“Route 66 in Arizona: Don’t Forget Winona!” Exhibit Images and Display Cases

The Route 66 exhibit contains 23 large format wall images, and eight thematic display cases that include three dimensional materials, books and approximately 100 additional images from the archives.

Wall Images-

Wall images guide visitors from east to west across Arizona along Route 66, from Lupton to Topock through images from a variety of collections and time periods.

Ortega's Indian Market, 1947 alignment of Route 66, Lupton, AZ. August 2007. NAU.PH.2004.11.2.906

Wigwam Motel, Route 66, Holbrook, AZ. August 1992. NAU.PH.2004.11.2.5

Red Gap Ranch Road (1937 Route 66), looking westbound. This location is directly across I-40 from Meteor City at: N 35 12.557' x W 111 36.405'. This piece of Route 66 alignment is approximately 1.5 miles long, and terminates at a locked gate. April 2006. NAU.PH.2004.11.2.576
NAU.PH.2004.11.2.784

East of Winona, looking west towards Flagstaff, 1926 alignment of Route 66. This alignment was originally built by the Forest Service. March 2000. NAU.PH.2004.11.2.119

Winona, AZ. Intersection Townsend-Winona Rd. (foreground, 1926 alignment of Route 66) & 1947 alignment of Route 66 (running across top of image, which will become I-40 W. bound lanes). 1926 alignment of Route 66 lies at lower left. NAU.PH.85.3.211.139

Route 66 & San Francisco Street, Flagstaff, AZ. 1958. NAU.PH.85.3.115.150
West end of Route 66 leading into Flagstaff, Arizona; Saginaw Manistee Lumber Company at left, Arizona Lumber and Timber Company office building on right, Elden Mountain in background, 1950. AHS.0347.00052

Front of Pine Breeze Inn, office, gas station and cabins, 1947 Route 66, Bellemont, AZ. The Pine Breeze Inn is at: N 35 13.452 x W 111 48.036'. February 24, 2006. NAU.PH.2004.11.2.423

Williams, AZ. Intersection of the Santa Fe Railway mainline and the railroad to Grand Canyon. NAU.PH.94.34.4

Desoto Beauty and Barber Shop, Ash Fork, AZ. The Desoto lies on the westbound one-way portion of Route 66 that runs through Ash Fork. April, 2005. NAU.PH.2004.11.2.232
Hi-Line Motel, Route 66, Ash Fork, AZ. June 2008. NAU.PH.2004.11.2.1113

Crookton Road (1930-1950s Route 66), looking west towards Seligman, 4 miles west of Ash Fork. December 1992. NAU.PH.2004.11.2.170

Detail of Supai Motel sign, Route 66, Seligman, Arizona. September, 2005. NAU.PH.2004.11.2.265

The Delgadillo empire, Route 66, Seligman, AZ. Route 66 Fun Run, May 7, 2006. NAU.PH.2004.11.2.561
Mural on West wall of Cowgill's Trading Company, Route 66, Truxton, AZ. November 2006.   NAU.PH.2004.11.2.741

Members of the Canadian Route 66 Association, Hackberry General Store, Route 66 Fun Run, Hackberry, AZ. May 3, 2008.  NAU.PH.2004.11.2.1020

Route 66 and Bruce Dr., Kingman, AZ. Arizona Highway Dept.: 1968  NAU.PH.85.3.210.129

Oatman, AZ. November 1990. Street scenes, Route 66. Oatman remained on Route 66 until 1952 before the Yucca bypass was adopted. Burros currently in Oatman are descendants of miners' burros.

NAU.PH.2004.11.2.204

Route 66 follows the contours of the land west of Oatman, heading for Golden Shores, Arizona. Route 66 Fun Run, May 7, 2006. NAU.PH.2004.11.2.550


Topock, Arizona looking west towards California on the 1952 alignment of Route 66. Topock vanished beneath I-40 when it came in 1969. Arizona Highway Dept.6/29/65 NAU.PH.85.3.209.19

All images are available for use or purchase. See: Ordering From the Archives
Display cases:

Introduction-Who is interested in 66?

This display case opens the exhibit by displaying the publications and materials of groups interested in Route 66 today. These include: newsletters and periodicals from organizations and agencies like the Canadian Route 66 Association; Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona and the U.S. National Park Service. In addition, there are emblems and materials representative of international groups like the Arizona-France Route 66 Association; Corvette Club of France, Irish Route 66-ers and others. Images include Andy Payne running in the “Bunyon Derby” near Flagstaff in 1928, Bottle Trees of Barstow, California 66 highway markers, and the Bagdad café.

Seligman Diorama:

Built by Philip Scandura of Flagstaff, this diorama represents Seligman Arizona from the middle 1950s. The diorama features 23 buildings, two alignments of Route 66, period correct vehicles and Santa Fe freight train. Scale of the diorama is 1:160. Also in this display case are examples of Arizona Route 66 repeat photography that can also be viewed here.
Eastern Arizona Destinations from Route 66:

This case demonstrates the wide array of traveler destinations (or distractions?) ranging from National Parks and Monuments to kitschy roadside trading posts, curio shops, traditional and historic motels and hotels. There are postcards of local motels and hotels; images of the Jackrabbit Trading Post in Joseph City, AZ., and some of its more recent visitors, along with regional Route 66-related memorabilia. Note the jackrabbit silhouette reproduced on top of the case.

Arizona’s portion of Route 66 passes by or through a number of Native American reservations and cultural centers. Represented are historic images of those cultures and memorabilia and imagery of the Trading Post system that served them. Also depicted are books, images and material that illustrate the interplay between the railroad and Route 66.

This display case helps to illustrate the richness of life along Route 66, and the deep history of the places it passed through. Monographs include: *Inventing the Southwest: The Fred Harvey Company and Native American Art* and *The Southwestern Indian Detours: The Story of the Fred Harvey Santa*
Flagstaff and Route 66

Flagstaff, like many northern Arizona towns lives on Route 66. For many years all of the traffic heading west and east on 66 passed through Flagstaff. As a result, the main corridor through town became the focal point of traveler-related business. Depicted are memorabilia from local motels, businesses, and historic images of the events held on 66 including years of the annual Pow Wow parades.

Western Arizona Destinations from Route 66:

Western Arizona has a few destinations of its own (Grand Canyon, Lake Havasu City, the longest stretch of old 66, and the entrance to California across the Colorado River). Included in this case are contemporary and historic images of Williams, Ash Fork, Seligman and more. The Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona is introduced in this case with material from its annual “Fun Run” that runs from Seligman to Golden Shores each year. Books include the important works of Wallis, Dedek and Krim (see the bibliography for the exhibit) which elevate concepts around Route 66 beyond popular imagery. The vintage highway mileage marker comes from Route 66 in western Arizona.
Preservation and Route 66:

There are many groups and individuals who are interested in the preservation of Route 66. Depicted here are groups and individuals who work to preserve Route 66 from a variety of perspectives. Also included are images of the subjects of the Route 66 Oral History Project conducted by the staff of Special Collections and Archives, Cline Library Northern Arizona University. Individuals represented include: Jim Conkle, Angel Delgadillo, Edie DeSoto, Lorrie Fleming, George Game, The Hermann family and Mary Trask (their oral histories are available for listening/viewing on the library’s Digital Archives site). Groups represented include: Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona, and the Canadian Route 66 Association. Publications include Dr. David Dunaway’s “Across the Tracks: A Route 66 Story, and CDs from the NPR series of the same title.

Maps and 66:

The last display case includes a variety of map representations of Route 66 in Arizona, as well as images of the southwest prior to the creation of Route 66. Also depicted are popular images of Route 66 and Arizona in pamphlets and postcards.
Depicted at left (top) is a piece of Route 66 from along the Crookton Road that demonstrates the highway’s “geology” by showing the depth and relative “fineness” of asphalt used in paving 66 over the years. In the background is an enlarged portion of an Arizona Highway Department map from 1953 that shows the course of Route 66 across Arizona in its final pre-Interstate 40 form.

Left (below) is a prototype sign created by the Arizona Highway department to designate stretches of historic Route 66 still in use in Arizona. The sign design was adopted, but the final sign product looks quite different (see the sign visible in the Preservation display case).