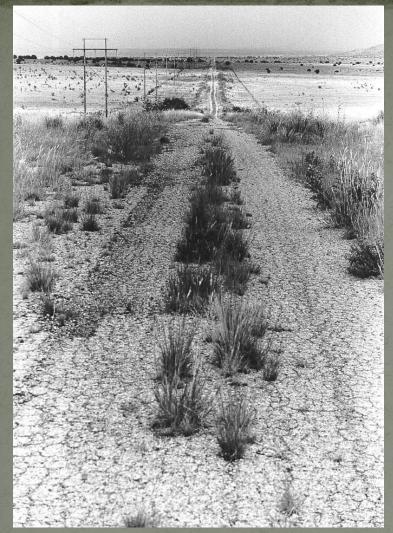
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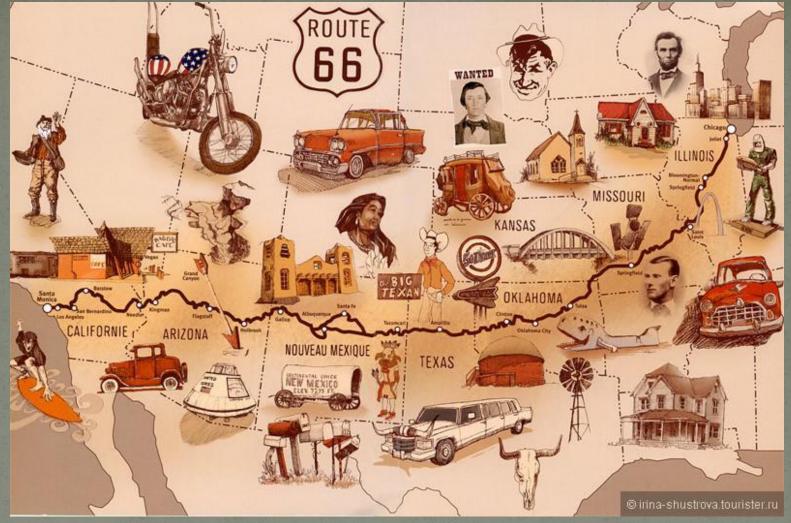


Route 66 is the most famous road in America.





It was born in 1926 as part of the new numbered highway network and quickly grew to be the preferred road west for a nation on the move. U.S



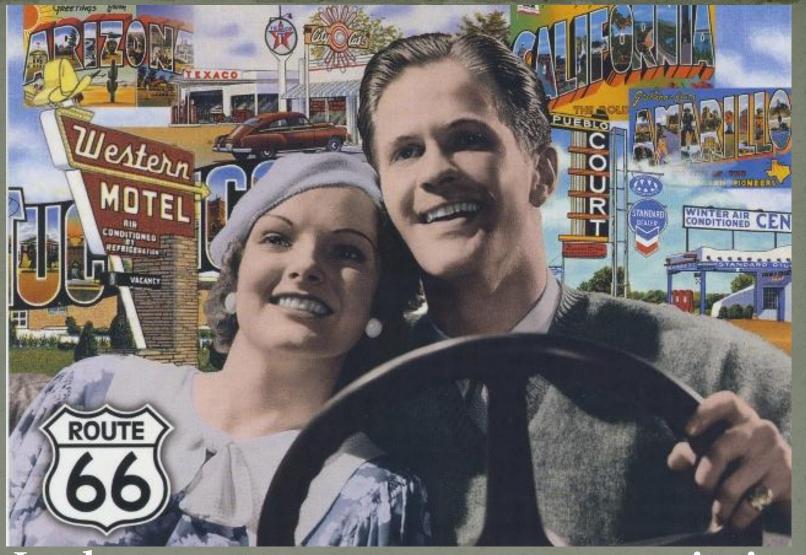
It transformed the American West from an isolated frontier to an economically vital region of the country and made it accessible to anyone with a car.



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Dur the Road of Flight for farm families escaping the Dust Bowl



In the post war recovery years, optimism pervaded the national attitude. Times were good and people traveled.



Part of the charm of Route 66 is its idiosyncratic personality.



This corridor of neon signs and gaudy roadside attractions was embraced by the traveling public as an exciting diversion from ordinary life.



adventure.



What made Route 66 an intimate adventure also made it dangerous. "Bloody 66" was totally accessible.



culture that could not be replaced by a safer but soulless super highway system. Mythical 66 refused to die.



Route 66, stripped of its signs and removed from highway maps, appeared destined to become a forgotten footnote in history.



corridor, was faded, less traveled, and in places, harder to find but still there and waiting to be rediscovered



road. It might not be the corridor west that it once was, but it could still be a road where travelers could experience the landscape.



On March 5, 1989, the Route 66 Association of Illinois was formed with the purpose to "preserve, promote and enjoy the past and present of U.S. Highway 66."



designated a "state heritage" tourism project."

Interesting Facts





