

THE ORIGINAL ROUTE 66 GIFT SHOP NEWSLETTER



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FAMOUS IN FREIBURG



We are so fortunate to have so many repeat customers from all over the world. One of them is Reiner Harteker from Freiburg, a town in Southwest Germany near the French border. Reiner has visited us 1998, 2009, and in 2011 when he gave us his Freiburg license plate "FR HD66." In January of this year Reiner was reading his local newspaper and was surprised and delighted to see that his Freiburg license plate was featured in a story about Seligman! On August 20th of this year Reiner visited us again, this time bringing his son Frank and a copy of the newspaper. Thank you, Reiner, for all the visits, the license plate, and for helping to make us famous in Freiburg!



Top: Frank, Reiner, and Mira this August Bottom Left: The Freiburg newspaper from January Bottom Right: 2011 when Reiner gave Angel his plate



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

"Sit in Angel's barber chair!"

"If you want to learn more about the history of Seligman and Historic Route 66, visit Angel's shop! While it is now a gift shop instead of a pool hall, there is still the original barber shop in a side room where you can get a hair cut or straight shave from Angel Delgadillo who lived through the opening of I-40 and the toll it took on Route 66. Angel was not in the day we visited, but the ladies working at the gift shop were super friendly and welcoming, and they took the time to tell us all about the history and answer our questions. We even tacked up a dollar bill with our names on it! Great stop in along the way on Route 66!"

*TripAdvisor Review from
"sl694763" on August 20th 2016*

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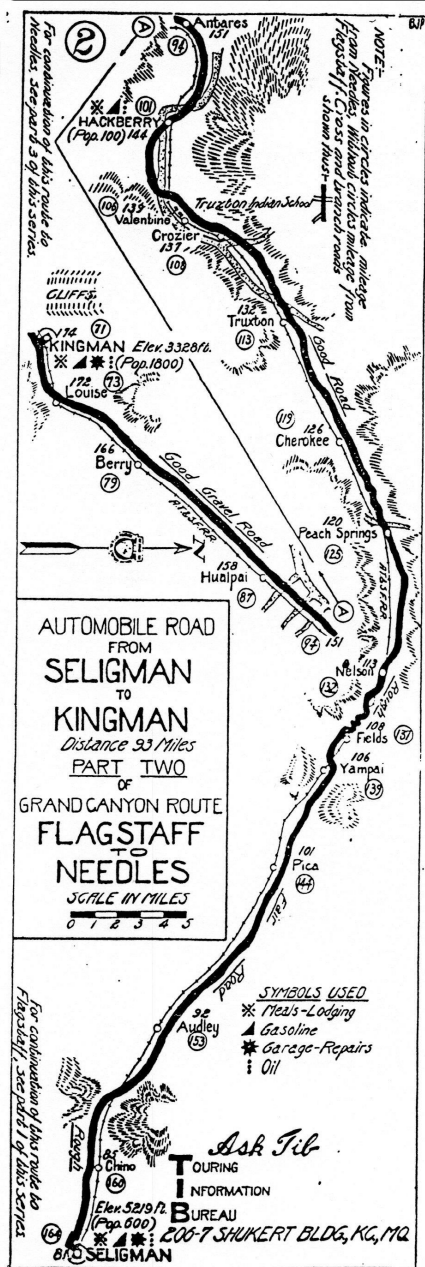


History Page

*because getting here has
been half the fun!*

In preparation for the 30th Annual Fun Run next year, here is our second installment 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 2



Descriptive Log of this Strip Map, Pages 225-231.

With his newly realized inspiration that bringing back Route 66 might be the answer to saving his hometown of Seligman, Angel and his wife, Vilma, drove down the beautifully scenic but lonely and forgotten stretch of Old Highway 66 to Kingman. Along the way they visited the businesses to see what other former Route 66 business owners thought of his idea to make Route 66 a "historic" highway to promote travel through their towns. With each stop Angel and Vilma were greeted with enthusiasm for the idea. Fueled by the interest he generated on this road trip, Angel called a meeting at the Copper Cart Restaurant on February 18, 1987 to organize a group to promote a Historic Route 66. The meeting was comprised of only a dozen people from along old Route 66 in Northwest Arizona and resulted in the founding of the Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona, the first group of its kind. The Seligman residents at the meeting included Angel (elected President); his wife, Vilma Delgadillo; his brother Juan Delgadillo, long-time owner of the Snow Cap Drive-In; Louise Brown, owner of the Copper Cart; Lilo Russell; Tim Pender; John Layman (elected Vice President.) Out of town attendees included Jerry Richard of Kingman (elected Treasurer), Dave Wesson of Kingman (elected Secretary), and Ray and Mildred Barker of Truxton, owners of the Frontier Café and Motel.

On March 8, 1987, seventeen days after the first meeting that marked the establishment of the Association, the group met again. This time they met at the Grand Canyon Caverns and this time they had reinforcements. The total gathered was almost triple that of the group who had met in February. During this meeting treasurer Jerry Richard proved what a powerhouse he was as he detailed the good reception he had received from personally meeting with John Wettaw from the House of Representatives, Ed Corral from the Department of Transportation, E. Leroy Brady the Chairman of the Historic Roads Committee, and Vic Heller the State Office of Tourism Director. Having laid the groundwork with so many key members of the Arizona government so quickly and to receive such positive responses from each of them was nothing short of incredible.

The excitement and energy were infectious in these few first few meetings of the Association. The more the idea was discussed, the more the business owners and communities believed this was the solution to their plight. Even at this early stage of the fledgling Association, the members were so sure they would be successful in their mission they began discussion of arranging an opening ceremony for Historic Route 66. How right they were to be so positive!

Map from a 1914 edition of an automobile route book provided by Vice President, John Layman, featured in one of the early association newsletters

So, Mirna has been making this joke for years...



When people come into our shop for the first time and see all the money from all over the world that we have been given over the years, they often want to know if they can contribute something to the collection. Mirna often replies with "Yes, today we are accepting \$100 American bills for the wall." It's a joke. We never expected anyone to ever give us a \$100 bill for the wall. But as they say, never say never. On Father's Day this summer, Larrisa Wong did just that! Larrisa came here on a Joy Holiday tour out of San Francisco and after hearing Angel's story on her tour and seeing our money collection, she decided she wanted to contribute a \$100 bill to the wall. And she came to this decision unprompted by Mirna's joke! Thank you Larrisa, you have definitely made your mark on Route 66!



New additions to our license plate collection

This summer Angel received two new international license plates in the mail accompanied by very nice letters. The first letter is from Suzanne Rogers from Belgium:

Dear Angel & Vilma,

A few years ago, I visited your shop/tourist office with a couple of friends and loved it! We all very much enjoyed our visit to your picturesque town of Seligman.

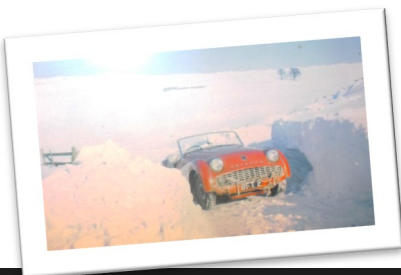
I noticed at the time that you had no number plates from Belgium. As a Belgian national I was rather concerned.

I have recently moved to France and have changed my number plates for some French ones. I therefore enclose the previous Belgian plate. This is a very new type and I hope that you will find a place for it somewhere on the wall or the ceiling!

The second letter is from Bill Robson from England:

Dear Angel & Vilma,

As promised when I visited Seligman and called in at your shop (for the third time in 8 years) in May—Here is the license plate from my car. The number has been on all my cars since 1958 when it was a Triumph TR3A. I have enclosed a photograph of the Triumph in the Winter of 1962/63 stranded in snow on the road to my farm (for 16 days!)



The plate has also been on a Ford Anglia in which I competed on the Monte Carlo Rally in 1995.

My three visits to your shop have all been very (too) short as each time I have been with a 'Titan' bus tour. The second time I did meet you Angel & had a photograph taken with you which I really treasure. I love Route 66—Keep up the good work!!

Then...

A few weeks after receiving our first Belgian license plate from Suzanne, we received two more Belgian license plates from Curd Ardenory, delivered by his cousin, Tamara Ardenoy!

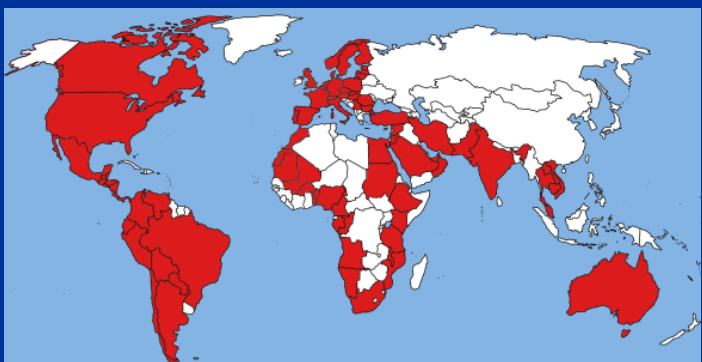


HERBIE'S WORLD TOUR: The Love Bug has the Travel Bug!

Domi & Zainab Hoher from Austria have spent years travelling around the world in their own Herbie the Love Bug. This adventurous couple visited us on August 4th of this year.



Read about their amazing adventures and see their beautiful pictures from all over the world on their website and blog at www.herbiesworldtour.com



*Sometimes asking people
"Where are you from?"
just isn't necessary...*

When a tour bus pulls up and people with lederhosen walk off of it, you just know that "Willkommen" is the proper thing to say. So this year we started Oktoberfest on September 4th!

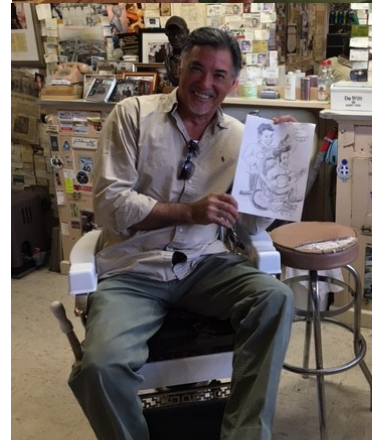


Max & Barbara Rohrmair
from Merching in Bavaria Germany

Did Angel cut Elvis's hair?

Sure, why not? After all, we have the picture to prove it. Perhaps it's not a photograph, but it is a picture....

This last June, a very talented artist, Agustin C. Bravo, decided he wanted to leave something special here at Angel's Barber Shop. While in the shop he did a quick caricature of Angel cutting Elvis's hair. It now resides in Angel's Barber Shop as proof of this momentous fictional event. Next time you come in you will have to see it for yourself.



Paintings from Agustin's collection "The Vanishing of a People"

Agustin posing with his latest work of art

New YouTube Videos

www.youtube.com/route66giftshop

In both our Seligman/Route 66 and our Angel Delgadillo playlists we have the video titled "Grand Canyon, Route 66, and Creepy Flinstones Town" by JustinScarred. This guy is very entertaining. There is a reason he gets 7,000 views in his first day of posting a video. The video is about an hour long and includes a lot of other information but Seligman is the best part, of course! The real highlight of the video is that you get to see Angel playing a gig with his band on August 28th of this year. Angel's band includes his friend Pat Casaus on bass, his nephew John on drums, and his 96 year old brother, Joe, playing guitar.

Also check out Justin's video "The Real Life Cars Land and the Grand Canyon" if you haven't seen it yet. Great, entertaining, and informational!

A heartfelt review from Facebook

"This is no ordinary gift shop and barbershop it is the birthplace of "The Historic Route 66". Thanks to Angel we get to experience what it truly is to be welcomed home. I honestly can not even think about Angel or Seligman AZ without this yearning to go back, the same yearning we all feel that we could be young again and at home with Mom and Dad or at Grandma and Grandpa's house. Thank you for giving me the ability to not only feel that but to experience that for real. Everyone and I mean every human being should get to experience the wisdom and caring of Angel Delgadillo."

Posted by Eric Higgins, June 15th

Thank you, Eric!

Some of our New Products at www.route66giftshop.com

Bottle Stoppers \$8.99

Hat/Lapel Pins \$4.99

Money Clips \$8.99

Bottle Openers \$8.99

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