

# MAPS & MEMBERSHIP



If you plan to drive the old highway, the *Collector's Edition* of *The Route 66 Traveler's Guide and Roadside Companion* from St. Martin's Press is the most comprehensive source available today. The book contains 42 detailed strip maps of the old roadway across eight states, from Chicago to Santa Monica.

Beautiful Auto Club maps were used as the base for updating, since most of the highway's path was established by 1937. Computer overlays were then produced and the 9 interstate highways that parallel old Route 66 were incorporated.

The resulting guide totals over 30 feet of detailed Route 66 highway coverage, plus a town-by-town commentary. Also included is information on the best times to travel, a sample itinerary, convenient exit-points for attractions in all eight states, and more than 60 pages of roadside stories and new material. Here's a sample map-section and narrative from the *Traveler's Guide*, covering old Route 66 through Missouri. Interstate 44 is represented by the sweeping double line.

## Springfield - Carthage

The town names along this stretch of Route 66 sing a special song in passing: *Albatross*, *Phelps*, *Rescue* . . . *Log City* and *Stone City* are only shadows of what they were. Indeed, from this section of the old route on west, through parts of Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona, the number of abandoned businesses and highway attractions increases. In some ways, that's a sad fact. But a more cheerful view is championed by observers like John Brinkerhoff Jackson—that there is a great need for relics like these.

Since we can only experience history through our imaginations, they suggest, the ruins we encounter serve as vital props for any journey of the mind in time. In viewing some roadside ruin, then, we are better able to re-create for ourselves the period in which it stood. An interesting thought—that by seeing clearly what remains, each of us gives some ruin a second life. A chance to exist again, as it once was, in the projection of our mind's eye.

Just knowing this can make the traveling more passionate, the seeing more profound, as you make your way along the old road—itself a relic. Yet a relic that you may revive, if only for a moment, by your passing.

After *Avila*, jog left at the site of an old gas station, then right again onto the older alignment along a line of old telephone poles. At the Y stop-sign, jog right then left again at Missouri 96 and follow it into *Carthage*.

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