



tell me a story



2024 Valkyrie Moto Rally

Welcome to the 2024 Valkyrie Moto Rally – Tell me a story. Here is your rallybook! You should also download:

1. An excel file that has two tabs. The first tab, labeled “Bonuses” is a listing of each bonus with Bonus Code, Bonus Name, Address, Coordinates, and Point Value. The second tab, Routing Helper, allows you to try out a few routes and see what the point value would be. I put the “freebie” on there for you to see. You type each location by code in a vertical list and the column to the right of it will populate the points associated with it and it gives you a total at the bottom. For the rest bonus, you’ll need to add that yourself because the points are variable based on the duration of your rest and I was too lazy to do an automatic calculation for you. You will also need to show the points associated with completing a story, details can be found on the second tab of the excel file. The Excel file is intended to help you – if there is a conflict between it and the rally book, the rally book takes precedence.
2. A word document that is your claim form for the event. This is not required, HOWEVER, if you would like to question anything that is on your score sheet when you return, you MUST have filled out the claim form. We will only entertain discussions with riders who have their claim form completely filled out. The sequence # to the left of the page is the order of the bonuses as you visit them. This should be identical to the sequence # of your bonuses submitted through the app.
3. .gpx file for navigation systems
4. .kml file for navigation systems

Remember to read and understand the event Rules and Guidance document on the website and be sure that you are always compliant with the rules of the event. This includes, but is not limited to, you wearing a DOT approved helmet anytime your motorcycle is operated for the duration of the event regardless of laws in any jurisdiction. Important note! There are no minimum points to be a finisher of this event. In addition to the requirements that you never violate any rules and successfully claim the REST bonus, you are required to successfully complete a minimum of ONE story from the options presented in the bonus listing beginning on page 6.

There are 19 ‘stories’ on the following pages. Each story contains a series of bonuses related to the topic. Most have 4 bonuses, but a couple have 5 or 6. If you successfully claim all bonuses in a story, you receive the combination points associated with that story. Beware! If you are NOT successful with one of your locations, you will not be awarded the points for the story. You do not need to claim the story points, you will automatically receive the story points when you successfully claim the last bonus in the story.

The order you claim bonuses does not matter. For example, African American Women is story AW and there are 4 locations – AW1, AW2, AW3, and AW4. You could claim AW2 first, then AW4, and so forth. You could have 2 or 3 stories in progress at the same time. You could be halfway through the AW story and pick up a Buffalo Soldier bonus (story BU). HOWEVER, you do need to pay attention to the sequence numbers. The number on your claim form should match the sequence number in the app. This allows staff to help you if you get fouled up or if you think there is something wrong with the score we calculated for you.

When you return to the host hotel on Saturday, staff will print out the score sheet we have for you. It will list all of the bonuses you claimed, indicate if they were approved or denied and

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tabulate your score. If you would like to discuss our score or discuss the reason for a denial, you **MUST** have completely filled out the claim form. We will only entertain these discussions with riders who filled out the claim form during the ride. Do not try to fill it out after you get back to the hotel. Fill it out as you go and then it'll be very easy for you to look at our listing of your locations, look at your claim form and see that everything is there. Most riders are through scoring in less than 5 minutes. Once you have completed your review, if you agree with it, return to the scoring coordinator and sign the sheet next to your name and receive your event swag bag. If you do not agree with it, you may ask the scoring coordinator to notify Nancy you need to discuss a discrepancy. You may respectfully question and discuss, but the Rallymaster (Nancy) has the final word on all scoring matters.

The REST bonus is **MANDATORY** and can be done anywhere. Of course, I want you to sleep and think a hotel room is a great option, but that isn't required if you want to curl up on a park bench or pitch a tent somewhere.

A couple words about bonus locations

To the best of our knowledge, you will find the bonus at the coordinates you are given. If it is not RIGHT THERE, you should be able to see it from the location given. If you have looked around and don't see it, call staff for guidance. Most of the bonuses are available anytime, there are a handful that have a restriction. Most of those are because of operating hours where the bonus is located – you are being given the location's posted hours. Rally staff has no control over when gates are opened or closed or other measures to enforce hours. If you are able to obtain one of these without pissing anyone off, we won't deny it. For example, NO4 is in a cemetery that is open "8AM-Dusk". I can't be more specific for you – that's what is posted. If you get there just past "dusk" and can get in and out, go for it! On the other hand, if you get there before 8AM and there's a closed gate blocking your entry, you'll need to wait for Schneider to come open it. Going around closed gates would constitute pissing people off. Pay special attention to AE4 – there are specific instructions informing you what to do if the gate is closed. Follow them if you plan to visit.

Submitting Bonuses

You will use the rally app on your phone. The rider number and rider code you received to practice prior to the event will be the same during the event. The event passcode will change and be provided to you in Enid. Once the event code for the rally is provided, NO MORE APP PRACTICE.

You are to include your flag with your rider number clearly visible in EVERY photo unless the instructions specifically say that your flag is not needed. There is at least one bonus that doesn't need your flag.

You are to submit each bonus while you are at the location. Most, if not all, will have cell service. If you happen to be at a bonus where there is no cell service, you may submit it when you get down the road a bit and have service. Remember to claim the bonuses in order that you visit them to keep the sequence numbers correct. In other words, don't submit sequence #6 before Sequence #5. I mean, you could, but why would you intentionally make things harder on yourself?

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There is also an option to use a web form, this was provided in the email you received with your app practice email (this email came from “Airtable Automations” and could have landed in your junk or spam. If you still can’t find it, ask Nancy to resend it.)

Contacting staff during the event

If you have issues, questions, can’t find a bonus, a road to a bonus is closed or whatever other things happen during the event, you can text or call us. There’s a good chance the 3 names you see below won’t be more than 10 feet apart most of the 32 hours you’re out there, so calling/texting any one of us will likely get you to all of us. We do plan to get a little shut eye overnight and will send a mass email out to all riders when it’s sleepy time for staff. This will be your cue to only call if you really need us and that should be Nancy. This email might contain some information that was gathered during Friday’s bonus collecting so please be sure to read the email, there might be something important in there – figure it’ll be around 10 or 11PM Central time. If there’s important information about what to do in this or that case, you will be responsible to follow these instructions. But please, if you need us, CALL! It is okay, really. You can be sure we’ll be up and running before 6AM on Saturday so feel free to call that early as well.

If you need to email staff during the rally, please use ldrallyblue@gmail.com this is the email we will have up and active during the rally. Using any other email address will very likely delay staff response.

Nancy Oswald 410-530-7024

Chris Hopper 713-305-1311

Paul Tong 214-250-1340

Don’t forget to call Nancy if you have an accident. Of course, you need to call police, medics, etc for serious incidents. But Nancy must be somewhere pretty high on your notification list please and thank you. This is also a requirement of our insurance.

NON-LOCATION POINTS OPPORTUNITIES

ROUTE – 2,500 points Write or type the bonuses you intend to visit in the order you intend to visit them. It is completely fine if your plans change during the rally. Take a photo (or screenshot) of your list and submit it through the app. You may do this anytime on Thursday or Friday before 7AM. Your flag does NOT need to be in the photo. Since you are submitting this before the rally even starts, this should be Sequence #1 for every rider.

CHAR – 5,000 points Make a donation of any amount to Knitted Knockers. It costs about \$10 per woman helped, if that helps you decide how much to donate. If you give me cash in Enid, I will run the donation through my employer’s charity program and it will be doubled! I cannot give you a receipt for cash donations. Or you may make a donation online at [Donations | Donate to Knitted Knockers](#) Bring the receipt to Enid and show it to the designated staff member on Thursday. We are jotting down the amount from each woman, only to announce at the banquet the total that Knitted Knockers will receive, not because we are judging you for the amount your

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budget can spare. You do NOT need to claim this bonus. Staff will maintain a list of who donated and we will ensure you get credit for the donation.

MEAL1 – 5,000 points Stop for a minimum of 45 minutes at a sit-down restaurant any time on Friday, September 20th and eat a meal. You may start the meal clock when you put your side stand down. Make sure your meal clock shows 45 minutes or more (44.9 will be denied). A slice of pie and a cup of coffee is not a meal. No fast food allowed. Take a photo a computer-generated receipt from the restaurant including name, address, date and time, and what you ordered. Remember that the credit card receipt does not show your order. But you might need both to satisfy the requirements. If the restaurant you've chosen doesn't have computer receipts or the information is lacking, call Nancy for help. There is a list of restaurants on page 4 of the rallybook that are approved for Meal Bonuses, but you may use any sit-down restaurant you come across. You may use any of these restaurants for the meal bonus and three of them will garner you extra points!

MEAL2 – 5,000 points Stop for a minimum of 45 minutes at a sit-down restaurant any time on Saturday, September 21st and eat a meal. You may start the meal clock when you put your side stand down. Make sure your meal clock shows 45 minutes or more (44.9 will be denied). A slice of pie and a cup of coffee is not a meal. No fast food allowed. Take a photo a computer-generated receipt from the restaurant including name, address, date and time, and what you ordered. Remember that the credit card receipt does not show your order. But you might need both to satisfy the requirements. If the restaurant you've chosen doesn't have computer receipts or the information is lacking, call Nancy for help. There is a list of restaurants on page 4 of the rallybook. You may use any of these restaurants for the meal bonus and three of them will garner you extra points!

REST – 50 points per minute Stop and rest for a minimum of 4 hours (240 minutes) and a maximum of 8 hours (480 minutes) and earn 50 points per minute. You may start your rest clock when you put your side stand down. You may not move your motorcycle or collect any other bonus during your rest period. You may start your rest at any time but will not accrue points per minute until 8PM on Friday, September 20th. You may end your rest as late as you like but points stop accruing at 8AM on Saturday, September 21st. Maximum of 8 hours or 24,000 points.

The highlighted restaurants will garner additional points, see the details after the list of restaurants.

Restaurant Name	Street Address	City	State	Latitude	Longitude
Cheryl's Diner	211 East Main Street	Cabot	AR	34.972851	-92.045427
Wesner's Grill	117 West Chestnut St	Rogers	AR	36.334168	-94.116848
Red Barn Family Restaurant	624 S Main St	Caldwell	KS	37.02557	-97.60677
Ninth St Diner	230 9th St	Hayes	KS	38.8723	-99.33402
Curtis C's Diner	1039 Washington Rd	Newton	KS	38.0319	-97.33859
JD's Diner	201 Main St	Susank	KS	38.64089	-98.77431
Pops	660 W Highway 66	Arcadia	OK	35.65865	-97.335856
Boulevard Diner	205 SE Washington Blvd	Bartlesville	OK	36.75455	-95.9361
Sid's Diner	300 S Choctaw Ave	El Reno	OK	35.53118	-97.9551
Jenks Restaurant & Amazing Clocks	215 E Main St	Jenks	OK	36.02272	-95.96761

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Angel's Diner	1400 S. George Nigh Expy	McAlester	OK	34.89337	-95.7722
Boom-A-Rang Eastside Diner	828 East Side Blvd	Muskogee	OK	35.75281	-95.35525
The Diner	213 E Main St	Norman	OK	35.22196	-97.44141
Good Gravy Diner	8014 N Western Ave	Oklahoma City	OK	35.55269	-97.53123
Jincy's Kitchen	31392 S Qualls Rd	Park Hill	OK	35.7206	-95.0327
Ralston Corner Café	612 OK-18	Ralston	OK	36.50381	-96.73087
Shortcake Diner	219 N Main St	Stillwater	OK	36.12481	-97.0583
Pam's Hateful Hussy Diner	304 Dallas St	Talihina	OK	34.75203	-95.04885
Tally's Good Food Café	1102 S Yale Ave	Tulsa	OK	36.14758	-95.92276
Texas Chili Parlor	1409 Lavaca St	Austin	TX	30.27698	-97.74195
Mama's Daughters' Diner	2014 Irving Blvd	Dallas	TX	32.79527	-96.82809
Whistle Stop	904 US-287 BUS	Decatur	TX	33.22819	-97.57864
LSA Burger Company	113 W Hickory St	Denton	TX	33.31425	-97.13314
Koffee Kup Family Restaurant	300 2nd St	Hico	TX	31.98306	-98.03283
Zeytin	114 E John W Carpenter Fwy	Irving	TX	32.86605	-96.94463
Hill Country Cupboard	101 US-281	Johnson City	TX	30.27683	-98.40309
Blue Bonnet Café	211 US-281	Marble Falls	TX	30.57078	-98.27602
Rock Inn Café	1022 Boykin Dr	Memphis	TX	34.7339	-100.54351
Rock Inn Café	207 W California St	Seymour	TX	33.59406	-99.26368

Jenks Restaurant & Amazing Clocks – additional 500 points. To receive the additional points at Jenks, find out what is so amazing about their clocks and enter the answer in the “Rider Notes” section of the app when submitting your 45-minute meal break.

Zeytin – additional 500 points. This is a staff favorite and if you like Mediterranean food, we think you’ll love it as well. To receive the additional points at Zeytin, tell us how you liked your meal in the “Rider Notes” section of the app when submitting your 45-minute meal break.

Pam’s Hateful Hussy Diner – additional 1,000 points. I mean, how could this NOT be a location?!?! Nancy would love it if you could get a sticker or some other small item that says Pam’s Hateful Hussy Diner! The décor looks super fun and the reviews aren’t too bad either. To receive the additional points at Pam’s, use the “Rider Notes” section of the app to tell us who hurt Pam to make her a Hateful Hussy when submitting your 45-minute meal break.

STORY COMINATION
BONUS VALUE

STORY

African American Women

3116 points



Women, especially women of color, are chronically not given their due for their accomplishments and contributions to society. Not that we didn't already know this, but boy were we ever made painfully aware when trying to find people other than white men to feature for the 2022 LDX Rally. The following black women are important parts of our history for a variety of reasons: arts and culture, journalism, educational equality, and empowering black folks in all areas of our communities. We are going to honor them for their contributions. Ms. Russell is still alive and contributing to society today.

AW1

119 points

Anytime

Lucile H Bluford

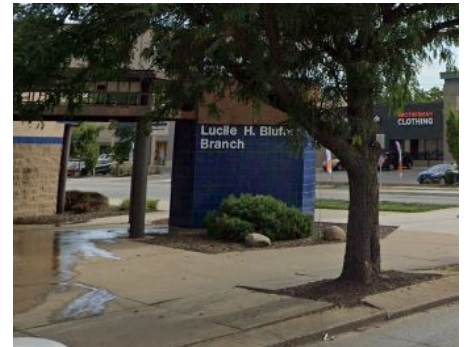
3050 Prospect Ave

Kansas City

MO

Latitude 39.06999

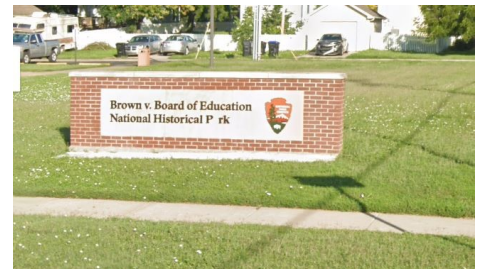
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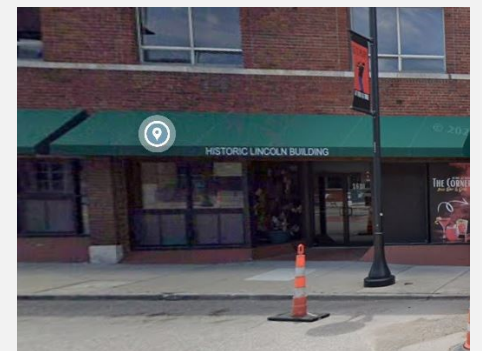
This branch of the Kansas City Public Library system opened in 1988. It was named after Miss Bluford, an amazing African American Woman who lived and worked in the area. There is too much to say about her, but in brief: She was encouraged in her journalism interest by a high school English teacher, Trussie Smothers, at her segregated high school. She was the valedictorian of her graduating class at Lincoln HS in 1928. She graduated with honors from University of Kansas's School of Journalism in 1932, where she was the second black student to study. She briefly worked in Atlanta for The Daily World, but came back to Kansas City to work at The Call. She worked at The Call for 69 years. She rose through the ranks until she was the second editor and publisher of the newspaper. When the owner passed in 1955, Miss Bluford became part-owner with the deceased owner's widow, working until her death in 2003. She was a brilliant, courageous woman, it's wonderful that she is honored in the community she dedicated her life to serving. If you have time, and the library is open, head inside and check out the display honoring this remarkable woman. Take a photo of the sign on the corner indicating that this is the Lucile H. Bluford Library.

AW2**107** points**Anytime****Hattie McDaniel****928 N Wichita St**Latitude **37.69955****Wichita****KS**Latitude **-97.34076**

In case you didn't recognize her name, **Hattie McDaniel** was the first African American to win an Oscar (Best Supporting Actress for her role as Mammy in *Gone with the Wind*). She had **TWO** stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, was inducted into the Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame and is the first black Oscar winner honored with a US postage stamp. She also recorded 16 blues sides and was a radio and television personality. She is near to my heart because breast cancer is what took her life in 1952 at age 59. Ms. McDaniel was born at 925 N Wichita St, so this seems like a fitting place to honor her. In the median of N Wichita St., there is a memorial to her across from a bench. Take a photo of the memorial honoring the amazingly talented Hattie McDaniel.

AW3**213** points**Anytime****Linda Brown****1515 SE Monroe St**Latitude **39.03829****Topeka****KS**Latitude **-95.67601**

When Linda Brown was 9 years old, her father, **Oliver Brown**, wanted her to attend the all-white **Sumner Elementary School** that was close to their home. She was denied enrolment because of her race. Her father joined forces with the local NAACP and sued the **Topeka Board of Education**. By the time the case was decided in 1954, in her favor, she was already in Junior High School so never did attend the elementary school, but she paved the way for many children after her. Make a note and come back when you have more time to see the moving displays inside. Take a photo of the large sign on the corner of SE Monroe St and SE 15th St indicating that this is the **Brown v. Board of Education National Historical Park**.

AW4**147** points**Anytime****Anita L Russell****1601 E 18th St**Latitude **39.091222****Kansas City****MO**Latitude **-94.562926**

There are far far too many accomplishments of **Anita Russell** to list. She is a devoted leader and supporter of community involvement and volunteerism. She was elected **President** of the **Kansas City, MO NAACP** in 2000 and currently serves at the **First Vice-President** of the organization. She also attended **Lincoln High School**, which is the same school as **Lucile Bluford**! Must be something special about good ole LHS producing remarkable citizens! The building where her current role with the NAACP is located is called **The Historic Lincoln Building**. Take a photo of the green awning over the entrance of **The Historic Lincoln Building** which includes this name.

STORY

Amelia Earhart

STORY COMINATION
BONUS VALUE

2169 points



Amelia Mary Earhart was born July 24, 1897 and declared dead on January 5, 1939. She was an American pioneer of aviation. She was the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean as well as many other records set by this brave woman. She was one of the first aviators to promote commercial air travel, wrote best-selling books about her flying experiences, and was instrumental in the formation of The Ninety-Nines, an organization for female pilots. Riders who rode with us in 2023 had the opportunity to visit The Ninety-Nines building, and many did. She set out to become the first female pilot to circumnavigate the world in 1937 but disappeared over the Pacific Ocean. She is very well known world-wide and an inspiration to women young and old.

AE1 125 points

Anytime

Amelia Earhart Birthplace

223 N Terrace St

Atchison

KS

Latitude 39.56376

Latitude -95.11421



What a gorgeous neighborhood! I would have loved to grow up here! Well, when the weather is nice. Take a photo of the home Amelia Earhart was born in. It was the home of her grandparents at the time. There might be a big tree in front, don't worry, we'll be able to tell it's the right house, just get slightly to the side so we can see the house.

AE2 203 points

Anytime

Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum

16701 286th Rd

Atchison

KS

Latitude 39.56873

Latitude -95.17815



Take a photo of the bronze statue of Ameilia Earhart in front of the Hangar Museum. You will need to turn into the entrance of the museum and ride back to the building, it's not right on 286th Rd. There is a twin of this statue on display in Statuary Hall at the US Capitol Building representing Kansas.

AE3

115points

Anytime

International Forest of Friendship

1 Allingham Dr

Atchison

KS

Latitude **39.53193**

Latitude **-95.14865**



Take a photo of the statue of Amelia Earhart located in the International Forest of Friendship

AE4

40points **10A-5P/DAYLIGHT**

Wichita Municipal Airport Terminal

3350 George Washington Blvd

Wichita

KS

Latitude **37.63231**

Latitude **-97.2734**



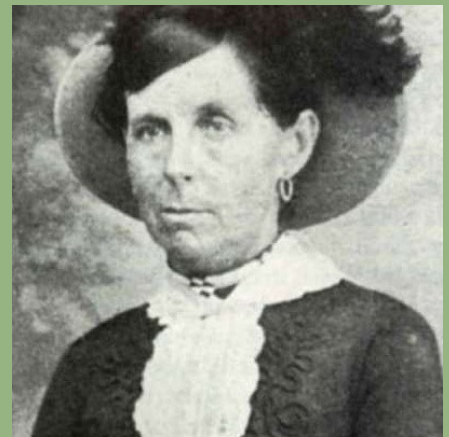
Take a photo of the Kansas Aviation Museum. The museum is about 500 yards beyond a gate that is only open when the museum is open, 10A-5P. However, I would like you to be able to get this bonus outside those hours. The museum confirmed that you will be able to get a photo of the building from the locked gate. Be sure to include the locked gate in your photo. I'm limiting to Daylight only because I doubt I'll be able to make the building out in the dark! If you take the photo from the locked gate, you will only receive half the points for this location.

STORY

Belle Starr

STORY COMINATION
BONUS VALUE

2794 points



Belle Starr was quite the character in her time. Her paternal grandparents were a well-to-do Virginia family, but her father was something of a Black Sheep in that family. He marched to the beat of his own drummer, but was rather successful in and around Carthage, MO. Her first husband (with whom she had 2 children) was killed in Paris, TX in 1874 due to his involvement with various criminal elements. In 1880, she married Sam Starr, a Cherokee man, and settled with this family in the Indian Territory (Oklahoma). She became heavily involved in the family business of rustling, horse thievery, and bootlegging. In 1882, Belle and Sam were charged with horse theft and tried before none other than "The Hanging Judge" Isaac C. Parker and sentenced to serve 9 months in prison. On February 3, 1889, two days before her 41st birthday, Belle was murdered while riding home from a neighbor's house. There's much legend, but no factual evidence to prove or disprove any of them. No one was ever convicted of Belle's murder.

BS1

Belle Starr grave

139 points Daylight Only

2910 OK-71

Porum

OK

Latitude 35.3019

Latitude -95.33794



There's a small dirt lot on OK-71 to park. A marked path just behind the Younger Bend historical marker leads to Belle's grave. Follow the path and stay on the path. Do not drive up the road. Respectful visitors are allowed on the path but it is still private property. It is a short walk to the grave site. Take a photo of Belle Starr's grave

BS2

Belle Starr statue - Woolaroc Western Art & History Museum

217 points 10a-5p

1925 Woolaroc Ranch Rd

Bartlesville

OK

Latitude 36.642491

Latitude -96.096464



The statue is located in front of the Woolaroc Art & History Museum. Admission is \$16 at the gate, if you have your flag on your person and show it to the guard at the gate, you will be permitted to enter at no cost for the photo only. Please respect this courtesy the museum has allowed us. Take a photo of the statue of Belle Starr near the entrance to the museum.

BS3**184**points**Daylight Only****Belle Starr Falls****N Silverdale Ln, 0.5 miles south of the OK** Latitude **36.99146****Newkirk****OK**Latitude **-96.92497**

Belle Starr Cave and Falls is on the east side of a country road, about ten miles northeast of Newkirk. There is no place to park save the side of the road, but a path leads up to the falls, and then you can climb above the falls to see the cave (which was allegedly used as a hideout by the notorious outlaw, hence the name). Take a picture of the cave or the falls.

BS4**250**points**Daylight Only****Belle Starr - Robber's Cave State Park****2084 NW 146th Rd**Latitude **34.98041****Wilburton****OK**Latitude **-95.35053**

Robber's Cave, in the sandstone hills of what is now Robber's Cave State Park, sheltered many an outlaw after the Civil War. It is said that Jesse James and the Dalton Gang were among those who made use of this hideaway. Female outlaw Belle Starr, who had a house about twenty miles from here, is also associated with the cave and the lodge at the Park is named in her honor. Her silhouette is at the entrance to the parking lot to the lodge. Take a picture of the silhouette.

STORY

Billy Joe Shaver

STORY COMINATION
BONUS VALUE

4472 points



Billy Joe Shaver is far and away your Freyja's favorite musician. You may not have heard of him, but I'll bet you've heard his songs. He was mostly famous for writing songs performed by other artists, but he performed as well. The list of artists includes Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Elvis Presley, and Waylon Jennings to name just a few. He's had quite an interesting life. There's too many stories to tell so I'll stick with a couple highlights. Billy Joe was born in Corsicana, TX and spent a great deal of time with his grandmother as a young child so his mother could work at a Honky Tonk called Green Gables in Waco (that memory of this inspired Honky Tonk Heroes, made famous by Waylon Jennings in 1973). When he was a little older, he'd go to work with mom on occasion which is where he was first introduced to Country Music. He mostly dropped out of school after 8th grade to pick cotton with his uncles but did occasionally go back to play sports. Billy Joe joined the US Navy on his 17th birthday. After his military service, he worked a series of dead end jobs including as a rodeo clown. He met and married Brenda, had a son, Eddy in 1962. Eddy was an amazing guitarist and played with his father and many other well-known musicians. Unfortunately, his drug addiction took his life at age 38 in 2000. Billy Joe died of a stroke in 2020 and broke my heart. I'm grateful I got to see him play in Alexandria, VA a few years prior.

BJ1

252 points

Anytime

Papa Joe's

1505 35 N Frontage Rd

Lorena

TX

Latitude 31.408

Latitude -97.20128



Country singer, Dale Watson's "Where do you want it" is written about the incident that made Billy Joe Shaver famous, or infamous I suppose, in March of 2007. Witness accounts are conflicting, but I'm believing Billy Joe on this one. The courts agreed that he was provoked and threatened by Billy Coker. The two men went outside on the back patio and Coker wound up getting shot in the face with a .22. It entered his upper lip, knocked out a couple teeth and ended up in the back of his neck. The doctors left it there because trying to remove it could be fatal due to its proximity to his carotid artery. Witnesses to the incident claim that before shooting Coker, Shaver asked "Where do you want it?" Billy Joe denies having said that. The song is awesome either way. Take a photo of the Papa Joe's Texas Saloon sign out front. Be sure to get the sign that proclaims it as Home of the Honkytonk Heroes.

BJ2 187points Anytime

Knife River Corporation

2901 Marlin Hwy
Waco TX

Latitude 31.55019
Latitude -97.08283



I wanted to use the McLennan County Jail next door to Knife River, but I thought a bunch of people on motorcycles taking pictures of a jail might raise too many eyebrows. Better safe than sorry, right? Soon after Billy Joe shot Coker, he turned himself in here to be processed. Take a photo of the sign on the building with "KNIFE RIVER" on it.

BJ3 122points Anytime

Palace Theater

112 W 6th Ave
Corsicana TX

Latitude 32.09268
Latitude -96.46385



There is currently a fundraiser to put together enough money to erect a statue of Billy Joe Shaver here in his hometown of Corsicana. What better spot than the biggest venue in town? Perhaps the statue will be present in a future rally. And you can be sure that it'll be a bonus location, I'll find a way to fit it into the theme. There's always room for Billy Joe Shaver in my life! Take a photo of the Palace Theater in Corsicana, TX.

BJ4 409points Dawn to Dusk

Billy Joe Shaver's Grave

6623 S I-35 (NB Feeder Road)
Waco TX

Latitude 31.47382
Latitude -97.16092



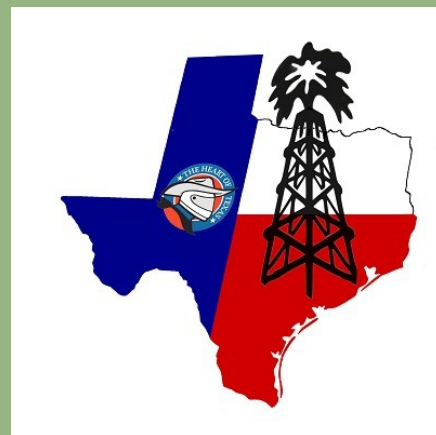
Waco Memorial Park is the final resting place of my Honky Tonk Hero. At age 81, he died in 2020 from a stroke. He's in Section A (Tower Garden), Plot # 195-A. From the office, it's 13 rows back and 13 plots across from the south side of the section. Billy Joe swore off alcohol long before his death, it makes me nuts when people leave him booze. Now Red Bull? That was his jam and we left him a can scouting this location. Take a photo of Billy Joe Shaver's grave marker.

STORY

Boomtown

STORY COMINATION
BONUS VALUE

2888 points



If you had a blast doing the VMR, check out Heart of Texas in the future. You've gotten used to the app, you know Paul, you know me, and there will be lots of other Valkyries there. We had 11 in 2024!! Here's a little story about the 24 Rally, titled Boomtown. Paul gets deep, and I do mean DEEP, into his themes and it's a ton of fun! Boomtown was about the oil boom in Texas and riders needed to earn their points by balancing the value of each of 4 categories in 8 different oil field regions in Texas. If you want to be profitable in any business, you need to do this. You could have all the land in Texas, but if you had no equipment, you'd never be able to get the oil to sell. Similarly, you could have all the equipment in the world, but with no workers to run it, again, no oil to sell. The categories were Production (oil derricks), Equipment, Labor, and Land Leases. We've selected one location from each category for you to sample a "Paul Tong Rally." Oh, and don't let this additional layer of planning frighten you. Paul asks me to provide a basic route that will garner finishing status if you complete it successfully. You could add or modify that route to suit you.

BT1

424 points

Anytime

Bob's Oil Well

1220 Bailey Ave

Matador

TX

Latitude 34.01199

Latitude -100.82814



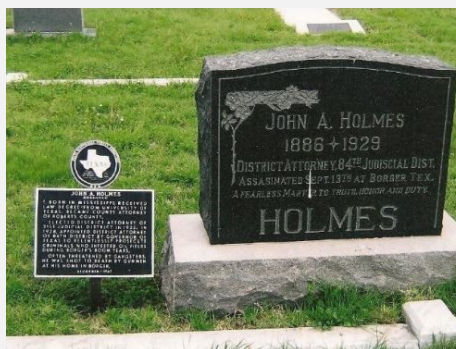
Bob's Oil Well was considered a derrick in Heart of Texas and filled the criteria for the production category. Take a photo of the building and derrick, you do not need to include the entire derrick, but be sure we can read the sign indicating Bob's Oil Well so we know you didn't go to Joe's Oil Well.

BT2**424**points**Anytime****Borger's First Jail****618 N Main St****Borger****TX**Latitude **35.67238**Latitude **-101.38969**

Borger jail was considered a land bonus. The town turned into a lawless, dangerous place with the cast of characters who flocked there to get rich. As with any boomtown, prostitutes, drug peddlers, saloons and the like also came to provide their services to the huge influx of workers before there were police to keep a lid on the activity. Governor Moody sent the Texas Rangers to Borger in 1929 to try and get some control of the place and a jail was here. Actually, it was a redwood log that the prisoners would be chained to in addition to being chained to each other. Take a photo of the sign for the 1929 Borger "jail."

BT3**424**points**Anytime****Gulf Burnet #2****TX-207****Panhandle****TX**Latitude **35.60296**Latitude **-101.40602**

This historical marker noting that this was the location of the Gulf Burnet #2 discovery well was considered an equipment bonus. Take a photo of the historical marker, it's okay to have both in your photo, if you take only 1 of them, better make sure I can read it so I know you've got the right one!

BT4**424**points**Anytime****Grave of John A Holmes****Providence Ave****Panhandle****TX**Latitude **35.353096**Latitude **-101.370663**

Git yer mind out the gutter, that's John C Holmes, this is John A Holmes. The grave of District Attorney Holmes was a Labor bonus in HoT. Things were pretty wild in town as you learned reading BT2. Governor Moody also send Holmes to Borger to help prosecute the n'er do wells in town. The wave of crime and violence continued, climaxing in the assasination of Holmes in Setptember of 1929. This prompted Moody to impose martial law for a month and sent state troops to help local authorities rid the town of the lawless element. His goal was eventually achieved after many years of violence. Take a photo of the headstone and historical marker at the grave of John A. Holmes. (The other John Holmes is dead too, I'm sure you're shocked to hear that he died in 1988 from HIV/AIDS)

STORY

Buffalo Bill

STORY COMINATION
BONUS VALUE

3951 points



William "Wild Bill" Cody, also known as Buffalo Bill, was an American soldier, bison hunter, and showman. He started working after his father's death at the age of 11, and at 15, he was a rider for the Pony Express. He served in the Union Army during the Civil War and later was a civilian scout for the US Army during the Indian Wars. The nickname Buffalo Bill was bestowed upon him while he was working for the Kansas-Pacific Railroad, supplying the workers with buffalo meat. In the 1880's, he founded his touring Wild West themed performance with many well-known characters as his actors. Annie Oakley and her husband, Frank Butler, were sharpshooters. Calamity Jane was also part of the show as a storyteller. The shows consisted of reenactments of various Wild West events like riding the Pony Express, Indian attacks on wagon trains, and stagecoach robberies.

BB1 97 points

Anytime

Buffalo Bill Cultural Center

3083 Hwy 83

Oakley

KS

Latitude 39.12719

Latitude -100.86902



The Buffalo Bill Cultural Center serves as a tourist information center and rest area as well as having many displays and other information related to Buffalo Bill's life and adventures. Take a photo of the 2 times life size statue of Buffalo Bill outside the cultural center. If the center is open, there's public restrooms available!

BB2 372 points

Anytime

Annie Oakley Motel

428 Center Ave

Oakley

KS

Latitude 39.1297

Latitude -100.85364



Oakley, Kansas wasn't named after Annie, but still they are proud of her ties to Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. Buffalo Bill didn't seem to put women in box of not being able to act or shoot or anything else. If you had the talent, you could be part of his show. Just as it should be. Take a photo of the cool sign for the Annie Oakley Motel. Last time I checked the rates, rooms were about \$70 for Friday night during the rally. Just sayin! It'd be cool if someone stayed the night!

BB3

2100_{points}

Anytime

Old Glory Blowout

301 N Jeffers St

North Platte

NE

Latitude 41.136

Latitude -100.76321



Take picture of the plaque commemorating the "Old Glory Blowout", the show that would become "Buffalo Bill's Wild West" show -- a sensation for 25 years, which got its start in North Platte, Nebraska.

BB4

154_{points}

Anytime

William "Wild Bill" Cody

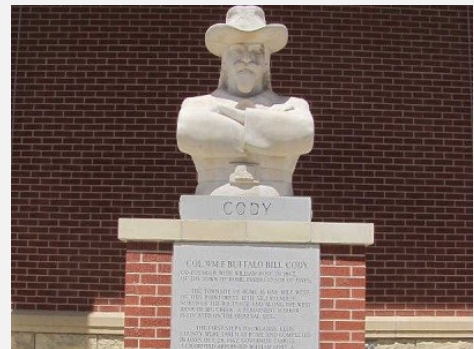
1205 Main St

Hays

KS

Latitude 38.87307

Latitude -99.32995



Buffalo Bill, as he was known, was the co-founder of the town of Rome, Kansas in 1867 which was the precursor to modern Hays. Take a picture of the bust of William Cody in front of the Hays Public Library.

STORY COMINATION
BONUS VALUE

STORY

Buffalo Soldiers

9678 points



The U.S. Army Buffalo Soldiers were African American cavalry and infantry units established in 1866, who served with distinction on the Western frontier. Tasked with protecting settlers, building infrastructure, and fighting in conflicts against Native American tribes, they faced harsh conditions and discrimination while proving their valor and professionalism. The legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers endures as a symbol of courage, resilience, and a critical chapter in the history of the U.S. military and African American heritage.

BU1

Buffalo Soldier Memorial

278 points Anytime

1801 Buffalo Soldier Dr.
Junction City KS

Latitude 39.04199
Latitude -96.83361



From 1866 through the Second World War, Buffalo Soldiers selflessly served and courageously fought in defense of our Nation. Their campaign streamers - the Indian Wars, The Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, the Mexican Expedition, and the European Theater in World War II - are a reflection of the courageous sacrifice and magnificent service these men gave to the United States of America. Take a picture of the monument statue.

BU2

Black Veterans Memorial

199 points Daylight Only

E 11th St and The Paseo
Kansas City MO

Latitude 39.10041
Latitude -94.56374



At the north end of the site a polished granite monument commemorates the service of black veterans throughout United States history. At the south end of the site, above the retaining wall of The Terrace, a large U.S. flag flies atop a 50' pole set in a granite base. A wide sidewalk down the center of the block links the monument to the flagpole and is lined with benches and ornamental lights. This plaza space is flanked on each side with a row of oak trees, the U.S. national tree. Take a picture of the marker on the north end of the plaza.

BU3**949**points**Anytime****Buffalo Soldier Tragedy of 1877****Morton Cemetery on TX-214****Morton****TX**Latitude **33.74436**Latitude **-102.75921**

In 1877, a detachment of soldiers from the local fort pursued a band of Comanche Indians, only to be lured into a waterless area. Four soldiers on a search party for water died from dehydration. A monument to them stands here. Take a picture of the monument.

BU4**246**points**Anytime****Buffalo Soldiers at Fort Elliott****TX-152, 1 miles west of Mobeetie****Mobeetie****TX**Latitude **35.51772**Latitude **-100.45696**

Fort Elliott was partially garrisoned by African American soldiers called “buffalo soldiers” by Native Americans. Commanding officers of the troops were white, but the Black soldiers were included in every part of daily and social post life. One Black officer stationed at Fort Elliott was Henry O. Flipper, commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1877. Born of slave parents in 1856, he was the first Black graduate of the United States Military Academy and the first Black commissioned officer in the United States Army. The Black soldiers’ role in clearing the Texas panhandle of indians, outlaws and rustlers may have been tedious sometimes, but was crucial to fulfill the goal of settling the west. Take a picture of the markers at this location.

STORY

Cats w Jobs

STORY COMINATION
BONUS VALUE

3281 points



Those who have known your Freyja for a while know that she always had loads of Hello Kitty stuff on her bike. She was often called Miss Kitty or Hello Kitty, or even GS Kitty, the type of bike she rode for a while. So she's fond of these places where cats are officially employees, often having been named "Employee of the Month" in their respective locations. One of them, you will learn if you read about CT1, outsmarted a very stupid councilman. In Norse legend, Freyja's chariot was pulled by two cats gifted to her by Thor named Bygul and Trjegul.

CT1

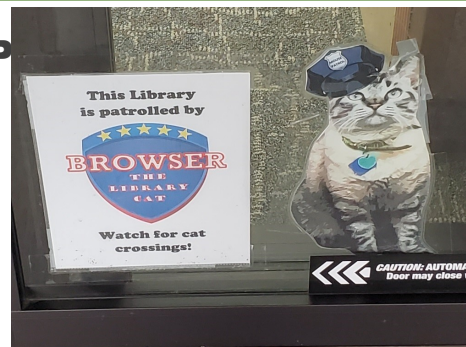
177 points F 10A-6P, S 10A-2P

White Settlement Library

8215 White Settlement Road
Fort Worth TX

Latitude 32.75939

Latitude -97.46034



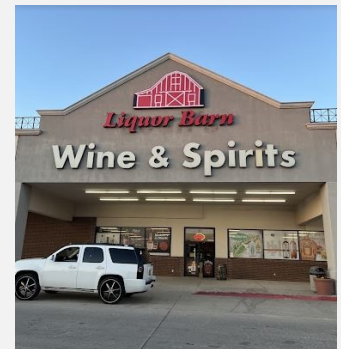
Browser the Library Cat has been employed at the White Settlement Library since he was chosen from a local animal shelter in October, 2010 to assist the facility with a rodent problem. In 2016, a very stupid councilman named Elzie Clements drummed up support to evict Browser from the library. Unfortunately, Clements was successful in convincing the town council to vote to remove Browser. The mayor, Ron White, thought this was completely ridiculous and the public would revolt. The mayor was right. The tiny town in the shadow of Fort Worth was inundated with over 1,500 emails from all 50 states and dozens of foreign countries. Within a couple weeks, the same dumb ass who suggested removing Browser suggested they revote. On July 1, 2016, the City Council unanimously voted to reverse its prior decision. Now, get ready for this. When I say Clements is dumb, I ain't kidding. He tried to bring the council to vote on the SAME MATTER 5 months later and was soundly rejected. This December 13, 2016 act of defiance would be his last on behalf of the good citizens of White Settlement. Having seen the true nature of Mr. Clements, they did not reelect him to the City Council. He died 5 years later on January 1, 2022. Presumably without ever knowing the joy of a purring kitty on his lap. I would love it if you could get a photo of Browser himself, but he's a cat after all, if you cannot, please use the poster just inside the door to the library announcing that he's on patrol.

CT2**214**points**Anytime****Museum of Osteology****10301 S Sunnyslane Rd****Oklahoma City****OK**Latitude **35.36483**Latitude **-97.44184**

Indiana Bones (aka Indy), is the lead rodent control officer at Oklahoma City's Museum of Osteology (bones). Indy has become famous on the internet for his adorable antics. You should see the huge pile of gifts from his Amazon wish list! He was hired in 2019, but did not have a confirmed kill until May of 2023 when he was named Employee of the month. Staff prepared and mounted the skull from his kill to hang over his bed along with his Employee of the Month certificate. Take a photo of the entrance to the Museum of Osteology.

CT3**152**points**Daylight Only****Cashnip****628 E 3rd St****Tulsa****OK**Latitude **36.15624**Latitude **-95.9827**

CASHnip's real name is Sir Whines A. Lot. He started out as an office cat at GuRuStu, a marketing firm in Tulsa, but has morphed into a hustler with a philanthropic heart. Staff began to notice that when they arrived to work in the morning their office cat often had a bunch of dollar bills around him just inside the door from the street. There's a bit of nightlife in the area around GuRuStu and turns out, late night partiers would try to play with Sir Whines A. Lot by wiggling a dollar bill through the slot between panes of glass at the door. He'd grab the dollars and keep a pile for his servants to collect in the morning. The folks at GuRuStu started donating his 'earnings' to a local homeless outreach organization. If you see CASHnip, get a picture of him. But if not, the sign warning passers by about his proclivities will work just fine.

CT4**181**points**Anytime****Liquor Barn****6969 Northwest Expy****Oklahoma City****OK**Latitude **35.55894**Latitude **-97.63744**

Betty gave up life on the streets and got her job at Liquor Barn Wine & Spirits by charming one of the employees. The manager of the Liquor Barn thought a shop cat was a good idea, so Betty started her new career. The other employees appreciate her assistance stocking shelves and helping customers make a selection. However, she simply cannot be trusted on the register, she's been known to take a nap, even during busy times! Just before the VMR 24, the manager of Liquor Barn got a new job and took her star employee! Well, this went from restricted to store hours to an Anytime! Take a picture of the Liquor Barn storefront at this address.

STORY

Chris

STORY COMINATION
BONUS VALUE

3689 points



Many of you may know of Chris Hopper from his legendary 100,000 miles in 100 days a few years back. It worked out quite well for Paul who was looking for a little help scouting LDX bonuses in far flung locations! Chris wrote a book about his journey with proceeds benefiting Mile Monsters, an organization dedicated to helping kids with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy enjoy truly special adventures. They're a very hands on organization and I'm proud to call Chris a friend.

CH1

Wellington HS

221 points

Anytime

811 15th St
Wellington

TX

Latitude 34.84909
Latitude -100.21405



In 1992, Chris's class of 42 students graduated from Wellington High School. He was an exceptional student who was also a bit of a jock playing football, basketball, and track. Take a photo of the red electronic sign near 15th St for Wellington High.

CH2

Muskogee Creek Nation Office

150 points

Daylight Only

1000 OK-56
Okmulgee

OK

Latitude 35.64598
Latitude -95.96079



Did you know Chris is an official member of the Muskogee Creek Nation? Yep, he sure is, his name is included on the roll and he has a membership ID card. Take a photo of the arc of flags and sculpture at this location. You MUST come into the parking lot and take your photo from the vantage point as shown in the example photo.

CH3

626points

Anytime

Small Mountain Street Tacos

172 East Lake Dr

Latitude **34.72718**

Medicine Park

OK

Latitude **-98.50096**



The site of the Annual Taco Run Chris attends most years! Take a photo of the Small Mountain Street Tacos restaurant. You may take your meal break here if you like. Bon Apetit!

CH4

109points

9A-5P

Blue Whale of Catoosa

2600 OK-66

Latitude **36.19377**

Catoosa

OK

Latitude **-95.73292**



Chris is fond of leaving evidence of his travels by placing one of his stickers at particular locations. One of these is the window of the little brown building you'll see as you approach the whale. Take a picture of the "Hop" sticker on the window here.

STORY

Combat Vets

STORY COMINATION
BONUS VALUE

2569 points



Combat veterans have served their country with courage and sacrifice, often facing unimaginable challenges on the battlefield. Memorials dedicated to them across the United States honor their bravery, commemorate their service, and provide a place for reflection and remembrance. These monuments stand as enduring symbols of gratitude for the freedoms their sacrifices have preserved.

CV1 375 points

7A-9P

Woodring Wall of Honor

1026 S 66th St

Enid

OK

Latitude 36.38461

Latitude -97.78509



This is a very developed and reverent site for honoring veterans and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. The large plaque reference the Vietnam Memorial wall is your target picture. Please be aware of those around you and the solemnity of the location. Take your time and be respectful of the location. Do NOT place your rally flag on any structure of monument.

CV2 184 points

Anytime

Medal of Honor Memorial

OK-58 and OK-45

Helena

OK

Latitude 36.53601

Latitude -98.26523



This large memorial is at the southeast corner of Highway 58 and Highway 45. A concrete and red-brick plaza supports thirteen monuments. The central monument bears a list of the many who served from this part of Oklahoma. Take a picture with the monuments and a tank in the same photo.

CV3**228**points**Anytime****Pratt All Veterans Memorial****US 281 & Flint Rd****Pratt****KS**Latitude **37.70451**Latitude **-98.74042**

This large veterans memorial is at the former Pratt Army Air Field, the first B-29 base. There are several exhibits and information signs here, many specific to the B-29 program. Numerous brass plaques list the names of veterans, and there are three static aircraft on display nearby. Get a picture of the B-29 memorial with the F-4 jet in the background.

CV4**196**points**Anytime****First Sergeant Charles Tucker, US Army****Mickey Mantle Way & Depot Dr****Independence****KS**Latitude **37.23922**Latitude **-95.70117**

In the middle of this veterans' war memorial is a Battlefield Cross. Directly in front of the Battlefield Cross is a stone in memorial to Army First Sergeant Charles Tucker, killed in action, a veteran of Korea, Egypt, and Iraq. Take a picture of his marker.

STORY

Flower Moon

STORY COMINATION
BONUS VALUE

2617 points



The term Flower Moon was given to the full moon in May by the Native American Tribes in North America because of the flowers blooming across the continent signaling abundance and the coming of spring after a cold, hard winter. In the early 1920's, extensive oil deposits were discovered beneath the Osage Tribe's land. Of course, great wealth followed this discovery and not long after, the mysterious murders started. There are officially 20 victims tied to this horrible event in the history of the Osage people that lasted four years, but it is suspected that there may be hundreds more victims of this plot. Cattleman William King Hale was convicted as the mastermind behind the plot. It hardly seems fair that he was convicted to life in prison in after a 1929 murder, but released on parole in July, 1947. He died in Arizona in 1962. We wanted to find some sites related to this stain on our history, but decided that it felt icky to gawk at other's tragedy. So we're using a few locations where various events took place and other related sites in the area.

FM1

109 points

Anytime

Bartlesville Airport

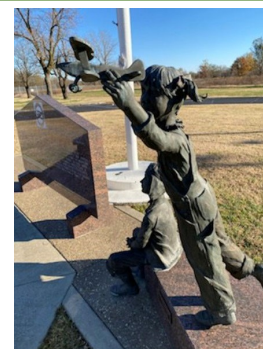
401 Wiley Post Rd

Bartlesville

OK

Latitude 36.75994

Latitude -96.00886



Bartlesville is home to the new Osage Casino, I think it should be open by rally time. The actual sites that were locations in the story and film adaptation are primarily on private property and it feels icky to gawk at sights where horrible things happened so I'm choosing something interesting in the same towns. Hope you don't mind! Take a photo of the statue of a child holding a toy plane outside Bartlesville Airport. You may take your photo from the front, the example photo is the best I could find, and I know you'll be able to identify the correct statue with it.

FM2

173 points

Anytime

Osage Nation Museum

819 Grandview Ave

Pawhuska

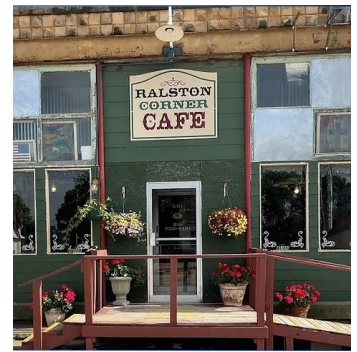
OK

Latitude 36.66779

Latitude -96.34005



Seeing as the heinous murders that took place were over oil money, take a photo of the derrick located just outside the Osage Nation Museum.

FM3**291** points**Anytime****Ralston Corner Café****612 OK-18****Ralston****OK**Latitude **36.50381**Latitude **-96.73087**

Well, I don't have as good a reason for this spot as I did the derrick outside the museum, but I suppose murders and victims alike still ate from time to time. And I love little small town cafes, so here you go. Take a photo of the very pretty front of the Ralston Café, be sure to include the sign over the door. I like pretty flowers, so try and wow me with a great photo including their beautiful flowers. And if you grab a bite to eat here, please pass my compliments to their gardener. This is an acceptable restaurant for your MEAL if they're open and you're hungry.

FM4**317** points**Anytime****Tall Chief Theater****250 N Main St****Fairfax****OK**Latitude **36.5731**Latitude **-96.70389**

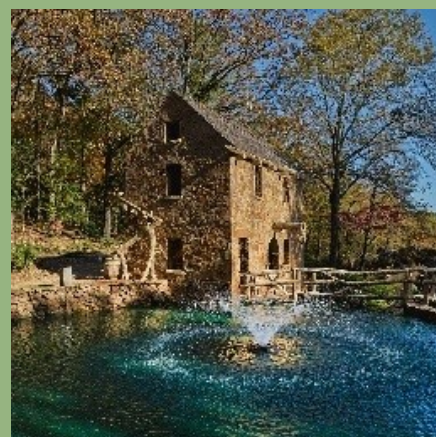
The Tall Chief Theater was built by Alex Tall Chief, father to America's first Prima Ballerina, Maria Tall Chief. It is currently a memorial to the victims of the Osage Reign of Terror described in Killers of the Flower Moon. The theater is currently undergoing renovations and when complete, will be home to the Maria and Marjorie Tallchief Performing Arts & Event Center.

STORY

Grist Mills

STORY COMINATION
BONUS VALUE

8120 points



Old grist mills in the central United States, particularly in Arkansas and Missouri, are historic landmarks that reflect the region's agricultural past. Nestled along rivers and streams, these mills once served as vital community hubs where grain was ground into flour, sustaining local farmers and settlers. Today, many of these preserved or restored mills, like War Eagle Mill in Arkansas and Dillard Mill in Missouri, offer a glimpse into early American industry and rural life.

GM1

410 points

8A-8P

Dillard Mill

142 Dillard Mill Rd

Latitude **37.72061**

Davisville

MO

Latitude **-91.206**



The mill has an amazing history of intrepid pioneers and determined people trying to make their mark in the world. The mill was an area necessity up until the 1950s and much has been done to keep the site intact for future generations to see. The coordinates take you to the parking area. From there, signs direct you to follow the path to the mill. You must get a picture of the mill such that it is easily recognizable in the photo. The reference photo was taken from across the mill pond, but should not be taken any further than that.

GM2

385 points

Anytime

Hulston Mill

County Road 92

Latitude **37.44407**

Greenfield

MO

Latitude **-93.71622**



Dade County, MO used to have 10 mills but Hulston is the last one still equipped to demonstrate how a mill operated. This is not the actual location of the mill, that was flooded under a reservoir years ago, but the original building was moved here. If you want to get a picture of the mill, go ahead but due to some questionable dirt roads leading into the park, we want you to just get a picture of the entrance sign leading into the park.

GM3

424_{points}

Anytime

War Eagle Mill

11045 War Eagle Rd

Rogers

AR

Latitude **36.26735**

Latitude **-93.94304**



War Eagle was best known as a lumbering center. In 1869 Peter VanWinkle settled nearby and built a large saw mill which supplied the lumber for numerous buildings in Northwest Arkansas. Next to the mill, in between the mill and the road to the bridge, is a marker commemorating the bridge's 100th anniversary and service to Benton County. Take a picture of this marker.

GM4

318_{points}

8A-Sunset

The Old Mill

3800 Lakeshore Dr

North Little Rock

AR

Latitude **34.7917**

Latitude **-92.24943**



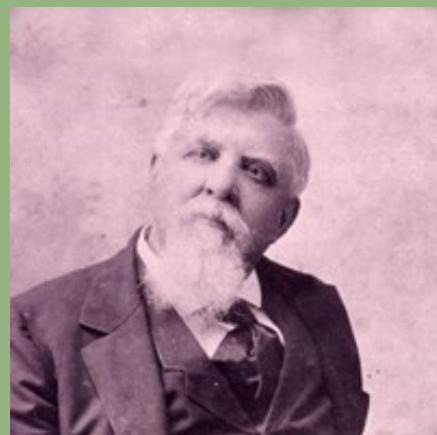
An authentic reproduction of an old water-powered grist mill, this striking structure appears in the opening scene of the classic 1939 film *Gone with the Wind* and is believed to be the only building remaining from the film. Built in 1933; designed to look old so it would appear as if it was built the 1800s. Take a picture of the millhouse from inside the park.

STORY

Hanging Judge

STORY COMINATION
BONUS VALUE

1836 points



Judge Issac C. Parker became known as the “Hanging Judge” during his tenure in Fort Smith. He served from 1875 until his death in office in 1896, he is buried in the nearby Fort Smith National Cemetery. During his 20+ year career, he sentenced 160 people to hang. His personal belief was that the death penalty should be outlawed, but there were mandatory sentences at the time, so he was legally bound to sentence certain crimes to death by hanging. Of the 160, 79 were executed, the remaining 81 either died while incarcerated, were pardoned, or had their sentences commuted. The governor did step in on several occasions to commute sentences or modify them for a variety of reasons.

HJ1

187 points

Fort Smith Museum of History

Anytime

320 Rogers Ave
Fort Smith

AR

Latitude 35.38776

Latitude -94.42821



The Fort Smith Museum of History has some interesting history of its own! But the reason it's included here is because some of the original furnishings from Judge Parker's courtroom are contained within. If you have time (Ha ha) adult tickets are \$8 with discounts for seniors, first responders, etc. Take a photo of the plaque on the wall near the entrance to the Fort Smith Museum of History.

HJ2

152 points

Sebastian County Seat of Justice

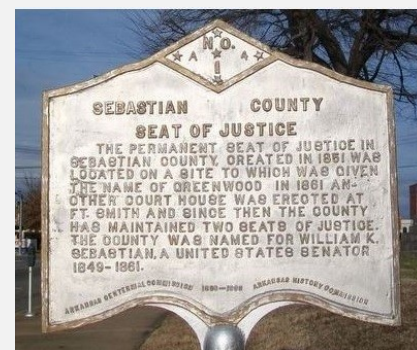
Anytime

100 S 6th St
Fort Smith

AR

Latitude 35.38594

Latitude -94.42639



I was really aiming for the Courthouse named after Judge Parker across the street. But I didn't want anyone to have issues with taking suspicious photos, so let's use the historical marker across the street titled "Sebastian County Seat of Justice." Take a photo of this historical marker.

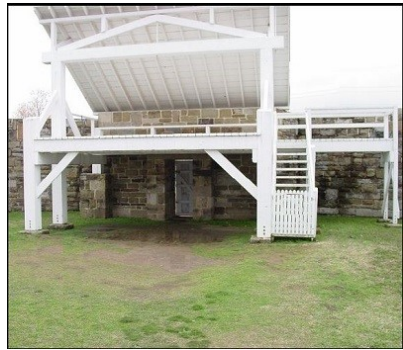
HJ3
164points
Dawn to Dusk

Judge Parker's Gallows

Fort Smith National Historic Site
Fort Smith
AR

Latitude 35.38761
Latitude -94.43019

This is a replica of Judge Parker's Gallows. It could hang up to six people at once and did on two occasions. If you see nooses hanging from the beam, that signifies the number of people who were hanged on that date in history. Take a photo of the replica gallows. The Gallows are close to parking spots on S 3rd St and a parking lot with an entrance near the corner of S 3rd St and Garland Ave.



HJ4
177points
Anytime

Hanging Judge Gun Show

4400 Midland Blvd
Fort Smith
AR

Latitude 35.42012
Latitude -94.37891

Hanging Judge Promotions is a local company that sets up events around the area, including the Hanging Judge Gun Show that will take place here a couple weeks after the VMR. Take a photo of the sign next to entrance to Kay Rodgers Park indicating the name of the park.



STORY

Murals

STORY COMINATION
BONUS VALUE

4262 points



As someone with no drawing skill, these murals are amazing to me, I always enjoy coming upon one unexpectedly, or seeing something new in murals that I see frequently. Why not share my happiness at seeing these with you lovely ladies? Enjoy these murals as you ride in the 2024 Valkyrie Moto Rally!

ML1

314 points

11A-11P

LSA Burger Co

**113 W Hickory St
Denton**

TX

Latitude **33.21445**
Latitude **-97.13314**



The LSA Burger Company offers guests creative burgers, live bands, and a rooftop patio bar in an upbeat setting inspired by Lone Star music. Inside the restaurant, there is a mural titled "The Great Texas Supper" on the wall reminiscent of the Last Supper. Except Jesus is surrounded by famous Texas musicians. I haven't eaten here, but you may and claim a meal bonus if you'd like. Take a photo of The Great Texas Supper.

ML2

126 points

Anytime

Welcome to Davenport

**Broadway Ave & 7th St
Davenport**

OK

Latitude **35.71061**
Latitude **-96.76541**



Davenport is another city along the famed Route 66 and is clearly proud of that association. Take a photo of the mural welcoming you to Davenport.

ML3

118_{points}

Anytime

Bridge Mural

115 Main St

Geary

OK

Latitude **35.63126**

Latitude **-98.31833**



Aren't these small town murals fun? This one gives me Claude Monet vibes after having visited the Monet Immersion not too long ago. Take a photo of the bridge mural on the side of the building here on Main St. painted by M. Kennedy in 2008.

ML4

133_{points}

Anytime

Tree Mural - Spectrum Paint

500 W Will Rogers Blvd

Claremore

OK

Latitude **36.31233**

Latitude **-95.61482**



How convenient that there are several murals on the Spectrum Paint building. Take a photo of the Tree mural shown in the rally book at this location.

ML5

100_{points}

Anytime

Motorcycle Mural

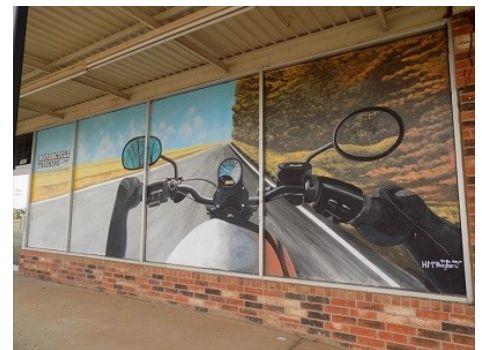
1660 Cimarron Plaza

Stillwater

OK

Latitude **36.14029**

Latitude **-97.06472**



Check out this motorcycle mural! Looks as if you're sitting on a bike. It's an advertisement for Motorcycle Training. I know how much I appreciated my MSF course taken in 2000 or 2001. And did you know we have lots of Valkyries who work as instructors, we've got some majorly talented women in our group! Take a photo of the MSF Motorcycle Mural in Stillwater, OK

STORY

Nancy

STORY COMINATION
BONUS VALUE

3691 points



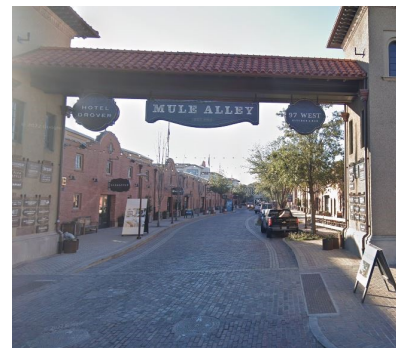
Nancy Oswald was born and raised in New Jersey, moving to the Baltimore, MD area after getting married in 1999. Not long after, she took the MSF course through the Maryland Motor Vehicle Agency and the rest is history! Her first rally was the inaugural running of Scott Lashier's The Void and she was hooked. A couple years later, she went to the 2007 Iron Butt Rally start, checkpoint, (there were only 2 legs that year) and finish to support her good friend and riding buddy, Don Catterton. Before going to that event, she never thought she could actually do the 11-day Iron Butt Rally, but upon being around the riders, the decision was made. In 2009, she would be on the starting line and finished in 20th place as the top finishing female rider that year. She moved to the other side of the table around 2015 to support Scott at The Void and Jim Bain at the always popular Cape Fear 1000. In 2019, she began working with Paul Tong to support Heart of Texas, then LDX as well. When Chris Hopper approached Paul with his idea to hold a rally for women only to introduce them to the sport, he knew it had to be ran by a woman for it to have the most impact, so Paul tapped on Nancy's shoulder to lead the VMR. And here we are. Enjoy these locations that hold meaning in Nancy's story.

NO1 252 points Anytime

Fort Worth Rodeo - Mule Alley

122 East Exchange Ave
Fort Worth TX

Latitude 32.7889
Latitude -97.34746



Freyja's first Rodeo! Paul took the family and me to my very first rodeo here a few years ago. It was a terrific evening. I got to sit on a longhorn and had prime seats to enjoy the show. Take a photo of the sign over the entrance to Mule Alley indicating the name.

NO2**929**points**Anytime****Poolesville Ranch****421 Turpin Lake Rd****Poolville****TX**Latitude **32.97995**Latitude **-97.86959**

My coworker, John Nyquist, has several ranches in the area and has taken to naming his cows after his favorite coworkers. The only Red Angus in Poolville lives here, and her name is Nancy. The arrow in the photo at pointing at me when I was just a baby calf in January of 2023. He'll breed her eventually, but John said she's too pretty just yet. Awww, shucks! Thanks, John! John will probably have a cooler with cold water near the ranch entrance for you and there could be some kids running around if they see/hear motorcycles. Be nice to them please. Take a photo of the ranch name "Cross Creek" over the entrance.

NO3**281**points**Anytime****Courtyard in Ft Smith****Rogers Ave & S 9th St****Fort Smith****AR**Latitude **35.3846**Latitude **-94.4235**

The Courtyard by Marriott Fort Smith was the site of the first VMR last year. The hotel was fantastic, but we've gotten too big for it now. 2023 was such a special event and we have so much fun, we are thrilled to welcome 90% of the Rune Holders back and look forward to welcoming many more Valkyries in the future. Take a photo of the entrance to our original home including the name "Courtyard by Marriott" in your photo.

NO4**372**points**8A-Dusk****Parking Meter Headstone****Highland Cemetery****Okemah****OK**Latitude **35.4437**Latitude **-96.2994**

This fun grave was a bonus location in the 2009 Iron Butt Rally. Leg 2 if I remember correctly. For whatever reason, I did not fill out the paperwork correctly and left points on the table for the very first time. I'd probably done 20 rallies before this point and always followed every instruction to the letter. Get to the big leagues and.... Take a photo of Barbara Sue Manire's humorous grave - include the headstone and parking meter. Interesting side note, Okemah is the birthplace of Woody Guthrie!

STORY

Outlaw

STORY COMINATION
BONUS VALUE

3774 points



Jesse Woodson James was an American outlaw, bank and train robber, guerrilla and leader of the James-Younger Gang. He and his brother Frank James joined pro-Confederate guerrillas known as "bushwhackers" operating in Missouri and Kansas during the American Civil War. After the war, as members of various gangs of outlaws, Jesse and Frank robbed banks, stagecoaches, and trains across the Midwest, gaining national fame and often popular sympathy despite the brutality of their crimes. Popular portrayals of James as an embodiment of Robin Hood, robbing from the rich and giving to the poor, are a case of romantic revisionism as there is no evidence his gang shared any loot from their robberies with anyone outside their network.

OT1

127 points

Anytime

Café Jesse James

W 11th St & Rte 66

Baxter Springs

KS

Latitude 37.02461

Latitude -94.73546



On the north side of the building is a "Route 66 attraction." Take a picture of the sign mentioning Jesse James over the bench.

OT2

204 points

Anytime

Jesse James Bank Museum

103 N Water St

Liberty

MO

Latitude 39.24697

Latitude -94.41932



There is conflicting agreement between historians, but 'popular' history has that this bank was the first bank Jesse James robbed. It was also a 2009 IBR location that I visited! Take a picture of the bank.

OT3

187 points

Anytime

Where Bob Ford Shot Jesse James

Lafayette St

Latitude **39.75796**

St Joseph

MO

Latitude **-94.84408**



Jesse James hid out with the Ford brothers in St Joseph, not knowing that Bob Ford was already making a deal with the governor to 'capture' James. When Jesse was standing on a chair cleaning a picture, Bob Ford shot Jesse James in the back. Take a picture of the marker placed here at the location where Jesse James was shot.

OT4

153 points

8A-10P

Jesse James Grave

200 E Moore St

Latitude **32.451403**

Granbury

TX

Latitude **-97.786807**



Area resident by the name of J. Frank Dalton came forward and publicly claimed that he was outlaw Jesse James. Dalton indicated that the man in the grave in St. Joseph, MO was Charlie Bigelow, a James lookalike who had run afoul of Jesse James by carrying out robberies and claiming to be Jesse James. Dalton claimed to have had Bigelow killed so he, the "real" Jesse James, could start a new life in Texas. Take the picture of Jesse James' grave in Granbury, TX.

STORY

Paul

STORY COMINATION
BONUS VALUE

3690 points



Paul Tong was born and raised in Irving, TX before heading off to college and a period of time with US Marines, serving in Iraq and Afghanistan before returning to Texas and becoming a police officer in his hometown of Irving TX, where he still works today. He married his high school sweetheart and remained in the area to raise his family. He's currently living a commutable distance north in Frisco, TX where his children went to school, two of them have already graduated high school. One is starting her 3rd year at Virginia Military Institute with plans to become an officer in the US Navy. The other is following a different path, with goals of being a chef, or at least working in food preparation and service. She just graduated this past May and is working at a paid internship in Montana with other opportunities lying ahead of her. Both are wonderful young women that us Valkyries should be proud of. He also has a son who is just starting his junior year of high school and is an accomplished swimmer both on his high school team and a club team. His current plan is to follow in both his sister and his father's footsteps by attending Virginia Military Institute (because who can stay so far from Aunt Nancy too long??), but on a track to become an officer in the Marine Corps.

PT1

411 points

Anytime

Nimitz HS

100 W Oakdale Rd

Irving

TX

Latitude 32.79381

Latitude -96.94688



This is where the internationally acclaimed Rallymaster Paul Tong went to High School! He was an incredible ladies man back in the day, as evidenced by the photo of him, not with one or two cheerleaders, but ALL OF THEM! Well, okay, he was the mascot, so technically on the cheer squad. But still, what high school boy wouldn't love that gig? Paul's no dummy, that's for sure! Not even as a teenager! Take a photo of the electronic signboard at Paul's Alma Mater, Nimitz HS in Irving, TX

PT2**1230**points**Anytime****US Marshals Museum****789 Riverfront Dr****Fort Smith****AR**Latitude **35.3984738**Latitude **-94.4264224**

I had this brick made and installed last year to honor Paul and all he has done for both me personally and the motorcycle community. Not only that, he has served the community where he grew up for nearly 20 years as a Motors Sergeant with the Irving Police Department. He also very bravely served his country as a US Marine Combat Veteran. That's Big Daddy himself in the photo for the Combat Veterans Story. He deserves a thank you from all of us for his service. Park your motorcycle in the lot and walk around the museum to the left as you look at the entrance. You'll see a statue of a man on a horse. Turn right down that concrete walkway lined with bricks honoring various folks. The coordinates should take you right to it, but to help you locate it, it's one of the larger, 8" x 8" bricks and it's approximately half way down this stretch of walkway on the left side. Take a photo of the brick honoring Paul Tong.

PT3**215**points**Anytime****Will Reed Farm Home Museum****114 LR 133****Alleene (Foreman)****AR**Latitude **33.772467**Latitude **-94.260117**

Paul's father, Gary, was the curator for the museum located here. It's a 'dogtrot house' meaning, two log cabins connected by a breezeway, or dogtrot. Gary grew up in Alleene and still has much family in the area. In fact, Paul owns some land in the area, passed down from his Mamaw. Gary was very invested in this property and preserving the history of it, as well as honoring the folks who settled in this area during a dangerous time for a wide variety of reasons. He even made the Texarkana Gazette in 2019 talking about the property, it's history and why it is important to preserve. Unfortunately, as with many things in our history, the funds to properly upkeep the property were unavailable and it is now permanently closed, but the marker should still be in the yard on a large rock, in front of the house, just to the left of the entrance to the home as you look at it from the street. Do not attempt to walk on the porch or enter the home, it may be unsafe for you to do so. Take a photo of the marker on a large rock indicating that the US Dept of the Interior has placed this property on the National Register of Historic Places

PT4**559**points**Anytime****Queen Wilhelmina State Park****3877 AR-88****Mena****AR**Latitude **34.68571**Latitude **-94.37442**

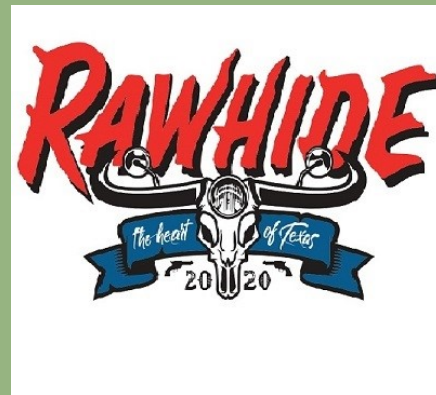
Paul's first stint as a rallymaster was the inaugural NIITWIt Rally which had its finish at the Queen Wilhelmina State Park Lodge near Mena, AR. Take a photograph of the Dierks Forest Service Locomotive on display here.

STORY

Rawhide

STORY COMINATION
BONUS VALUE

2607 points



If you had a blast doing the VMR, check out Heart of Texas in the future. You've gotten used to the app, you know Paul, you know me, and there will be lots of other Valkyries there. We had 11 in 2024!! Here's a little story about the 2020 Rally, titled Rawhide. Paul gets deep, and I do mean DEEP, into his themes and it's a ton of fun! This rally was based around the old west cattle trails. Riders were to collect cattle along 4 cattle trails and drive their cattle to market for sale. Most locations would give the rider a specified number of cattle on that trail. Then, they would also need to visit a market for that trail to sell their cattle. Basically, the harder and/or further away a bonus was, the more it was worth. We are not choosing the more difficult locations for you here! You can expect another amazing puzzle if you decide to come play with us in April, 2025!

RH1 **1020** points

Anytime

El Capitan Longhorn

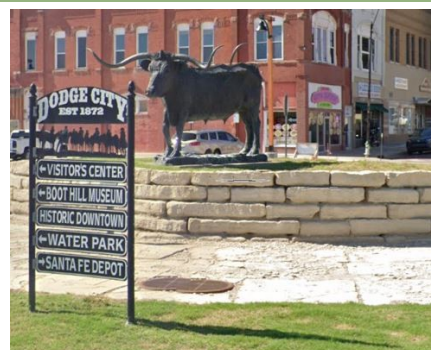
212 Wyatt Earp Blvd

Dodge City

KS

Latitude **37.75287**

Latitude **-100.019242**



This statue of El Capitan served as a market location where riders could sell cattle that were "driven" on the Great Western Cattle Trail. At this location, riders would earn \$37 per head of cattle collected and driven here. Take a photo of the El Capitan statue

RH2 **1020** points

Anytime

Matt Dillon

400 Wyatt Earp Blvd

Dodge City

KS

Latitude **37.752922**

Latitude **-100.020574**



This statue of Matt Dillon, no not that Matt Dillon, served as a "heroes of the trail bonus." A rider who successfully claimed this bonus could add \$2.05 to the market price for ALL trails to the listed price. So if a rider collected and sold cattle on multiple trails, Matt would increase their value by \$2.05 per head. This is how the rally was won. One rider collected and sold on multiple trails and also got several of these enhancements and garnered about 25% more profit than the second place rider. Take a photo of the Matt Dillon statue.

RH3

1020 points

Anytime

Great Western Trail Marker

State Hwy 46 & E Cty Rdy 37

Fargo

OK

Latitude **36.478586**Latitude **-99.74874**

Riders had MANY trail markers that look like this to collect cattle. The project to mark the Great Western Trail began in 2003 with a marker similar to this placed every 6 to 10 miles along the route the trail followed from the Rio Grande to Ogallala, NE. Subsequently Sylvia Mahoney, a decendent of the old trail drivers, worked to mark the ENTIRE trail from northern Mexico, through 9 US States and into Canada. In this rally, there were 2 markets in Saskatchewan for the Great Western Trail. Take a photo of the Great Western Trail Marker.

RH4

1020points

Anytime

Doc Holliday

488 Wyatt Earp Blvd

Dodge City

OK

Latitude **37.752916**

Latitude **-100.021309**



Successfully claiming this Hero of the Trail, Doc Holliday, also enhanced cattle price, but in this case, only on the Great Western Trail and added \$1.15 to the cattle price per head. Take a photo of the Doc Holliday display here.

STORY

Route 66

STORY COMINATION
BONUS VALUE

8124 points



Route 66 embodies a complex, rich history that goes well beyond any chronicle of the road itself. An artery of transportation, an agent of social transformation, and a remnant of America's past, it stretches 2,400 miles across two-thirds of the continent. The highway winds from the shores of Lake Michigan across the agricultural fields of Illinois, to the rolling hills of the Missouri Ozarks, through the mining towns of Kansas, across Oklahoma where the woodlands of the East meet the open plains of the West, to the open ranch lands of Texas, the enchanted mesa lands of New Mexico and Arizona, to the Mojave Desert, and finally to the "land of milk and honey" - the metropolis of Los Angeles and the shores of the Pacific Ocean. Flanked by historic buildings and diverse cultural resources, Route 66 slices across the continent, revealing the process of historical change that transformed the lives of people, their communities, and the nation. This fabled highway's multiple alignments connect not only the East and the West, but also the past and the present.

RT1

Blue Whale

124 points

9A-5P

2600 OK-66
Catoosa

OK

Latitude 36.19377
Latitude -95.73292



The Blue Whale of Catoosa was completed in July, 1972. It was built by Hugh S. Davis as a special place for his grandchildren to play and swim in the nearby pond. While swimming is no longer permitted, fishing and picnicking are permitted. There's a gift shop and restrooms available. Take a photo of the ENTIRE Blue Whale.

RT2

Pops

231 points

Anytime

660 W Highway 66
Arcadia

OK

Latitude 35.65903
Latitude -97.33561



Pops is one of the most iconic must-see landmarks along the famed Route 66. This gas station, gift shop, full-service restaurant, soda shop, and more is a relative new-comer to Route 66 lore having been built in 2007. Take a photo of the 66' pop bottle in front of Pops.

RT3 287_{points} Daylight Only

Leaning Tower of Texas

I-40 Frontage Road

Latitude **35.19822**

Groom TX

Latitude **-101.0819**



Ralph Britten wanted to start a truck stop here in Groom and decided he needed a marketing ploy to get folks into his business. He bought the tower from the town of Lefors, 34 miles from here and towed it to its current location. He purposely set the tower at the frightening tilt to attract visitors. And it worked! Folks would come rushing in announcing, "Look out! That tower is about to fall!" To which Mr. Britten would calmly advise it's been that way for years, come on in, sit down, have some food and drink in the restaurant. Take a photo of the leaning tower of Texas, be sure to take your photo clearly showing the extreme lean of the tower.

RT4 301_{points} Anytime

Tower Station and U-Drop Inn Café

111 US Rt 66

Latitude **35.2271**

Shamrock TX

Latitude **-100.24872**



This gas station and art deco café is now a gift shop and museum that was depicted in the animated movie, Cars. It was built in 1936 at a cost of \$23,000 and was the first commercial business on Hwy 66 in Shamrock. Folks quickly took to calling it "Tower Station" for obvious reasons. The use and maintenance of the property has varied over the years until it was purchased in 1999 by the First National Bank of Shamrock and donated to the town. It's Art Deco charm was restored and today it is a museum and the location of the Shamrock Economic Development Corporation, a visitor center, chamber of commerce and community center. Take a photo of the station including both towers in your photo.

RT5 203_{points} Anytime

Cadillac Ranch

12821 I-40

Latitude **35.1875**

Amarillo TX

Latitude **-101.98701**



Ever heard Cadillac Ranch off Bruce Springsteen's 1980, The River? Well, here's your chance to visit. The song is about the inevitability of death. The Cadillac was once a glamorous symbol of wealth and here they are, rusting, decaying, no longer luxurious. Yes, the Cadillacs are visible from I-40, or even from the paint store out front (how convenient!) but you must walk up to the Cadillacs to take your photo. Choose 1 car that you think is perfect and take a photo of it. You may have more than 1 car visible in your photo but if you take your photo from more than 10 feet away, it will be denied. YOU MUST WALK TO THE VEHICLES. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO RIDE YOUR MOTORCYCLE TO THEM. WALK MEANS GET OFF YOUR BIKE AND TAKE THE SHOE LEATHER EXPRESS!

RT6

1082_{points}

Anytime

Route 66 Monument

1500 US Route 66

Latitude **35.17156**

Tucumcari

NM

Latitude **-103.74295**



This monument to the heyday of Route 66 was dedicated in 1997 after Tom Coffin was commissioned by Tucumcari, The NM Highway Department, and the New Mexico Arts Commission. It's set on a sloping base that looks like it's made from sandstone tires and the serpentine outlines of 2 lane roads of the olden days. It's topped with a chrome, 1950's inspired tail fin and lights. It's probably spectacular at sunrise and sunset with the colors. Take a photo of the Route 66 Monument.