

# THE ORIGINAL ROUTE 66 GIFT SHOP NEWSLETTER



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## Angel is awarded a Governor's Heritage Preservation Honor Award

Angel received a standing ovation when he was awarded his Governor's Heritage Preservation Honor Award on Friday, May 15th at the Du Bois Center of Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Since 1982, the Arizona Preservation Foundation and Arizona State Historic Preservation Office/Arizona State Parks have collaborated to present the Governor's Heritage Preservation Honor Awards. These awards recognize people, organizations, and projects that represent outstanding achievements in preserving Arizona's prehistoric and historic resources.

The mission of the Governor's Heritage Preservation Honor Awards is to:

- Promote public awareness of historic preservation in the State of Arizona;
- Publicly recognize the varied contributions by volunteers, professionals, organizations, and agencies to promote the goals of historic preservation;
- Identify and recognize educational, community, non-profit, and private sector heritage projects that demonstrate excellence in design and execution.

2015 Awardees Included: Annual Tour of Historic Florence, Angel Delgadillo, Old Adobe Mission Rehabilitation Project, Yavapai County Courthouse Rehabilitation Project, Lauren Allsopp, Negrette House Rehabilitation Project, Fort Lowell Park Officers Quarters, University of Arizona Old Main Rehabilitation Project, Fort Verde State Historic Park Volunteer Program

If you would like to see the presentation and Angel's speech visit our youtube channel.



Left: David Zimmerman (who nominated Angel for the award) with Angel and Vilma  
Right: Angel and Vilma with their family; Martha, Mauricio, Clarissa, Mirna, and Angel Jr.



Angel & Vilma Delgadillo's Route 66  
Gift Shop & Visitor's Center

*"If you are nearby you must stop in Seligman! The town is very small but perfectly formed. It represents all that is fantastic about the historic Route 66 in all its glory.*

*You won't miss the shop. You will be welcomed and served by the very best that is American and I bet you can't walk out without buying anything!*

*A must. Make sure you have your camera!"*

*TripAdvisor Review from  
"Blue\_Rabbit\_5" on April 11, 2015*

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## New YouTube Videos

[www.youtube.com/route66giftshop](http://www.youtube.com/route66giftshop)

These last few months we posted Angel blowing out his candles on his 88th birthday, a short film of Angel starting off the 28th Annual Route 66 Fun Run in Seligman, and Angel's speech at the Governor's Historic Preservation Awards

Also, the ARTE German documentary is now available to watch on the "Angel Delgadillo" playlist and Mauricio would like to point out that he is featured in this program so he thinks it worth a watch even if you don't understand German. The show also features our favorite local German, Lilo, and her restaurant.

And if you have never been to our YouTube channel, you have a lot of catching up to do!



Pictures from Seligman portion of the beautifully filmed ARTE German Route 66 Documentary now on our YouTube Channel

## OUR NEW WEBSITE

### Same Name, New Look! [www.route66giftshop.com](http://www.route66giftshop.com)

We are happy to announce that we finally have our new website up! After 14 years of our old website we have upgraded and expanded our website.

On the new site you will find:

- ◆ Our entire online store is filled with made in the U.S.A. Route 66 clothes and gifts
- ◆ Information on Seligman, Arizona
- ◆ History on Route 66
- ◆ The Story of Angel Delgadillo, the man who helped save Route 66 from extinction
- ◆ The website can be translated into almost any language using the google translate button. And the history of Angel & the gift shop is properly translated into many different languages on the Our Story Translated page.
- ◆ Magazine articles from all over the world featuring Angel
- ◆ A Route 66 Gift Shop History Timeline
- ◆ And Links to many more interesting sites about Route 66

**NEW WEBSITE SPECIAL UNTIL JUNE 30, 2015:**

Use Coupon Code: **ILOVE66**  
to receive 10% off your entire online order

## A Pre-Fun Run Visitor

Route 66er, Red Hurst of Los Angeles, California visited us a few days before the Fun Run this year to have the crew of the Gift Shop sign his Route 66 quilt. His daughter made the quilt out of all of the T-shirts from his favorite Route 66 places and events that he has enjoyed over the years.

Red drove his beautiful blue 1949 Pontiac convertible out for his mission to get signatures on his quilt. He was very generous with his car, letting the tourists sit in it and take pictures. He even let Mauricio and Clarissa take a romantic spin around town in it!



## Hotel Impossible Does Route 66



On April 29th, Angel was interviewed for The Travel Channel's reality television show "Hotel Impossible."

Hotel Impossible is a show in which hotel expert, Anthony Melchiorri, and his team of designers travel to failing hotels and implement plans to transform them into successful vacation accommodations.

The show had decided they wanted to do a Route 66 themed episode so they picked a Route 66 hotel in Flagstaff and two in Williams, Arizona: The Canyon Hotel and RV Park and the Red Garter Bed and Bakery. Even though these particular hotels were not actually failing, the show's crew felt they could give these Route 66 hotels advice on how to be more successful.

The production decided that a Route 66 episode would be lacking without getting some Route 66 history and featuring an iconic Route 66 roadside diner. Of course, this led them to Seligman, Angel Delgadillo, and The Snow Cap!

This special episode is expected to air sometime this autumn, probably November, we were told. So keep your eye out for Seligman on Hotel Impossible! (and you could always send us an email and let us know the air date if you find out before we do!)



Above: The Cast and Crew of Hotel Impossible with Angel & Mirna and John & Rita of the Snow Cap  
Below: Angel with Hotel Impossible Host, Anthony Melchiorri



## Another Successful Fun Run

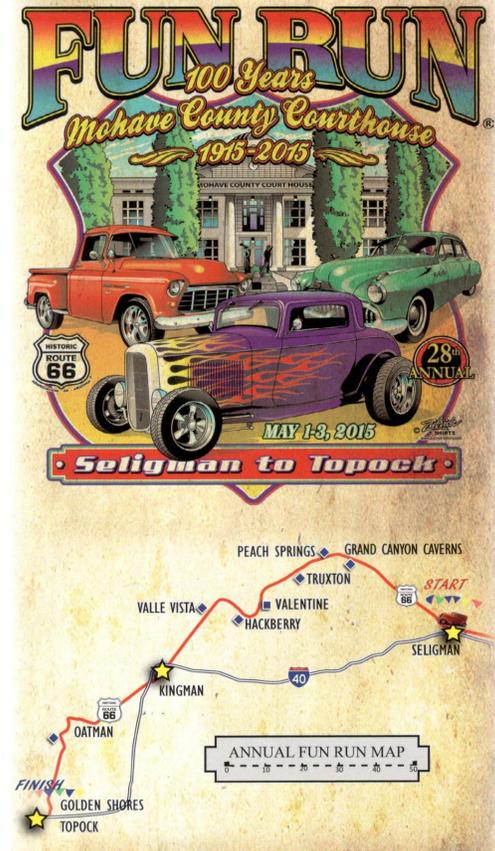
Thank you to all who contributed to make this year's 28th Annual Route 66 Fun Run a success. A total of 740 cars registered for this year's Fun Run, and fun they had!

The three day event hosted by the Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona was held the first weekend of May as it is every year. The events held in Seligman on Friday evening included live music at the Snow Cap & the Black Cat; a silent auction with beer and wine tasting; a penny car show; a spaghetti dinner; and a cruisin' Route 66 parade. Then on Saturday morning in Seligman, Angel, as President Emeritus of the Association, started the parade of cars on their journey westward along the longest remaining stretch of Route 66 left in the country. The towns along the way; Grand Canyon Caverns, Peach Springs, Hackberry, Valle Vista, and Kingman; welcomed and entertained the travelers in their own special way on Saturday. In Kingman, the "Show-N-Shine" let participants show off their cars. The festivities continued on Sunday as the caravan left Kingman to explore the wild west of Cool Springs Station and Oatman. At the end of the drive, the town of Topock-Golden Shores hosted the Awards Ceremony and Farewell Reception.

## 2015 Route 66 Fun Run Awards

Although not an official car show, 66 trophies are given to participants for such categories as "Best Plymouth", "Best Under Construction", "Best Antique Vehicle", "Best Paint", "Classiest Interior", "Best Motor" and 60 others! This year we sponsored the "Best Ford 1958-1984" Award and the Snow Cap sponsored "Best Japanese Car."

There will soon be a complete list of Fun Run award winners on the Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona website. To see the list and to get information on how to register your vehicle for next year's Fun Run, go to the Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona website at <http://www.azrt66.com/> or call them at (928) 753-5001.



# 2015 Fun Run Poker Chips for Sale

The Seligman Historical Society is selling special edition 2015 Route 66 Fun Run Poker Chips. These commemorative chips are numbered 1-500 and are on sale for \$10 each.

Proceeds from the sale of the poker chips will go to help restore the Cottage Hotel here in Seligman. The Cottage Hotel, built in 1912, is one of the oldest buildings in Seligman. Located just one block north of Route 66, the Cottage Hotel is a registered historic building and the only building in town owned by a Seligman entity; the non-profit Seligman Historical Society. It was first built as a rooming house for railway workers and cowboys and later used as a birthing place for expectant mothers. In recent years, the Cottage Hotel has been serving as a museum open to the public on only a few select days of the year. The Historical Society is in the process of raising money to restore the building in order to act as Seligman's full time visitor's center and museum. Plans include not only restoring the Cottage Hotel under the guidelines for historic buildings, but also landscaping and adding modernized outbuildings on the adjacent lot.



You can purchase the poker chips by contacting the Seligman Historical Society at [seligmanhistory@yahoo.com](mailto:seligmanhistory@yahoo.com)

And to read more about Seligman History and the Historical Society go to [www.seligmanhistory.com](http://www.seligmanhistory.com)

Mirna is the proud owner of the #28 poker chip (She picked 28 for the 28th annual Route 66 Fun Run)

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our newsletter.

Happy Travels!



# The Birthplace of Historic Route 66



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