

# 'cause I'm an Outlaw now!!!!



Where was I last time? Oh yeah . . . I promised you more from the Mid-America

Ford/Team Shelby Meet in Tulsa.

Here goes! We spent Saturday at Tulsa Raceway Park for the ALL Ford/Shelby drags . . . meanin', if it ain't Ford powered, don't bring it! But the best part is that there are cars from Oklahoma, of course, North Texas, Arkansas, Missouri and Louisiana . . . Church Point, Louisiana to be exact! Seriously!!

Yes, Raywood and Connie LeJeune from Church Point, owners of A-1 Speed shop in Rayne, were parked next to us last year and it was nice to pit next to them again this year. Last year they were runnin' a late model Mustang and this year they brought a beautiful '64 Fairlane.

It was a short day for their Fairlane, transmission trouble, but Raywood convinced the officials to let him run his double cab, F250 diesel, instead! He did pretty well!

This year Mid-America decided to run the drags like an NHRA event with qualifyin', eliminations and breaks in between each round so it made for a very long and HOT day!

With the temps hoverin' right at 100 degrees, you just can't get enough water while waitin' in the stagin' lanes, it's brutal but hey, I was sittin' in the stands with a cool drink, well it started out cool, and an umbrella.

like all car shows, you have your drivers and your trailer queens. I personally like the drivers. But I know that when you have a numbers matchin' GT500 or an original Shelby, you don't wanna be drivin' it in rush hour traffic, but it needs to run every once in a while.

One of the drivers I really liked was Billy Pope's '62 Galaxie, up from the Dallas area, features a built 390 with factory cast iron shorty headers. Black and silver with red interior just really stood out in the crowd.



Jet engine, and he would know because he's the original owner. Original paint, original interior . . . original everythin'!!! Did I mention he also drag raced it the day before? Not only did he raced it, he won the FE shootout in it!

If you're a Ford Fan, Mid-America Ford/Team Shelby Meet in Tulsa is a great event to check out and see all the old and new Fords & Shelby's!

We've been goin' down to Sonic on Thursday nights for the cruise in with the Outlaw Cruisers Car Club. So, we joined . . . now we're Outlaws!

Ya know, I've always said I wouldn't be part of a club that would have me as a member. Well, maybe I was wrong! Be afraid 'cause I'm an Outlaw now!!!!

I don't have to tell you I like big cars, maybe it's because I'm one of six kids and we always had to have big cars, mostly station wagons. I love a big fat sled but here lately I've really grown fond of Falcons and Galaxies. Falcons remind me of my Grandma Jones, she had a '64 Falcon 4-door.



We parked next to 2 -'69 Fairlanes, one is owned by Rick Glover of Tulsa, and is perfectly original, right down to the Cobra



After getting' the new axle and a change of gear ratio on the '66 Galaxie, it ran it's best time of 14.84 and was eliminated in the first round. BUT, it broke into the 14's! WooHoo!! That was pretty good considerin' it won its time class last year with a 15.34.

Sunday was the car show and swap meet at the host hotel in downtown Tulsa and

Okay, so now that I live just 23 miles off Route 66, I'm tryin' to see all of it I can.

July 4th was a great day to be out in the convertible and on the road to Afton, Oklahoma, population 1,110. Afton is right on Route 66, and way up in the northeast corner of Oklahoma and home to Afton Station, a recently restored former DX gas station, now a Packard museum and visitors center.

I had heard from a mutual friend that Afton Station, owned by Laurel Kane, was

expectin' a group of Norwegian motorcyclist. What? Norwegians? In rural Oklahoma?

Well, I figured if Afton was worth comin' from Norway to see it was worth the hour drive for me to see it!



Afton Station is an Official Route 66 Roadside Attraction and features a few Route 66 trinkets, Route 66 maps, Route 66 guide books and a small collection of memorabilia from The Buffalo Ranch and . . . uh, Route 66!!



On display in Afton Station is also 14 classic cars, 12 of which are Packards and features a 1958 Packard Hark, #266 of only 588 made.



Several thousand visitors a year visit Afton Station, but Afton, like many other towns along The Mother Road, is a dyin' little town.

U.S. 66, aka Route 66, spanin' from downtown Chicago to Los Angeles was established in November of 1926 and was officially decommissioned in June of 1985.

Like so many other little towns along U.S. 66, Afton was left behind in the wake of the U.S Interstate Highway system, left to fend for itself in a world that had bypassed it completely.

Okay, okay, back to the Norwegian Viking invasion of Afton Station!

So, 46 Norwegians fly into Chicago, meet their guide, mount 29 American made Harley-Davidson motorcycles, and 1 motorhome for a 16 day cross country trek of Route 66.



They left Chicago on the 1st of July and by about 3pm on the 4th they had made their way to Oklahoma and Afton. Man, was it hot! And as much as I envy their trip, I pity them in this heat. Yeah, it was hoverin' about 100 degrees . . . wait, what am I sayin'? We were in the convertible with black interior! I was as hot and sweaty as those Vikings!



Well, it was great to be there when they stampeded into town and right into the cooler comfort of Afton Station. The smiles, greetings, and their excitement at the Station and the Packards, well, I don't really know what all their chatter was about since they spoke with heavy accents and I hear with a Southern accent, but they

seemed happy and excited! I felt like some kind of Ambassador or somethin'!



Check [www.twolaneadventures.com](http://www.twolaneadventures.com) for more information.

And to find out more about Afton Station and Packard Museum you can read Laurel's blog at

[www.PostcardsFromTheRoad.net](http://www.PostcardsFromTheRoad.net) or [www.aftonstation66.com](http://www.aftonstation66.com) and if you get the chance to visit Oklahoma's stretch of Route 66 make sure you have Afton on the list of places to stop.

Well, that's it for now!

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PS Just a little local news.....A man walked into a convenience store near by and put a \$20 bill on the counter and asked for change. When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the man pulled a gun and asked for all the cash in the register, which the clerk promptly provided. The man took the cash from the clerk and fled -- leaving the \$20 bill on the counter. The total amount of cash he got from the drawer? ..... Fifteen dollars. Like I said times are gittin' tough on Route 66

**BE CAREFUL OUT THERE PEOPLE!**

I hate people that forward too many warnings as much as anyone, but this one is important!

If someone comes to your front door saying they are conducting a survey on deer ticks and asks you to take your clothes off and dance around, do not do it!

IT IS A SCAM.

They only want to see you naked. I wish I'd gotten this yesterday. I feel so stupid now...