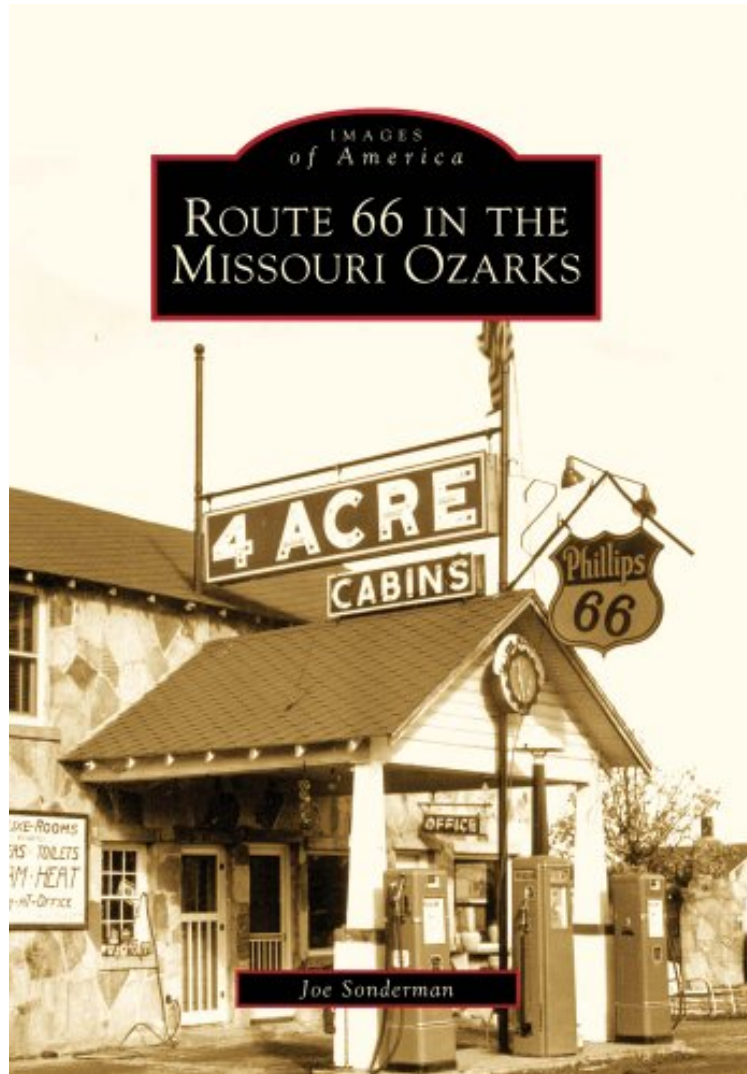


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**Joe Sonderman : Route 66 in the Missouri Ozarks (MO) (Images of America)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Route 66 in the Missouri Ozarks (MO) (Images of America):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Trip down Memory Lane By Susan P. Phillips The book, Route 66 in the Missouri Ozarks, is a fun pictorial of what once was along the route, but often is no more. It is definitely a nostalgia piece. There are the "Then" pictures, with a commentary on the history of the place and what is in its place now, sometimes there are "now" pictures. I got it to have together with books about St. Louis and St. Charles, MO, for our guest room. I have had to replace it several times, as our guests liked it enough to want a copy. It is a snapshot of

early to mid 20th century, mostly rural Missouri. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Another interesting book by Joe Sonderman, well worth the read. A great book that illustrates Route 66 through Missouri, organized by its various paths over the years including the "Business" and "City" routes. This is a companion book to the author's Route 66 Through St. Louis from Arcadia Publishing. Don't expect color photographs or paragraphs of text; it contains BW postcards (or BW renditions of original color postcards) and pictures from sources such as the Missouri State Archives. Each has a short one or two line description which in many cases will enable you to do further research on your own. Be aware that the author, Joe Sonderman, has his own website ([...]) with most or all of these pictures/cards on it, but with no captions, and in many cases lower resolution. Being over the age of 30, I prefer books. :)

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. nice record of history. By L. W. Goodin. Great little historic book about our area, especially the photos.

Route 66 in the Missouri Ozarks picks up the journey west where its companion book, Route 66 in St. Louis, leaves off. As Bobby Troup's song says, Route 66 travels more than 2,000 miles all the way. But one would be hard-pressed to show me a more scenic and historic segment than the Missouri Ozarks. The highway is lined with buildings covered with distinctive Ozark rock. It winds through a region of deep forests, sparkling streams, hidden caves, and spectacular bluffs. This book will take the traveler from Crawford County to the Kansas line. Along the way, there are small towns and urban centers, hotels and motels, cafes and souvenir stands. Take the time to explore Missouri's Route 66; it is waiting at the next exit.

Title: Route 66 in the Missouri Ozarks  
Author: Buzz Ball  
Publisher: Carthage Press  
Date: 6/9/09  
Jasper County, including Carthage and the surrounding area, is prominently included in a new book Route 66 in the Missouri Ozarks. Written by Joe Sonderman, a St. Louis radio personality and traffic reporter, the book picks up the journey of the Mother Road west where its companion book, Route 66 in St. Louis, leaves off. The book is a compilation of photos and postcards of points of interests on Route 66 that runs through eight counties: Crawford, Phelps, Pulaski, Laclede, Webster, Green, Lawrence and Jasper. Some of the points of interests are still standing or operating, while some are only memories. According to his bio, Sonderman fell in love with the Ozarks and with Route 66 during childhood vacations to Missouri's Lake of the Ozarks. His Web site includes more than 5,000 vintage images of Route 66. Sonderman has assembled hundreds of postcard views from his collection and archival images, some never before published. Together, they show what a journey through the heartland was like when getting there was half the fun. Highlights of Route 66 in the Missouri Ozarks are: Detailed descriptions of most places, including ownership, history and often what is located on the site today; Many of the photos are from the author's private collection of postcards and images from the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) archives, many of which have never been published; Instructions on driving Route 66 today. According to the book's description, this book will take the traveler from Crawford County to the Kansas line. Along the way, there are small towns and urban centers, hotels and motels, cafes and souvenir stands. Take the time to explore Missouri's Route 66; it is waiting at the next exit. Some of the Carthage photos included in the book are: Whites Court at the east junction of U.S. Highways 66 and 71. It started out as a cafe and gas station in 1927. It is now the Red Rock Apartments. The Buster Brown Inn. The building still stands across from the Red Rock Apartments on the east side of Kellogg Lake. The Lake Shore Motel advertised excellent fishing on Kellogg Lake. It is now the Best Budget Inn. The Kel-Lake Motel, across from Kellogg Lake, was a recommended motel by AAA. It is still in business today. The CW Cafe opened in 1935 on the north side of the square and later moved to the east side. Of course, the Jasper County Courthouse is mentioned in the book. Red's Cafe was opened at the corner of Central and Garrison in 1941. Whatever kind of meat customers left on their plate customers left on their plate would be mashed together and served again as the house special meatloaf. One of the most famous landmarks on Route 66 was the Boots Court Motel. It was built at the intersection of 66 and 71 (Garrison and Central) in 1930. Clark Gable once stayed in room number six. The motel has been converted to apartments. The Boots Drive-In and Gift Shop opened in 1946 across the Street from the Boots Court. It is now the Great Plains Credit Union. The 66 Drive-in opened in 1949 then closed in 1985 to become a salvage yard. It reopened in 1997 and is the only survivor of six drive-ins that once bore the 66 name. Several Joplin and Webb City points of interests also are in the book, including, The Ozark Motel, The Twin Oaks Court at Range Line and 4th Street; The Keystone Hotel at Fourth and Main streets; Bob Miller's Restaurant, The Elms Motel at the corner of Range Line and 7th Street; and the Little Kings Hotel Court where one could pick up information about the famous Spook Light. The book is published by Arcadia Publishing, [www.arcadiapublishing.com](http://www.arcadiapublishing.com). About the Author: Joe Sonderman is a St. Louis radio personality and traffic reporter. He fell in love with the Ozarks and with Route 66 during childhood vacations to Missouri's Lake of the Ozarks. His Web site includes over 5,000 vintage images of Route 66. Sonderman has assembled hundreds of postcard views from his collection and archival images, some never before published. Together they show what a journey through the heartland was like when getting there was half the fun.