

# THE ORIGINAL ROUTE 66 GIFT SHOP NEWSLETTER



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## *Our Big Archival Project with NAU!*

We are excited to announce that we have started an archival project with Northern Arizona University to preserve the documents that Angel has accumulated (and luckily kept) over the years as he has lived his extraordinary life. We are just in the beginning stages of archival as we sort through the historical documents. Of course, our main collection that we will be donating to NAU are the papers that helped to create the Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona, the association Angel started in 1987 to get Route 66 back as a historic highway. Other collections will include more personal information on Angel, his family, and other projects he has worked on over the years. Angel has documentation of when he successfully fought the state for highway signage noting Seligman's existence, and other causes that were fought for the survival of his hometown. We are also digitizing all the important documents, photos, as well as newspaper and magazine articles that have featured Angel over the years before we give them to NAU.

It is proving to be a big project but we are so happy to finally get to archive everything for our own use and to eventually have it available at the university for the public to enjoy. We keep finding so much great information and history that we would like to share with you, so we are going to add a standing Route 66 history page in our newsletter. See page 2!



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

**"The whole reason that  
makes Route 66 famous"**

*"Can't separate Angel  
from Route 66. And it's  
the whole reason that  
Route 66 is famous and  
still exists today. When  
you are in the area, you  
must visit this shop  
which has historical sig-  
nificance."*

***TripAdvisor Review from  
"Geminican"  
on January 2, 2016***



Among the piles of Route 66 history: Mauricio, Clarissa, and Mirna with NAU Cline Library Archivists, Sean Evans and Jonathan Pringle.

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# History Page

*because getting here has been half the fun!*

We are excited to introduce our new History Page in our newsletter. We, of course, want to keep you abreast of current happenings here at the Original Route 66 Gift Shop but we also need to remember our past. The history of Route 66 is what makes the road and the people on it what they are today.



**Our building in the 1920s!**

**When it was still a duplex housing two homes.**

## Seligman, Arizona

*Cowboy Capital of Northern Arizona*

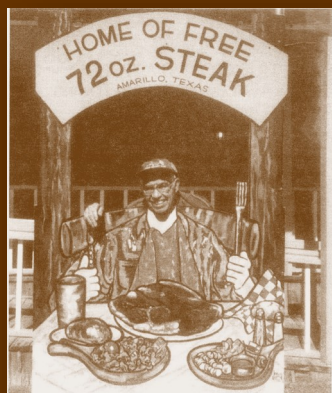
Located in the heart of one of the Southwest's greatest cattle countries is the little town of Seligman, supported by livestock, railroad and tourist travel. Water used in this little town must be hauled by tank car from a distance of sixty miles.

Ranching in this country is on a large scale and dependent upon the cowboy. From the Big Sandy to the Kaibab Forest, a distance of between fifty and sixty miles, and from the Grand Canyon, a distance of more than a hundred miles, the range is practically controlled by four large cattle companies: the Green Cattle Company, which includes the Baca Grant, the Double O, the Cienega and the three V's. The fencing in this area is meagre and the tending and care of the cattle is dependent upon the cowboy and his horse. Cowboys are to be seen on the streets of Seligman daily.

Seligman's growing popularity with the tourists is due largely to its location mid-way between two of the southwest's most outstanding wonders, Boulder Dam and Grand Canyon. Finding a demand for a stopping place between these famous spots, Seligman has been quick to provide the best in tourist accommodations. The cafes, auto courts, hotels, service stations and garages of Seligman are famous along Highway 66 for their outstanding service to the traveling public.



**In 2002, When we made the cover of French Magazine, GRAND SUD. You can see this article and more on our website on the "Us in Print" page**



In February of 2000, Angel traveled to Oklahoma City to represent the Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona at the meeting to discuss the future of the Route 66 Corridor Act.

Left: Angel in Amarillo, Texas hamming it up (...steaking it up?)

Right: Angel in Tucumcari, New Mexico at the iconic Route 66 motel, the Blue Swallow.





Some of Our New Products Available Online at [www.route66giftshop.com](http://www.route66giftshop.com)



And over 200 more products available online—All Made in the USA!

## A Route 66 Miracle!

This last February, Nobuhiro, a university student from Japan was travelling Route 66 from Chicago to Los Angeles. Like any dedicated Route 66 traveler, he visited us here at the Birthplace of Historic Route 66. He toured the shop, viewed Angel's award case, and looked at the pictures of the Japanese celebrities that have been here. He bought some gifts and got in his car. He then thought he would like to have his picture taken where the famous Japanese pop star, Yamapi, sat and interviewed Angel so he came back in to the store asked Mauricio if he would take his picture. Mauricio obliged after which they spoke awhile before the young man decided to leave for the second time. By the time he had got in his car to leave, another rental car, travelling the opposite direction, pulled up in front of the gift shop and its occupants departed. Nobuhiro couldn't believe his eyes. The group were his friends from university in Japan! They were also doing a Route 66 trip but they started in California and were heading east. They were all so surprised and excited to see each other they wrote of their "miracle" in our guest book and all signed it. Had Nobuhiro decided to leave the first time, or even 10 seconds earlier than he did, he would not have realized he just missed seeing his friends from home! The unexpected rendezvous was a delight for all and a reminder to us how truly lucky we are here at the Original Route 66 Gift Shop to be part of moments such as this.

| WELCOME HOME! Please Sign Our Guest B |               |   |               |                      |
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|                                       | MAKOTO Kimchi | Japan                                       | Good!!        |                      |

The story, as told by the boys, in our guest book.



Angel with the reunited university students.



## THE HISTORIC ROUTE 66 ASSOCIATION OF ARIZONA

Ever since Angel Delgadillo founded the Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona on February 18, 1987, the Association has remained a tireless champion of Route 66. They have been responsible for:

- Arizona's segment of Route 66 being designated as, An Arizona Historic Road, a National Scenic Byway AND an All-American Road, the highest national designation possible
- Securing over 3 million dollars in FHWA Byway Program grants for the Arizona Route 66 communities
- The Historic Route 66 Passport Program
- The installation of Historic Route 66 and National Scenic Byway, and All American Road signage
- The yearly "Fun Run", the 800+ car parade celebrating the longest stretch of Route 66 left in the country

In addition, the Association continues to assist all of Arizona's Route 66 communities with preservation and marketing projects.

The Original Route 66 Gift Shop is a Corporate Sponsor of the Association and is very involved in the programs the Association is working on to promote the Route 66 communities of Arizona.

If you would like to help the good work the Association does, please consider becoming a member. There is a membership form on the last page of this newsletter for your convenience. For more information about the Association go to [www.azrt66.com](http://www.azrt66.com). Thank you!

# Route 66 and the Golden Monkey

Did that get your attention? Good, because we don't have much more information than that!

The IPDI Group of Kirk Vacation, a Chinese Tour Company, visited us on March 3rd to film a short love story for HTTV here in our historic location on Route 66.

We know very little of the story, except that a golden monkey is involved. We were also informed that Mauricio and Mirna may be included in some of the shots. Filming is continuing through April but we asked to see the film when it is finished. We will of course share it with you if it is available to watch online.

Below is a picture of Mauricio and Mirna with the cast and crew. Everyone looks wonderful but you can barely see the golden monkey in the back!







# 2016 FUN RUN

This year marks Angel's 29th celebration of making Route 66 a Historic Highway and saving his home town! If you want to come join the FUN you can print a Fun Run registration form at [www.azrt66.com](http://www.azrt66.com) or if you would like to register over the phone or would like more information, call (928) 753-5001.

**Here is what is happening on Fun Run Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> in Seligman.....**

Noon to 6:00 pm Fun Run Registration at ACME

3:00 to 7:00 pm BBQ at St. Francis Catholic Church by St Vincent DePaul

7:00 to 11:00 pm Dance on the patio at the Snow-Cap Drive-In

7:00 to 11:00 pm Dance at the Black Cat Bar with "The Mohave Green Band"

7:00 pm "Cruisin' Route 66 Parade"

**And on Saturday Morning April 30<sup>th</sup>.....**

7:00 to 10:00 am Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Women's Society

10:00 am As usual, Angel will start the first car on the run to Kingman!

(for events in the other towns during Fun Run weekend go to [www.azrt66.com](http://www.azrt66.com))

You can now  
download the  
previous news-  
letters on our  
website!



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## The Birthplace of Historic Route 66





# Help Preserve Route 66!

## Join the Association today!

*The Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona (founded in 1987), is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to the preservation, protection, and promotion of both the surface and memories along Arizona's portion of Route 66.*

### **Annual Individual Membership: \$25**

- Association Member window decal
- 10% discount on all purchases at the gift shop in the Kingman Powerhouse
- Subscription to the Association's quarterly e-mail newsletter, "East to West"
- An invitation to attend the Association's All-Community Meeting held each July to help direct the future of Arizona's Route 66 National Scenic Byway Program

## Membership Application

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I am a new member    \_\_\_\_ I am a renewing member

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Additional donations are appreciated! \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

☐ Payment enclosed: CASH / CHECK / MONEY ORDER    \*OR\*    CREDIT CARD    ☐ VISA    ☐ MC/DISC

Credit card number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_ (3 digit code on back of card)

Signature (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona

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