



Route 66

No reader alerts or corrections reported at this time.

Traffic Advisories

For the most part, old Route 66 is not filled with ticket-revenue towns. However, police in the Midwest are among the most curious (and observant) in the country. Pull over to change film and you're likely to attract Smokey. Be cool! These guys can and will cite you for attitude.

That said, keep a close watch through Cicero and Berwyn, and watch for cruisers parked on side streets in Joliet. Further down state Bloomington and Springfield are big-ticket towns.

Over in Missouri the area of St. Louis near the former site of the Coral Court may write you up for breathing too fast. West of the city on the old Manchester route, Rock Hill is bad news.

From Joplin west, through Galena, Baxter Springs, Quapaw, Commerce, and Miami, there's not much going on in town, so if you're doing anything odd at all, like speeding or running yellows, you're sure to attract some cruisers.

In Eastern Oklahoma, Route 66 is the "free road" alternative to the neighboring turnpike. All the locals use it, so there's a lot of action with traffic fines in the smaller towns. Watch your speed particularly around Claremore. And west of Chandler, down the hill where the highway makes a hard right, is a good place to find an officer almost any time of day or night.

Approaching and departing Tucumcari and Santa Rosa requires extra caution, as does the area around Moriarty and the eastern edge of Albuquerque. Farther west, take care around Cubero, and especially in Grants. Fines are big revenue-builders here.

In Arizona, cruisers seem to be everywhere in Holbrook and Winslow, especially around I-40 offramps. But Flagstaff wins the Ticket Alley sweepstakes. East of town on the median strip and again to the west, the cruisers have their equipment switched on all the time. It is not uncommon for those guys to stop a vehicle for no apparent reason, just to see if something might turn up . . . Williams and Kingman deserve a very light pedal.

Approaching Needles, California from the east, and through town, stay *under* the posted limits, if you're able to see the signs at all. When it's hot on the desert, most travelers elect to stay on the Interstate from Ludlow on. Which will put you squarely in the sights of the California Highway Patrol along the stretch from east of Barstow, through Victorville, and on into San Bernardino – another Ticket Alley. Typically the officers will let the speed build up in the fast lane and then pull 5-10 vehicles over at a time. Don't be one of them.