

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER ANNOUNCED FOR MILES OF POSSIBILITY: THE EDWARDSVILLE ROUTE 66 CONFERENCE

David K. Dunaway of Albuquerque, NM, will be the keynote speaker for “Miles of Possibility: The Edwardsville Route 66 Conference” on Friday morning, October 30. He will also serve as moderator for one of the tourism panel discussions.

David K. Dunaway, Ph.D., has been a prize-winning radio producer for twenty-five years, specializing in historical and literary documentaries. His series on Aldous Huxley won a Gold Medal from the International Radio Festival in New York. Dunaway teaches at the University of New Mexico and San Francisco State. He is the author of nine volumes of biography and history, and the producer of the award-winning, three-hour radio series entitled *Across the Tracks: A Route 66 Story*.

Miles of Possibility will be held in Edwardsville, Illinois, on Thursday-Saturday, October 29-31. Sponsored by the Illinois Route 66 Blue Carpet Corridor Coalition and hosted by the City of Edwardsville, the primary venue for the conference is the beautifully-restored historic Wildey Theatre on N. Main Street, just two blocks off Edwardsville's Route 66. [www.wildeytheatre.com](http://www.wildeytheatre.com)

Conference sessions will include presentations, panel discussions, and workshops by nationally- and internationally-known experts on Route 66 history, travel, preservation, and marketing. The complete conference schedule, as well as online registration, can be found on the conference webpage, [www.bluecarpetcorridor.org/rt66conference](http://www.bluecarpetcorridor.org/rt66conference).

Social and networking events associated with the conference are:

Thurs. afternoon, Oct. 29 – historic districts/Route 66 tours by Historic Preservation Commission

Thurs. afternoon, Oct. 29 – Wildey Theatre tours by Wildey historian Joan Evers

Thurs. evening, Oct. 29 – pub crawl including three Route 66 establishments plus new brewery

Fri. evening, Oct. 30 – dinner catered by Bella Milano at the Wildey Theatre

Fri. evening, Oct. 30 – Road Crew, Route 66 band, performing live on the Wildey Theatre stage

Sat. morning, Oct. 31 – Route 66 Yahoo e-group breakfast

Sat. evening, Oct. 31 – Halloween Parade with theme “Miners, Mobsters, and the Mother Road”

Sat. evening, Oct. 31 – Route 66 Roadie Bash at Edison's Entertainment Complex

The Blue Carpet Corridor Coalition was formed in November 2013 to promote the section of Illinois Route 66 from Chatham to Collinsville. Blue Carpet Corridor Coalition President Cheryl Eichar Jett is serving as Conference Director.

Conference information and updates can also be found on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Route66Edwardsville](http://www.facebook.com/Route66Edwardsville) and on Twitter at [@Rt66Edw](https://twitter.com/Rt66Edwardsville). Email [rt66conference@gmail.com](mailto:rt66conference@gmail.com) or call (618) 307-5049 with questions.

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