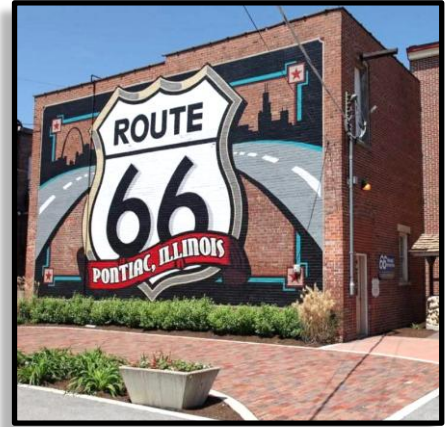




*The Calumet City Historical Society  
presents:*

# *Route 66 in Illinois*

*By John Weiss*



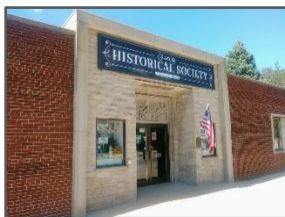
## **Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Route 66!**

Route 66 underwent immense changes during the six decades since it opened in 1926 as America's Mother Road, spanning eight states from Illinois to California. In 1985, Route 66 was removed from the U.S. highway system. Even though the road has been decommissioned, award-winning author John Weiss has been involved in preserving Historic Route 66 for decades. It has enjoyed a renaissance, featuring vintage roads, historic sites, landmarks, parks, military sites, and celebrity attractions. He will share a tour in Illinois, noting the original route and the realignments that occurred in various communities over the years. John said, "Route 66 wasn't built, it was created!" Join him on a fascinating journey with nostalgia and folklore along Historic Route 66—the mother of all roads.

**Sunday, March 8, 2026 ~ 3:00 p.m.**

### **Location:**

**Calumet City Historical Society Center**



**760  
Wentworth  
Avenue**

*Open Tuesday 2-4 p.m., Thursday 1-4 p.m.,  
and 2nd Sunday 1-5 p.m.*

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### **Schedule:**

**2:00 p.m. –  
General Membership Meeting,  
followed by refreshments,  
33/33/34 raffle sales.**

**3:00 p.m. –  
Program begins.  
Raffle drawing, several prizes!**

**Center open 1:00-5:00 p.m.  
♦ Admission Free ♦**