



The Arizona Questers

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Where the Mother Road Lives



2 DAYS
In KINGMAN

NOVEMBER 10-11 2026

Holiday Inn Express **Special Questers Rate**
\$129 / night til Sept. 9

Pack your bags and head north this November as the Arizona State Organization of The Questers gathers in historic Kingman, Arizona for our 2026 Fall State Meeting. This year's event is the perfect opportunity to combine fellowship, learning, and adventure while celebrating two significant milestones—America's 250th Birthday and the 100th Anniversary of Historic Route 66. Reservations due by October 31, 2026.

STATE MEETING & LUNCHEON

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

Elks Lodge BPO

900 Gates Avenue

Kingman, Arizona

\$47.00

- 9:00 Registration opens
- 10:00 Meeting and morning activities
- 11:30 Opportunity Basket ticket sales/
silent auction review
- 12:00 Lunch—Choice of French Dip
Sandwich or Chicken
Salad
- 1:00 Program
- 2:00 Drawings
- 2:30 Adjourn

PROGRAM

ROUTE 66 AND THE DUST BOWL ERA

FEATURED SPEAKER — LEAH STAGG

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MOHAVE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Learn how one of America's most iconic highways became a lifeline for thousands seeking a new beginning and how those historic journeys continue to shape our understanding of

resilience, migration, and the American spirit.

We Make History ** Our Past Helps Shape Our Future



KINGMAN STATE MEETING INFORMATION

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS



HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS
3031 East Andy Devine Avenue
Kingman, Arizona

Reservations: (928) 718-4343

Be sure to ask for the Arizona Questers rate of \$129 per night when making your reservation. Rate good until September 9.

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Featured speaker Leah Stagg, Executive Director of the Mohave County Historical Society

2:00 Opportunity Basket drawings

MAKE IT A TWO-DAY ADVENTURE!

Kingman, known as the "Heart of Historic Route 66, provides the perfect backdrop for Questers who love history, preservation, and discovering the stories that shaped our nation.

Arrive on Tuesday, November 10, and enjoy one—or several—of the optional activities planned throughout the day.

Explore Kingman's Outstanding Museums

- ♦ Route 66 Museum – Experience the struggles and determination of Dust Bowl families as they traveled the Mother Road in search of hope and a better life.
- ♦ Mohave Museum of History and Arts – Discover the fascinating history of Mohave County, its early inhabitants, pioneers, mining heritage, and the people who helped shape northwestern Arizona.



- ♦ Bonelli House – Step back in time as you tour one of Arizona's finest examples of Anglo-territorial architecture and learn about the lifestyle of the influential Bonelli family at the turn of the twentieth century.



Looking for More Adventure?



Take a scenic drive along historic Route 66 to Oatman, the famous living ghost town where wild burros still roam the streets, and the

remarkable story of Olive Oatman comes to life. You may also wish to explore a local turquoise mine or venture to the spectacular Grand Canyon Caverns—one of Arizona's unique natural wonders.



Whether you come for the history, the fellowship, the museums, or the unforgettable Route 66 experience, the 2026 Arizona Questers State Fall Meeting promises to be a memorable celebration of our nation's heritage and our shared commitment to preserving it. Gather your chapter members, invite a Quester friend, and make plans now to join us in Kingman as we celebrate 250 years of America, honor the 100th anniversary of Route 66, and create new memories together. We look forward to welcoming you to Kingman on Nov. 11.



See Page 3 for a detailed description of optional tours and events.

Chapter Treasurers: Download the [Meeting Reservations](#) form from the Questers State Website—Members section—and follow the instructions on the form. **Reservations are due to State Treasurer by Friday, October 31, 2026.**
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EXPLORING ROUTE 66 and KINGMAN, ARIZONA

Optional Activities for Tuesday, November 10, 2026

Come a day early and turn our meeting into a two-day experience! Join fellow Questers for an overnight adventure celebrating the history, charm, and unique attractions of historic Kingman and Route 66. From museums and historic landmarks to scenic drives and hidden gems, there are three options from which to choose.

OPTION 1—EXPLORE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN KINGMAN

Join Tammy Ruocco for a fun day exploring the heart of historic downtown Kingman. Enjoy a docent-led tour of three fascinating museums, discover the stories that made Kingman a legendary stop along Route 66, and have time to browse the unique shops and galleries that line the historic district. Cost: \$5 per person

- ◆ 10:00 a.m. – Meet at Arizona Route 66 Museum—120 W. Andy Devine Avenue
Begin your day at this unique museum where you'll travel through the history of America's most famous highway. Explore exhibits featuring beautifully restored classic automobiles, vintage roadside memorabilia, and Kingman personalities like Andy Devine, and displays telling the story of the Dust Bowl families who traveled the Mother Road in search of hope and opportunity.
- ◆ 12:00 Noon – Lunch at Mr. D's Route 66 Diner (on your own)
Enjoy lunch at the popular Mr. D's Route 66 Diner just across the street from the museum. This local favorite serves classic American Diner fare in a nostalgic Route 66 setting filled with vintage décor.
- ◆ 1:00 p.m. – Bonelli House—430 E. Spring Street
Step back in time as you tour one of Arizona's finest examples of Anglo Territorial architecture. Learn about the influential Bonelli family and experience life in early 1900s Kingman through this beautifully preserved historic home.
- ◆ 2:00 p.m. – Mojave Museum of History and Arts—400 W. Beale Street
Discover the fascinating history of Mojave County through exhibits highlighting Native peoples, early pioneers, mining, ranching, transportation, and individuals who helped shape northwestern Arizona.

OPTION 2 – OATMAN ADVENTURE

Join Robyn Morin for a fun day exploring historic Oatman and one of the most scenic stretches of Route 66!

- ◆ 11:00 a.m.—Arrive in Oatman. Please allow extra time to find parking, as spaces in town are limited.
- 11:30 a.m.—Meet up with Robyn at the historic Oatman Hotel for lunch (self pay). Built in 1902, the hotel is one of Oatman's most famous landmarks, known for its connection to Hollywood legends Clark Gable and Carole Lombard, who married in Kingman in 1939 and are said to have spent their honeymoon at the hotel where some say their spirits still linger! After lunch, we'll explore the hotel, including the famous honeymoon suite, before enjoying free time to wander Oatman's wooden sidewalks, view the friendly burros that roam the streets, browse the unique shops, and enjoy the charm of this historic mining town. On your return to Kingman, enjoy the scenic drive along Historic Route 66. Be sure to stop at Cool Springs Station, a restored Route 66 landmark offering memorabilia, gifts, and a glimpse into the history of the Mother Road. For those who appreciate the beauty of the Southwest, consider one more stop—the Kingman Turquoise Mine Store 3471 West Chea Drive in Golden Valley offering beautiful Kingman turquoise jewelry, stones and Southwest treasures.

OPTION 3—GRAND CANYON CAVERNS TOUR

Join Donya Wieland for an unforgettable adventure beneath the Arizona desert at the Grand Canyon Caverns on Historic Route 66 at Peach Springs (mile marker 115). Unlike many caves formed by underground rivers, this one is dry. Visitors descend nearly 200 feet by elevator into a vast underground world that has remained dry for millions of years. Because of this unusual environment, many natural features have been remarkably preserved, making this one of Arizona's most fascinating natural attractions. Short Tour (approximately 25 minutes) \$19.95 (65+). A wheelchair-accessible guided tour with no stairs, perfect for those wanting an easier walk while still experiencing the beauty of the caverns. Standard Tour (approximately 45 minutes) \$25.95 (65+). A guided walk featuring additional chambers, fascinating rock formations, stairs, and some uneven walking surfaces for those wishing to explore farther into the caverns.

- ◆ 10:45 a.m.—Gather with Donya and other Questers prior to the guided tour.
- ◆ 11:00 a.m.—Tour begins. Once the tour descends by elevator into the caverns, late arrivals will not be able to join the group. Make the most of your drive to and from the Grand Canyon Caverns by enjoying some of the historic Route 66 stops along the way. Depending on your route and timing, consider exploring some of the small communities and roadside treasures that helped make this stretch of highway famous. Stops to consider include Hackberry General Store, a classic Route 66 landmark filled with memorabilia, vintage vehicles, and photo opportunities; Valentine, home to remnants of the old Route 66 era; and the communities of Peach Springs and Truxton, where you can experience the beauty and history of this legendary highway. Remember, the journey is part of the adventure—so allow yourself time to slow down, explore, and enjoy the nostalgia of the Mother Road.

END THE DAY WITH DINNER AND FRIENDS AT CALICO'S—5:30 P.M.

A longtime Kingman favorite, Calico's is known for its welcoming Western atmosphere, friendly service, and menu featuring steaks, seafood, burgers, salads, and other Southwestern favorites—offering something for everyone. It will be a wonderful opportunity to share stories, swap highlights from the day's adventures, reconnect with friends, and kick off our Fall State Meeting together.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Kingman as we get our kicks on Route 66!