections on the north and south sides. Double sets of north and south stairs lead to a terrace, above which rises the obelisk. At the corners of the shaft, large pedestals serve as bases for four bronze sculptures, each with a group of figures representing one of the four Civil War military services—infantry, artillery, cavalry, and navy. A taller base on the obelisk's south side holds a heroic bronze statue of Lincoln. At the Tomb entrance is a bronze reproduction of Gutzon Borglum's marble head of Lincoln, located in the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.
- c. Interior rooms of the Tomb are finished in a highly polished marble trimmed with bronze. The south entrance opens into a rotunda, where hallways lead to the burial chamber. The rotunda and corridors contain reduced-scale versions of important Lincoln statues, as well as plaques with excerpts from Lincoln's Springfield farewell speech, the Gettysburg Address, and his Second Inaugural Address. Lincoln's remains rest in a concrete vault ten feet below the marble floor of the burial chamber. A massive granite cenotaph marking the gravesite is flanked by the presidential flag and the flags of states in which Lincoln's ancestors and Abraham Lincoln himself resided. Crypts in the chamber's south wall hold the remains of Mary, Edward, Willie and Tad Lincoln.
- d. The remains of President Lincoln and his son Willie were placed in the Receiving Vault from May 4 through December 21, 1865. From December 21, 1865 through September 19, 1871, the President and his two sons, Eddie and Willie, were moved into a temporary above-ground tomb constructed on the northeast side of the hill where the current tomb now stands. Tad Lincoln, the President's youngest son, died on July 15, 1871 and was the first to be interred in the Monument, followed by his father and his two brothers on September 19, 1871. Mary Lincoln died at her sister's home in Springfield on July 16, 1882 and was laid to rest with her martyred husband and dear sons a few days later.

<u>From the Lincoln Tomb to the Day 6 Hotel Stop at the Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 625 East St. Joseph Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703 (5 miles):</u>

- 1. Departing the cemetery, BACKTRACK to the entrance gate on Monument Avenue and CONTINUE ahead 2 blocks on Monument Avenue.
- 2. Turn LEFT onto Grand Avenue. Go 4 blocks.
- 3. Turn RIGHT onto 5th Street. Go 3.5 miles back through downtown Springfield.
- 4. At Stanford Avenue, CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD on <u>5th Street</u> as it "Scurves" to the left and southbound traffic rejoins <u>6th Street</u>. Go 0.6 mile.
- 5. Turn RIGHT onto <u>St. Joseph Street</u> and ARRIVE at the <u>Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center</u> on the RIGHT, at 625 East St. Joseph Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703. Telephone (217) 615-5057. There are hotel parking lots in front and behind the building.

From the Day 6 Hotel Stop to the Day 6 Dinner Stop at Maldaner's Restaurant, 222 South 6th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 (3 miles):

NOTE ABOUT ATTIRE AT MALDANER'S RESTAURANT: The restaurant is upscale. Please avoid wearing T-shirts, tour T-shirts and/or shorts. Collared shirts, the tour polo shirts, and slacks are preferred attire.

- 1. Departing the hotel, turn LEFT onto St Joseph Street.
- 2. Turn LEFT onto <u>6th Street</u>. Go 3.0 mile, re-entering downtown Springfield on 6th Street.
- 3. ARRIVE at the <u>Day 6 Dinner Stop at Maldaner's Restaurant</u> on the RIGHT, at 222 South 6th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Telephone: (217) 522-4313. Park along the city streets.

DAY 6 OPTIONAL EVENING STOP at the Route 66 Twin Drive-In Theatre:

After dinner, you may want to enjoy a movie at the Route 66 Twin Drive-In Theatre which is just 3 miles south of the tour hotel. Call (217) 698-0066 for show times. To get to the theatre from the hotel:

- 1. Departing the hotel, turn LEFT onto <u>St Joseph Street</u>.
- 2. Turn RIGHT onto 6th Street. Go 0.7 mile.
- 3. Take the entry ramp on the RIGHT for <u>westbound Interstate 72 / Jacksonville</u>. Go 0.8 mile to the next exit.
- 4. Take the exit ramp on the RIGHT for <u>MacArthur Boulevard (Exit #96)</u>. At the end of the ramp, turn LEFT onto MacArthur Boulevard. Go 0.4 mile.
- 5. At the end of the road, turn RIGHT onto Recreation Drive. Go 0.6 mile.
- 6. ARRIVE at the <u>Day 6 Optional Evening Stop: Route 66 Twin Drive-In</u>
 <u>Theatre</u> on the LEFT, at 1700 Recreation Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62711.
 Telephone: (217) 698-0066.

End of driving instructions for Day 6.

DAY 7 – FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2016 – 179 MILES SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS TO JOLIET, ILLINOIS

From the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center to the Day 7 Morning Stop at Funks Grove Maple Sirup, 5257 Old Route 66, Shirley, Illinois 61772 (52 miles):

- 1. Departing the Route 66 Hotel, turn LEFT onto <u>St Joseph Street</u>.
- 2. Turn LEFT onto <u>6th Street / Business Route 55</u>. Go 1.8 mile, re-entering Springfield on 6th Street.
- 3. In Springfield, *follow the signs for Business Route 55 and Historic Route 66*. Turn RIGHT onto Myrtle Street. Go 3 blocks.
- 4. Curve LEFT onto 9th Street. Go 2.8 miles through downtown Springfield.
- 5. After going under railroad track overpass, in 2 blocks, curve RIGHT and CONTINUE ahead onto Peoria Road. Go 1.6 mile.
- 6. At the light, turn RIGHT onto <u>Veterans Parkway / Business Route 55</u>. Go 4.6 miles, through the town of Sherman, where the road will change names to Sherman Boulevard.
- 7. Go under Interstate 55 and CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD on <u>Sherman</u> Boulevard. Go 1.1 mile.
- 8. MERGE onto <u>northbound Interstate 55</u>. Go 2.6 miles, to the next exit.
- 9. Take the exit ramp on the RIGHT for <u>Indiana Route 123 / Williamsville / Petersburg (Exit #109)</u>. At the end of the ramp, turn RIGHT onto <u>Stuttle Road</u>. Go 1 block.
- 10. Turn LEFT onto Old US Route 66 / Road 10.75 N. Go 9.9 miles, paralleling Interstate 55 on the left and the railroad tracks on the right, through the towns of Mount Fulcher, Elkhart and Broadwell.
- 11. Just after Broadwell, as the road starts to curve left, turn RIGHT and CONTINUE ahead on Old US Route 66, between the Interstate and the tracks. Go 3.4 miles.
- 12.At the end of the road at the stop sign, turn RIGHT onto <u>Lincoln Parkway</u>. Go 2.1 miles, to the south end of the city of Lincoln.
- 13. After passing the Union Cemetery (on the right), bear off RIGHT onto <u>Stringer Avenue</u>. Go 0.6 mile into Lincoln, where the road will change names to Washington Street.
- 14.At the stop sign (old style Texaco Gas Station on the near right corner), turn RIGHT onto 5th Street / Business Route 55. Go 0.8 mile (11 blocks).
- 15. Curve LEFT and CONTINUE onto Logan Street. Go 0.5 mile (8 blocks).
- 16. Turn RIGHT onto <u>Keokuk Street / Business Route 55</u>. Go 0.1 mile, over the railroad tracks.
- 17. Turn LEFT onto Kickapoo Street / Business Route 55. Go 1.6 mile.
- 18. After passing Lincoln Bible Church & Faith Lutheran Church (both on the right), at the end of the road, turn RIGHT onto Business Route 55 / Lincoln

- <u>Parkway / Old US Route 66</u>. Go 7.2 miles, through the village of Lawndale, to the town of Atlanta.
- 19. Approaching Atlanta, turn left onto Arch Street. Go 0.9 miles into Atlanta.
- 20.ARRIVE at the *Day 7 Photo Stop #1: Paul "Bunyon" Statue* on the LEFT at 112 Arch Street.
 - a. The 30-foot-tall fiberglass statue is one of many giant advertising props found throughout the USA in the 1960's.
 - b. Boatbuilder Steve Dashew established International Fiberglass in Venice, California in 1963. The oversized fiberglass statues of men, women and dinosaurs began as a sideline. The first of the figures was Paul Bunyan holding an oversized axe to promote the Paul Bunyan Café on Route 66 in Flagstaff, Arizona.
 - c. In 1965, H. A. Stephens purchased one of these giants, swapped its original axe for a hotdog, and placed it in front of his restaurant on Rt. 66 in Cicero, Illinois. Mr. Stephens purposefully misspelled the name of his business "Bunyons" in order to avoid a potential trademark conflict with the Paul Bunyan Café in Flagstaff. A legend was born, and over the next 38 years, "Bunyons Statue" became a Rt. 66 landmark.
 - d. Stephens, with the help of his dedicated family and longtime manager, Agnes Abruzzo, operated Bunyons through January 2003. At that time, he sold the real estate, and was faced with the prospect of relocating the giant (which still serves as the business' trade symbol). The family was approached by John and Lenore Weiss representing the Preservation Committee of the Illinois Route 66 Association. Even though large cash offers had been made for the giant, the Stephens' generously agreed to keep their Bunyons Statue on Route 66, so he could remain a Route 66 icon. Because of its central location, enthusiasm, and support of Rt. 66, Atlanta, Illinois was chosen as the statue's new home.
 - e. Bunyon's Statue is now on loan to the community of Atlanta, where he graciously welcomes all Rt. 66 travelers and children to this friendly, hospitable community.
- 21.Departing the statue, CONTINUE ahead on <u>Arch Street</u>. Go 0.6 mile. The road will curve to the right to access the main highway.
- 22. At the stop sign at the main highway (storage facility on the left), turn LEFT onto Lincoln Parkway / Old US Route 66. Go 4.0 miles, to McLean.
- 23.In McLean, at the end of the road at the stop sign, turn RIGHT onto <u>Road 200</u> N / US Route 136 / Dixie Road. Go 0.2 mile.
- 24.Turn RIGHT onto South Main Street, and ARRIVE at the <u>Day 7 Photo Stop</u> #2: <u>Dixie Truckers Home / Road Ranger Truck Stop</u> on the RIGHT, at 501 South Main Street, McLean, Illinois 61754. Telephone (309) 874-2900. Park in the lot in front of the main entrance doors on the east side of the building.
 - a. Founded by a partnership between J.P. Walters and John Geske in 1928, the Dixie Truckers Home is the oldest truck stop in America.

- b. The business started in a small portion of a mechanic's garage which Walters and Geske rented. The cafe was a single counter and six stools where truckers could get sandwiches. The partners eventually took over the entire garage and the cafe became a full-service restaurant that could seat about 60 guests.
- c. During the Great Depression the Dixie continued to grow. Six cabins were added on the east side of the property for truck drivers who desired a place to sleep, along with exercise pens for cattle.
- d. Free shows were produced for local citizens, including some of the country's first drive-up, if not drive-in movies. People would park in the lot between the cabins and the Dixie, spread out blankets and be treated to performances by live musicians or a screen would be setup from which they could take in a movie. When intermission time came, people would rush into the Dixie for coffee, coke, pie and hamburgers. However, when World War II began, the festive weekends came to a halt.
- e. In 1965 a fire destroyed the original building leaving the fuel pumps and cabins untouched. The next day friends, neighbors and customers came to help clean up. One used his tractor to pull a cabin into place by the pumps. After closing for only one day, that cabin along with a bank of vending machines became the Dixie. Nearly two years later, the new Dixie opened in the building in use today. In order to better serve future travelers the building was constructed facing the opposite direction towards Route 66's alignment highway, Interstate 55.
- f. Road Ranger purchased the Dixie Truckers Home in 2012. While the restaurant remained open the rest of the facility was closed and remodeled. Wanting to preserve the iconic background of Route 66 and the Dixie, the original signs are still in place and the inside of the new Travel Center reflects the rich history of Route 66.
- g. Walters, Geske and the Dixie Trucker's Home have been recognized by the Route 66 Association of Illinois for their contributions—from 1926 to 1977—to the character of Route 66. They were inducted into the association's hall of fame on June 9, 1990. Dixie was previously home to the Route 66 Hall of Fame when it opened in 1990. In 2003, after Dixie changed ownership, the museum was moved to a new, larger location in Pontiac, Illinois.
- h. Dixie Travel Plaza is frequently mentioned in travel books and histories of Old US Route 66. It has also been the subject of articles in the Chicago Tribune in articles about Old Route 66. Dixie was referred to as "one of the most impressive" late night stops along Interstate 55.

- 25. Departing the Truck Stop parking lot, turn LEFT on <u>South Main Street</u>, cross Dixie Road, and CONTINUE ahead on South Main Street. Go 2 blocks.
- 26.At the 4-way stop sign, turn RIGHT onto <u>Carlisle Street / Old US Route 66</u>. Go 2 blocks.
- 27. Curve LEFT and CONTINUE ahead onto <u>Stewart Road / Old US Route 66</u>. Go 3.9 miles, paralleling Interstate 55 on the right and the railroad tracks on the left.
- 28.ARRIVE at the <u>Day 7 Morning Stop at Funks Grove Maple Sirup</u> on the RIGHT (look for their wood sign and driveway leading into the woods), at 5257 Old Route 66, Shirley, Illinois 61772. Telephone (309) 874-3360. Turn RIGHT onto the driveway to access the facility and parking area.

Information from the Funks Grove website:

- a. Starting around 1824, Isaac Funk, the founder of what would become Funks Grove, raised livestock and later served in the Illinois Senate, where he was a friend and supporter of Abraham Lincoln. While he was away, his sons, led by the eldest, George Washington Funk (whom they dubbed "The General"), took care of the farm. Isaac and his sons also made maple sirup and sugar—cooking the sap in kettles over a fire—for personal use since it was the only readily available source of sweetener.
- b. From the 1860's to the 1920's, the business was operated by his sons and grandsons. In the early 1920s, the reigns were handed over to a cousin, Hazel Funk Holmes, who owned the property on which the sirup operation is now located. A new sugarhouse was built to accommodate a flue-pan evaporator.
- c. During this time period, Route 66 was finished near the sirup farm. In her will, Hazel arranged for her timber and farmland to be protected by a trust. In this same trust, Hazel expressed her wish for the spelling of "syrup" with an "i" ("sirup") a spelling that was at that time preferred by Webster's when referring to the product that results from the boiling down of sap, without the addition of extra sugar.
- d. In 1947, Stephen Funk took over the operation. In 1958, he had the first underground cistern installed, and began using oil to fuel the cooking process rather than wood. In 1960, Stephen experimented with tubing as a method for gathering sap. The tubing ran along the ground, but the Funks soon found that squirrels could chew up the lines faster than they could be repaired, so they decided to go back to using the traditional metal buckets.
- e. In the early 1970s, construction began on Interstate 55. It was to be routed right through the Funks Grove timber. Fortunately, the Funks were able to petition to get the Interstate curved around their property. At first, the Funks were concerned that the new highway would detract from one of their major sources of customers people who decided on

- impulse to stop in while traveling Route 66 but once they erected a sign on the new Interstate, new business started trickling in.
- f. In the late 1970s, Stephen and his son Mike formed a partnership. In 1989, Mike decided to try tubing again, this time with the lines suspended above ground, and has continued to improve and expand this system over the years since. In 2001, Mike's nephew Sean Funk became a partner. Mike and Sean currently draw sap from about 6,400 taps, including 3,400 tubing taps, and produce an average of 2,000 gallons of sirup each season. In recent years, Funks Grove Maple Sirup has expanded its line of merchandise to include maple cream, cookbooks, and Route 66 memorabilia. Today, the sirup farm at Funks Grove remains a favorite stop among Route 66 travelers.

From the Day 7 Morning Stop to the Day 7 Lunch Stop at Old Log Cabin Restaurant, North Aurora Street at Old Route 66, Pontiac, Illinois 61764 (49 miles):

- 1. Depart Funks Grove via the same entrance drive and turn RIGHT onto <u>Old US</u> <u>Route 66</u>. Go 8.2 miles, pass the village of Shirley, to the south end of the city of Bloomington.
- 2. At the stop sign, turn RIGHT onto <u>Fox Creek Road</u>. Go 0.3 mile, over the Interstate.
- 3. At the nursery (on the right), turn LEFT onto Springfield Road. Go 0.8 mile.
- 4. At the end of the road, turn RIGHT onto <u>6 Points Road</u>, and immediately get into the left turn lane.
- 5. Turn LEFT onto Morris Avenue. Go 0.9 mile, past Park Hill Cemetery.
- 6. Turn RIGHT onto MacArthur Avenue. Go 0.6 mile.
- 7. Turn LEFT onto <u>Main Street / Business Route 51</u>. Get into the LEFT lane and go 0.4 miles, into downtown Bloomington.
- 8. After the street curves to the right, turn LEFT onto <u>Front Street</u> (Government Center building on far left corner). Go 1 block.
- 9. Turn RIGHT onto Main Street. Go 5 blocks through historic Bloomington.
- 10.At the stop sign at the end of the street, turn LEFT and CONTINUE ahead on Main Street / Business Route 51. Go 2.0 miles, into the town of Normal (which abuts the north side of Bloomington).
- 11.At the city water tower (on the left), turn RIGHT onto <u>Willow Street</u>. Go 0.6 miles (about 5 blocks).
- 12. Turn LEFT onto Linden Street. Go 4 blocks.
- 13. Turn RIGHT onto <u>Pine Street</u>. Go 1.2 mile. (At the railroad tracks, the street will curve LEFT and change names to <u>Henry Street</u>.)
- 14.At the stop sign, turn RIGHT onto <u>Shelbourne Drive / Old US Route 66</u>. Go 31.0 miles, paralleling Interstate 55 on the left and the railroad tracks on the right, and skirting around the towns of Towanda, Lexington and Chenoa, to the town of Pontiac IL.

- a. Preserved remnants of the original Route 66 in Towanda can be seen in a pedestrian walkway.
- 15.In Pontiac, at the light, turn RIGHT onto <u>Illinois Route 116 / Howard Street</u>. Go 1.0 mile (14 blocks).
 - a. Within 10 blocks, on the right, is our Afternoon Stop after the Route 66 Association of Illinois Hall of Fame, which we will visit after lunch.
- 16. Turn LEFT onto Hazel Street. Go 7 blocks.
- 17.At the end of the street, turn RIGHT onto <u>Indiana Avenue</u>, then immediately turn LEFT onto Aurora Street / N 1600 E Road. Go 0.7 mile.
- 18. After crossing the railroad tracks, ARRIVE at the <u>Day 7 Lunch Stop at Old</u> <u>Log Cabin Restaurant</u> on the RIGHT, at North Aurora Street at Old Route 66, Pontiac, Illinois 61764. Telephone (815) 842-2908. Park in the lot in front.

From the Day 7 Lunch Stop to the Day 7 Afternoon Stop at the Route 66 Association of Illinois Hall of Fame at 110 West Howard Street, Pontiac, Illinois 61764 (1.5 mile):

- 1. Departing the restaurant, BACKTRACK into Pontiac. Departing the parking lot, turn LEFT onto Aurora Street / N 1600 E Road. Go 0.7 mile.
- 2. Turn RIGHT onto Indiana Avenue, then immediately turn LEFT onto Hazel Street. Go 7 blocks.
- 3. Turn RIGHT onto Illinois Route 116 / Howard Street. Go 4 blocks.
- 4. ARRIVE at the <u>Day 7 Afternoon Stop at the Route 66 Association of Illinois</u>
 <u>Hall of Fame</u> on the LEFT, at 110 West Howard Street, Pontiac, Illinois 61764.
 Telephone: (851) 844-4566. Park in the city lot on the right.

From the Day 7 Afternoon Stop to the Day 7 Hotel Stop (2 hotels) (both 62 miles):

- 1) <u>TownPlace Suites "Joliet South", 1515 Riverboat Center Dr, Joliet, Illinois</u> 60436
- 2) Hampton Inn "Joliet I-80", 1521 Riverboat Center Dr, Joliet, Illinois 60436
- 1. Departing the parking lot, turn LEFT onto <u>Illinois Route 116 / Howard Street</u>. Go 4 blocks.
- 2. Turn LEFT onto <u>Hazel Street</u>. Go 7 blocks.
- 3. At the end of the street, turn RIGHT onto <u>Indiana Avenue</u>, then immediately turn LEFT onto <u>Aurora Street / N 1600 E Road</u>. Go 0.7 mile.
- 4. After cross the tracks, at the Old Log Cabin Restaurant, turn RIGHT onto the main highway, <u>Old Route 66</u>. (Note the old highway pavement on the left.) Go 8.2 miles, pass the village of Cayuga, towards the town of Odell.
- 5. Approaching Odell, turn RIGHT onto West Street. Go 0.4 mile.
- 6. ARRIVE at the *Day 7 Photo Stop #3: Historic Standard Oil Gas Station* on the LEFT, at 400 S. West Street, Odell, Illinois 60460. Information: (815) 998-2133.

- a. The station was built in 1932 when a contractor, Patrick O'Donnell purchased the small piece of land the station stands on. His plan was to build a gas station that he could lease to his son. The station was modeled after a 1916 Standard Oil of Ohio design, a "house and canopy" style and includes work bays which were added later. The station sold Standard Oil products for several years but by 1940 it had switched to Phillips 66. Between the 1940 and 1952 the station underwent a number of changes & additional work bays. At one point, the station went from Phillips 66 to Sinclair products. Eventually, in 1952, Robert Close leased the station from O'Donnell. When O'Donnell died, Close purchased the property from his estate.
- b. As Route 66 began to decline in the mid-1940s and a bypass was constructed around Odell in 1946, businesses started to disappear. The O'Donnell station lasted until 1967, largely because it offered services as well as gasoline. Close continued to do body work until 1999.
- c. In 1999, the Village of Odell purchased the station for the purpose of historic restoration. The Route 66 Association of Illinois took interest in the project and nominated the property for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, a status it was granted on November 9. 1997.
- d. Thanks to a collaborative effort of the Illinois Route 66 Association, the Village of Odell, Illinois State Historic Preservation Office, the National Park Service Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program, and Hampton Inn Landmarks, the station was restored. It is now a Welcome Center for the Village of Odell. The station won the National Historic Route 66 Federation "Cyrus Avery Award" in 2002 for the year's most outstanding Route 66 preservation project.
- 7. Departing the gas station, CONTINUE ahead on <u>West Street</u>. Go 5 blocks, through Odell.
- 8. Turn RIGHT onto Prairie Street. Go 1 block.
- 9. Curve off LEFT onto O'Dell Road. Go 0.9 mile, paralleling the railroad tracks.
- 10.At the end of the road, turn RIGHT onto <u>Old US Route 66</u>. Go 5.7 miles towards the town of Dwight.
- 11. Approaching Dwight, turn RIGHT onto O'Dell Road. Go 0.2 mile.
- 12.At the New Life Assembly of God Church (on the left), curve LEFT onto <u>Old Route 66</u>. Go 0.6 mile into Dwight.
- 13. Crossing Mazon Avenue, ARRIVE at the <u>Day 7 Photo Stop #4: Ambler's</u> <u>Texaco Gas Station</u> on the far RIGHT corner, at Old Route 66 at Mazon Avenue, Dwight, Illinois 60420. Information: (815) 584-3077.
 - a. Ambler's Texaco Station was built in 1933 by Jack Schore. When it closed in 1999, it held the record as the longest operating gas station along the historic Route 66.
 - b. In 1936, the station was leased to Vernon Von Qualen and became known as Vernon's Texaco Station. Von Qualen purchased the station

- from Schore, and sold it in 1938 to Basil "Tubby" Ambler. Ambler owned the station till 1966. Ambler's ownership was the longest of any owner during the most historically significant period; as a result, the station was known as Ambler's longer than by any other name.
- c. In 1965, Ambler sold the station to Earl Kochler, who then sold the station to Royce McBeath, who ran it between 1965 and 1970. The station changed hands once again when Phil Becker, a longtime employee at the station (since the age of 9), bought the station from McBeath in 1970. About a year after Becker took over operation of the station, Texaco suddenly stopped supplying the location with gasoline and Becker contracted with Marathon Oil. Becker operated the station, along with his wife Debbie, from the time of purchase until 1996. After closing the station, the couple leased the building out as an auto repair shop and eventually donated the building to the village of Dwight.
- d. With the help of a \$10,400 matching grant from the National Park Service's Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program, the Village of Dwight painstakingly restored the station, taking the main office and canopy area back to the 1930s and the service bay area back to its 1940s appearance. Today, the station serves as a visitor's center for the Village of Dwight. It was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2001 and received a Cost-Share Grant from the National Park Service Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program in 2002.
- 14.Departing the gas station, turn RIGHT onto <u>Old Route 66 / Waupansie Street</u>. Curve to the RIGHT and CONTINUE ahead on Waupansie Street. Go 0.9 mile (7 blocks), through Dwight.
- 15. At the tracks, curve to the LEFT onto MacNamara Avenue. Go 0.2 mile.
- 16.At the end of the road, turn LEFT onto <u>Illinois Route 47 / Union Street</u>. Go 0.5 mile.
- 17. Turn RIGHT onto Dwight Road. Go 0.9 mile.
- 18.At the end of the road, turn RIGHT onto Old US Route 66. Go 6.4 miles.
- 19.At the end of the road, turn RIGHT onto <u>Illinois Route 53 / Old US Route 66</u>. Go 0.5 mile, into the town of Gardner. The street will changes names from <u>Sherman Street</u> to <u>Parker Street</u>.
- 20. Turn LEFT onto <u>Jackson Street</u>. Go 6 blocks.
- 21. Turn RIGHT onto <u>Jefferson Street</u>, then immediately bear LEFT onto <u>Depot Street</u>. Go 1 block through "downtown" Gardner.
- 22. Turn RIGHT onto <u>Division Street</u>. Go 1 block.
- 23. Turn LEFT onto <u>Center Street</u> and ARRIVE at the <u>Day 7 Photo Stop #5: Two-Cell Jail</u> on the RIGHT, at the corner of Center and Mazon Streets in Gardner. Park along the city streets.
- 24. Departing the jail, CONTINUE AHEAD on Center Street. Go 1 block.
- 25. At the tracks, curve RIGHT onto Washington Street. Go 4 blocks.

- 26. Turn LEFT onto <u>Illinois Route 53 / Old US Route 66</u>. Go 12.0 miles, through (or pass) the towns of Braceville, Godley, and Braidwood, into the town of Wilmington, where the road changes names to <u>Baltimore Street</u>.
- 27.In Wilmington, after passing East Street, ARRIVE at the <u>Day 7 Photo Stop #5:</u> <u>Gemini Giant Statue</u> on the LEFT, in the parking lot for the Launching Pad Drive-In (now closed), at 810 East Baltimore Street, Wilmington, Illinois 60481.
 - a. The 30-foot-tall fiberglass statue is one of many giant "Muffler Man" advertising props found throughout the USA in the 1960's. Over the years, some muffler men were re-purposed for duty in other settings, the Gemini Giant being one such example. Named after the Gemini space program, he was fitted with a pointed helmet (that looks more like a welding mask) and he now holds a small rocket in his hands as befits a representative of a cafe calling itself the Launching Pad.
 - b. Boatbuilder Steve Dashew established International Fiberglass in Venice, California in 1963. The oversized fiberglass statues of men, women and dinosaurs began as a sideline. The first of the figures was Paul Bunyan holding an oversized axe to promote the Paul Bunyan Café on Route 66 in Flagstaff, Arizona.
 - c. Various fiberglass moulds allowed different heads, limbs or torsos to be substituted to create multiple variant characters. Some would promote food, others automotive products. A fifteen-foot Amish man standing over a diner on the Lincoln Highway in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and a Uniroyal gal in a skirt or bikini were among the many variants.
 - d. Thousands of the oversize figures were made in a little over a decade at a typical cost of \$1000-\$2800 each. Many were created to advertise franchise and chain brands, such as the Enco and Humble tigers and the Philips Petroleum cowboys. A novelty fiberglass dinosaur figure was most often seen promoting Sinclair Oil stations, but also appeared at various miniature golf courses.
 - e. Increases in costs to deliver the lightweight but oversized figures proved problematic and business declined with the 1973 oil crisis. International Fiberglass was sold and closed in 1976. The moulds for the figures, originally worth thousands of dollars each, were not retained and are now lost.
 - f. At least four Muffler Men remain on US Route 66. They have made appearances as characters in the comic strip "Zippy the Pinhead" by Bill Griffith, often in conversation with Zippy. Two books have been devoted to the distinctive roadside figures and the July 2012 issue of AAA New Mexico Journey devoted its front cover to their 50th anniversary.
- 28.Departing the statue, CONTINUE ahead on <u>Illinois Route 53 / Old US Route</u> 66. Go 6.6 miles to Elwood.

- 29. Approaching Elwood, after passing the traffic light for Strawn Drive / Morgan Street, turn LEFT onto <u>Douglas Street</u>. Go 0.3 mile, into the town of Elwood.
- 30.At the end of the street, turn RIGHT onto <u>Mississippi Street</u>. Go 0.4 mile, cross US Route 53, and CONTINUE ahead on Mississippi Street another 1.3 mile.
- 31. Curve LEFT onto Chicago Road. Go 1.1 mile.
- 32. Turn LEFT onto <u>Brown Road</u>, then immediately turn RIGHT onto <u>Illinois Route 53 / Old US Route 66</u>. Go 5.9 miles, to the city of Joliet.
- 33. Take the entrance ramp on the RIGHT for <u>westbound Interstate 80 / Moline / Rock Island</u>. Go 4.6 miles.
- 34. Take the exit ramp on the RIGHT for <u>Hollywood Road / Houbolt Road (Exit #127)</u>. At the end of the ramp, turn RIGHT onto Houbolt Road. Go 800 feet.
- 35. Turn RIGHT onto Rock Creek Boulevard. Go 1 block.
- 36. Turn RIGHT onto Riverboat Center Drive. Go 500 feet.
- 37.ARRIVE at **both Day 7 Hotel Stops** on the RIGHT (they share the same parking lot):
 - a. <u>TownPlace Suites "Joliet South"</u>", 1515 Riverboat Center Drive, Joliet, Illinois 60431. Telephone (815) 741-2400.
 - b. *Hampton Inn "Joliet I-80"*, 1521 Riverboat Center Drive, Joliet, Illinois 60436. Telephone (815) 725-2424.

<u>From the Day 7 Hotel Stops to the Day 7 Dinner Stop at Juliet's Tavern, 205 North Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432 (7 miles):</u>

- 1. Departing the hotel parking lot, turn LEFT onto Riverboat Center Drive.
- 2. Turn LEFT onto Rock Creek Boulevard. Go 1 block.
- 3. Turn LEFT onto Houbolt Road. Go 0.3 mile.
- 4. Take the entrance ramp on the LEFT for <u>eastbound Interstate 80 / Indiana</u>. Go 4.6 miles.
- 5. Take the exit ramp on the RIGHT for <u>northbound Illinois Route 53 / Chicago Street (Exit #132B)</u>. Go 0.8 mile into downtown Joliet.
- 6. In downtown Joliet, after going under the railroad tracks, follow Illinois Route 53 as it turns RIGHT onto Washington Street for one block, then curves LEFT onto Scott Street for 4 blocks.
- 7. Turn LEFT onto the <u>LINCOLN HIGHWAY / US Route 30 / Cass Street</u>. Go 1 block.
- 8. ARRIVE at the <u>Day 7 Dinner Stop at Juliet's Tavern on the RIGHT</u>, at 205 North Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432. Telephone: (815) 630-5654. To park, continue ahead on Cass Street to the parking garage on the left, or park along city streets or in city parking lots close by.

From the Day 7 Dinner Stop back to the Day 7 Hotel Stops (7 miles):

- 1. Departing the restaurant, CONTINUE AHEAD on Cass Street 1/2 block.
- 2. Turn LEFT onto southbound Illinois Route 53 / Ottawa Street. Go 0.4 mile.
- 3. **Do NOT bear off to the right onto Ottawa Street**. FOLLOW the route signs and curve LEFT to CONTINUE ahead on <u>Illinois Route 53 / US Route 6</u>. Go 0.4 mile.
- 4. Take the entrance ramp on the RIGHT for <u>westbound Interstate 80 / Moline / Rock Island</u>. Go 4.5 miles.
- 5. Take the exit ramp on the RIGHT for <u>Hollywood Road / Houbolt Road (Exit #127)</u>. At the end of the ramp, turn RIGHT onto Houbolt Road. Go 800 feet.
- 6. Turn RIGHT onto Rock Creek Boulevard. Go 1 block.
- 7. Turn RIGHT onto Riverboat Center Drive. Go 500 feet.
- 8. ARRIVE at **both Day 7 Hotel Stops** on the RIGHT.

End of the driving instructions for the Lincoln Highway Association's 2016 National Road / Route 66 Tour.

Happy trails to you until we meet again!