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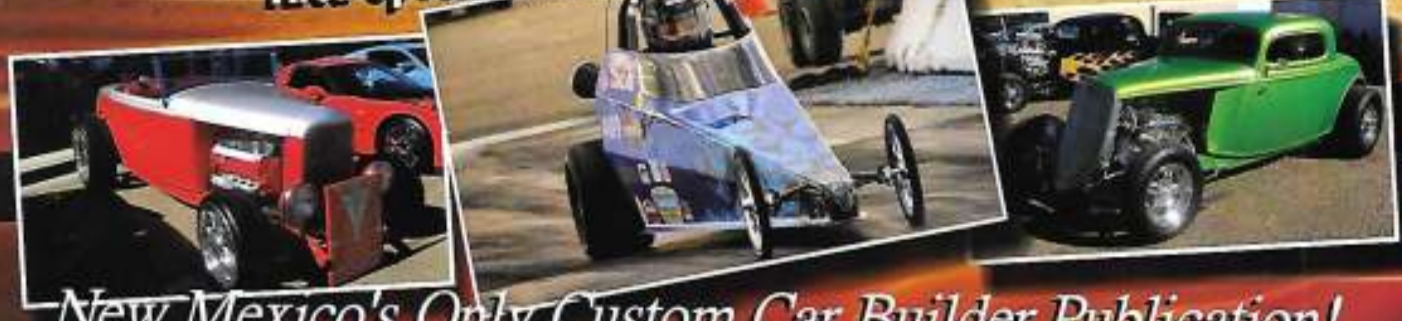
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Nostalgia for Route 66 has grown huge over the years, and towns like Gallup, NM have become popular destinations for Route 66 fans who travel the remnants of the old Mother Road, looking to recapture the romance of days gone by. Gurley Motor Co., a prominent Ford dealership in Gallup, has long been a fixture on old Rt. 66, and has become a meeting point for Route 66 enthusiasts from across the globe.

Motor Co. presented the 9th Annual "Route 66 Ride, Flight and Cruise" Car, Truck and Street Rod Show in downtown Gallup. Gurley Ford partnered with the McKinley County Chamber of Commerce, the Gallup Business Improvement District and the City of Gallup to present this fun and exciting event. 120 registered entries from as far away as California, Utah and Texas attended the 3-day festival, which included a wide variety of activities for kids

of all ages at various locations throughout the town. Hot tunes kept things rockin' all weekend, and tons of delicious food from numerous concessions and local restaurants satisfied everyone's hunger pangs. Not surprisingly, the Beer Garden was one of the more popular attractions. Hot air balloon ascensions and flights on all 3 days of the show, with 26 colorful balloons participating, filled the clear

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blue skies with beauty and excitement. About 40 members of the NM Freedom Riders motorcycle club concluded their annual cross-state trek in Gallup, and wowed the crowd by "Tunnel of Fire" created by the balloonists firing their burners across the road as the bikers passed by. Daily and nightly cruises along old "66" ended up at Gallup's Courthouse Square, and the local Lion's Club provided wonderful BBQ

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cookouts. Dozens of beautiful awards were presented in the various show classes, as well as many coveted Special Awards. Best of Show went to Harold & Doris Moore's '33 Ford coupe. Last year's Best of Show winner Norm Davis drove his '40 Ford sedan from El Centro, CA to earn the Long Distance trophy. Jo Jackson won Best Vintage, Antoinette Drennen won Best Street Rod, and Tony Gallegos won Best Low Rider, just to name a few.

Proceeds from the show totaled about \$3000, which was donated to Gallup's Helping Vets Organization and the NM chapter of the Wounded Warrior Project. Next year's event is already planned and will be better than ever, with more cruises and entertainment. You can contact Steve Gurley at 505-870-7405, or you can check out their website at www.gurleymotorcoroute66carshow.com. See you there!

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