

A red graphic shaped like a passport cover. At the top, the word "PASSPORT" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. In the center is a white shield-shaped emblem. Inside the shield, the word "ARIZONA" is written in a curved banner at the top, followed by a small five-pointed star, and then the large number "66" in the center. At the bottom of the shield, the words "HISTORIC ROUTE 66" are written in a curved banner. Below the shield, the words "ROAD MAP" are written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.[illegible]

# Thanks for all the Fun on the Run



## Fun Run 2016

Still keeping our numbers strong at 756 participating vehicles this year! Thank you to all who contributed to make this year's 29th Annual Route 66 Fun Run another fun-filled event.

Angel never imagined that we would still be celebrating the historic designation and rebirth of Route 66 so many years after the dedication of Historic Route 66 in 1988. We are looking forward to celebrating the 30th Fun Run next year with some extra special events. Not only will it be the 30th Annual Fun Run but Angel will also be turning 90 next year, just a few short weeks before the Fun Run. So we will all have some extra celebrating to do next year. Start preparing now!

For more information on the Fun Run, or the Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona, the Association Angel started in 1987 to get Route 66 back on the map, visit the Association's website at <http://www.azrt66.com/> or call them at (928) 753-5001.

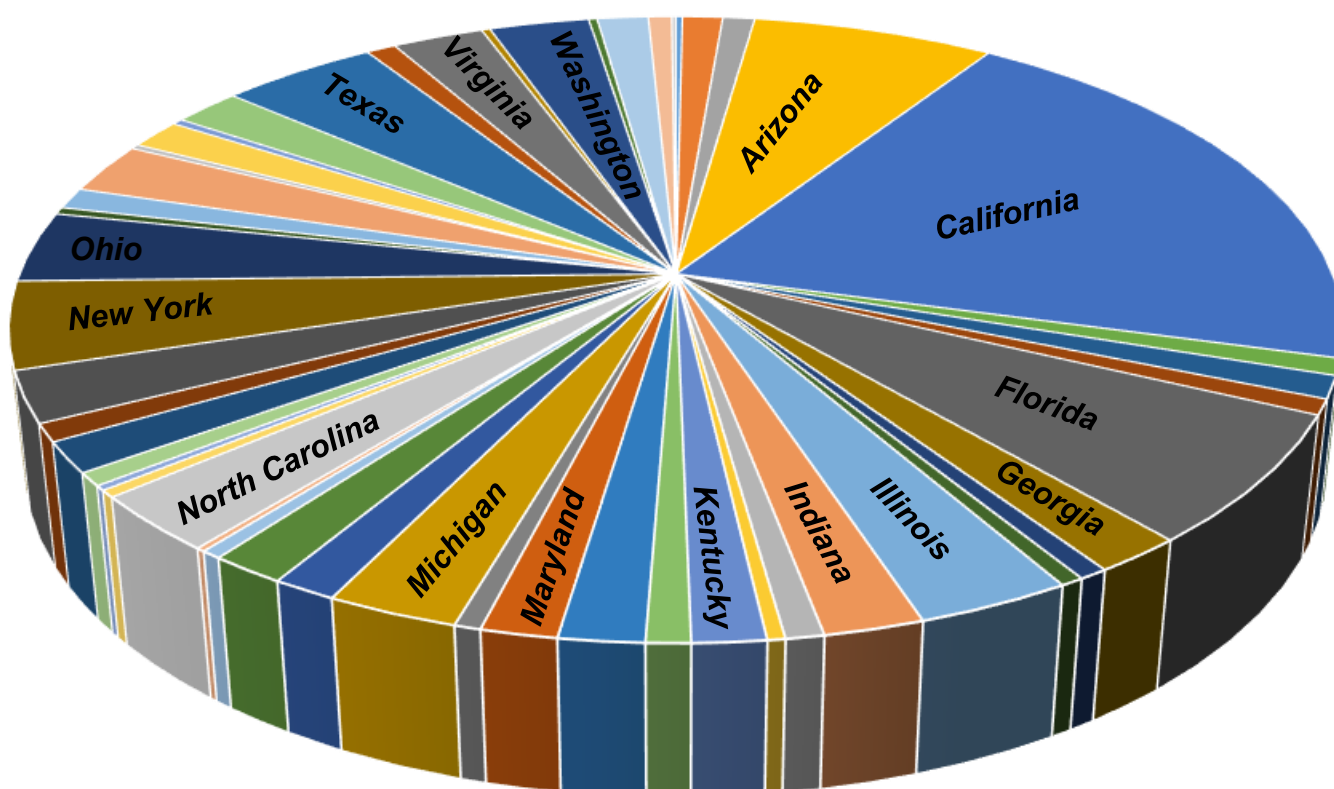


# Our V.I.P. Guest List

So, just for fun, we tallied up our guest book entries from last year to find out where you all were coming from and here are the results on this and the next page! Of course, this is just a count of the people who actually signed the guest book. Many more people from more places actually visited us last year. (And please note that we assigned categories by our visitors' entries. For example, we have the United Kingdom as a category but if someone wrote England, Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland, we put them in those separate categories.)

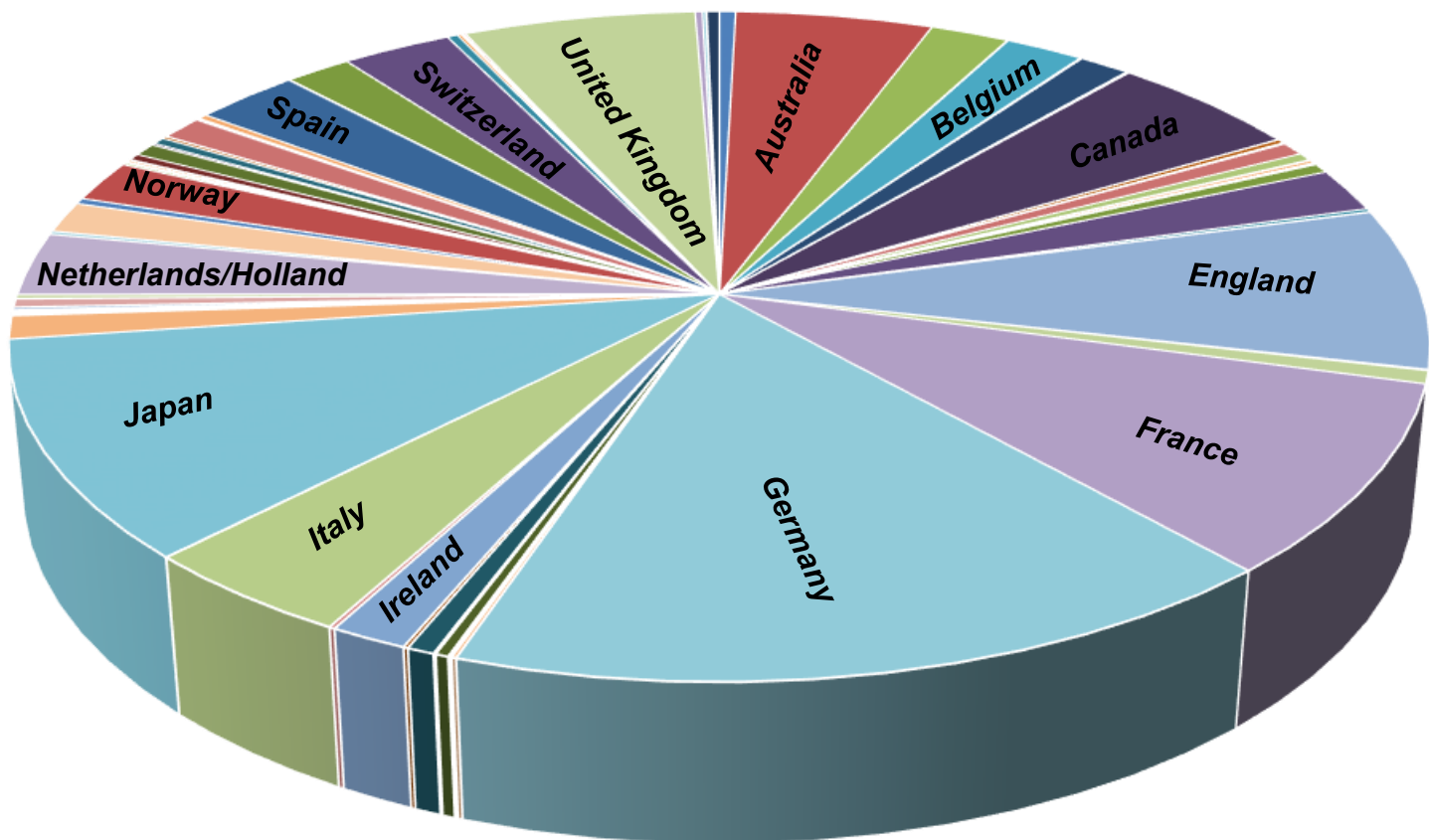
(collected from guest book entries: April 5, 2015, when we started our new guest book, to December 31, 2015)

The States of our Domestic Visitors from our Guest Book  
April-December 2015



|                  |                  |                   |                   |                |                  |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Alaska 3         | Alabama 19       | Arkansas 25       | Arizona 114       | California 329 | Colorado 14      |
| Conneticut 19    | Delaware 13      | Florida 109       | Georgia 31        | Hawaii 10      | Idaho 8          |
| Illinois 53      | Indiana 34       | Iowa 13           | Kansas 6          | Kentucky 25    | Louisiana 15     |
| Massachusetts 29 | Maryland 26      | Maine 9           | Michigan 45       | Minnesota 22   | Missouri 26      |
| Mississippi 7    | Montana 3        | North Carolina 48 | North Dakota 6    | Nebraska 4     | New Hampshire 11 |
| New Jersey 26    | New Mexico 15    | Nevada 43         | New York 74       | Ohio 60        | Oklahoma 6       |
| Oregon 18        | Pennsylvania 43  | Rhone Island 4    | South Carolina 25 | South Dakota 5 | Tenessee 32      |
| Texas 74         | Utah 14          | Virginia 43       | Vermont 4         | Washington 47  | Washington DC 4  |
| Wisconsin 24     | West Virginia 11 | Wyoming 2         |                   |                |                  |

## Countries of Our International Guest Book Visitors April - December 2015



|                   |                         |                      |                       |                     |
|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Argentina 18      | Australia 220           | Austria 88           | Barbados 1            | Belgium 88          |
| Bermuda 2         | Brazil 57               | Bulgaria 1           | Cambodia 2            | Canada 217          |
| Canary Islands 1  | Catalonia 8             | Chile 3              | China 27              | Columbia 16         |
| Corsica 1         | Costa Rica 1            | Croatia 6            | Cuba 3                | Cyprus 1            |
| Czech Republic 19 | Denmark 89              | Dominican Republic 7 | Egypt 1               | England 328         |
| Equador 2         | Finland 26              | France 387           | Germany 706           | Greece 4            |
| Guatemala 2       | Hong Kong 1             | Hungary 11           | Iceland 2             | India 23            |
| Indonesia 4       | Ireland 65              | Israel 5             | Italy 184             | Jamaica 1           |
| Japan 443         | Korea 47                | Kuwait 1             | Latvia 2              | Lithuania 1         |
| Luxembourg 3      | Macedonia 1             | Majorca 2            | Malaysia 6            | Mexico 17           |
| Nepal 9           | Netherlands/Holland 128 | New Caledonia 7      | New Zealand 63        | Northern Ireland 12 |
| Norway 84         | Oman 4                  | Pakistan 1           | Panama 2              | Paraguay 4          |
| Peru 2            | Philippines 13          | Poland 26            | Portugal 4            | Puerto Rico 14      |
| Russia 5          | Saudi Arabia 1          | Scotland 48          | Serbia 1              | Slovakia 1          |
| Slovenia 2        | South Africa 10         | Spain 118            | Sri Lanka 1           | Sweden 74           |
| Switzerland 123   | Taiwan 12               | Thailand 4           | Trinidad and Tobago 2 | Turkey 3            |
| U.K. 259          | Uruguay 8               | Venezuela 4          | Vietnam 1             | Wales 14            |



# History Page

*because getting here has been half the fun!*

In preparation for the 30th Annual Fun Run next year, in this and the next 3 newsletters the history page will be featuring the story about how Angel and his fellow Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona friends helped bring Route 66 back as a historic highway, and how Angel made Seligman the "Birthplace of HISTORIC Route 66"

## The Rebirth of Route 66: PART 1

In 1926 the 2,448 highway called Route 66 was born by assembling local roads throughout Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California. In order to maximize driving on flat terrain with moderate climates, the new highway had an untraditional diagonal course connecting numerous rural towns, including Seligman, which brought greater mobility to the people of the remote communities as well as the travelers passing through.

Over the years the businesses and services for travelers increased in Seligman as the traffic continued to increase. Motels, restaurants, gas stations, and automobile service stations occupied the town and hummed with business. But this lifeblood of traffic and the business it brought to Seligman abruptly stopped on September 22, 1978. It was on this date that Interstate 40 opened just a couple miles south of Seligman, replacing U.S. Highway 66 as the main thoroughfare across northern Arizona. Seligman had seen its share of hard times in the past but this by-pass by the new interstate hit the town of Seligman like nothing else ever had. One day 9,000 vehicles were passing through town in a 24 hour period, the next day they were all gone.

Seligman's residents had to learn how to deal without the economic base of catering to travelers. Gas stations and restaurants were forced to close. The businesses that were able to stay open had to learn to live on a fraction of the business or they changed their businesses to cater to the increasingly small community. Almost all of the people that had once stopped to eat, get fuel, and stay the night were now quickly driving by just two miles south of Seligman, not even aware they were passing by a town. For all intents and purposes, Seligman no longer existed to the world. Many townspeople were forced to move, others had to stay because they were not able to sell their homes in what was becoming a ghost town. Tragedies and hardships ensued. The county turned the street lights off, the state excluded Seligman's existence on the interstate signage between Flagstaff and Ash Fork, the railroad crews that had helped keep Seligman's economy afloat were forced to leave, the train ceased stopping in Seligman. The economic situation became more desperate and bleak with every passing year.



Seligman's local barber, Angel Delgadillo, owner of a barber shop and pool hall on Route 66 (at the time renamed "Chino Avenue"), had spent years fighting for Seligman's continued existence. He fought to get the streets lights turned back on and to get Seligman on signs on Interstate 40. He was involved in the Chamber of Commerce for years trying to come up with ways to improve the economy but nothing worked.

Over the years Angel would occasionally get travelers stopping in his barber shop who would talk about how they had driven on Route 66 years ago, often as children on family vacations, and how much they missed the old road. Sometimes he would get international travelers trying to find old Route 66 because they were interested in traveling on "America's Main Street." More and more, Angel would hear the same story from people about the nostalgia they had for Route 66 and the days of leisurely road trips and a sense of old fashioned Americana. Angel finally came to the conclusion that the answer to Seligman's problem was literally right under his nose every time he crossed the street: the road, the road formerly known as Route 66.



## The Return of the Hoehns

In May, Sylvia and Bernhard Hoehn visited us from Germany for the 6th time in 5 years! They have been here in 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015 twice, and again this May of 2016. On their first trip of 2015 they presented Angel with a felt Burma Shave sign for his barbershop. On one of their visits they bought the book that has all the Burma Shave sayings featured on their signs throughout the years. One day when Sylvia came across the saying "MY JOB IS KEEPING FACES CLEAN AND NOBODY KNOWS THE STUBBLE I'VE SEEN" she thought it was the perfect saying for Angel, the barber! She loves to sew and came up with the idea of the sign.



If you have been in the barber shop in the last year, you couldn't have missed the sign! It was such a thoughtful and appropriate gift for the barber who saved Route 66! It is always such a pleasure to see this delightful couple. We are so fortunate they choose to come to our little town every time they visit the United States. Lovely people!

***And here are some of our other wonderful visitors this last quarter:***



## New YouTube Videos

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

On his YouTube Channel "1953 Cadillac on Route 66" Anthony Reichardt just recently posted some Route 66 videos from footage taken on a trip of his in 1993. One of those features Juan at the Snow Cap.

It is such a great video featuring Juan that we created a new playlist called "Snow Cap and Juan Delgadillo". Many of our videos in our "Route 66 and Seligman" playlist feature Snow Cap so we will need to add those to our new playlist but for now it only has this one great new addition. Please watch it. It is a treasure!



# New Products at [www.route66giftshop.com](http://www.route66giftshop.com)



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*Messenger Bags \$19.99*



*Angel's Barber Shop  
Rubber Magnet \$5.99*



*\$9.99*

*Skull Caps*



*"Route 66 Signs" or "Scenic 66"*



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## The Birthplace of Historic Route 66

