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*Michael Wallis: Route 66 and the American West*— Upcoming Exhibit Lecture

OKLAHOMA CITY— The Oklahoma Hall of Fame at the Gaylord-Pickens Museum will host an exhibit lecture on July 30, *Michael Wallis: Route 66 and the American West*, taking a deeper look at the history of the American West. This lecture is presented in conjunction with the museum's current temporary exhibit, *America's Road: The Journey of Route 66* delivered by Dolese Bros. Co. Michael Wallis, author and award winning reporter, is a historian and a biographer, will echo the themes of the exhibit and his historical perspective will deepen guests' understanding of the significance of The Mother Road.

Wallis has gained international notoriety as a speaker and voice talent. In 2006, Wallis' distinctive voice was heard in *CARS*, an animated feature film created by Pixar Studios. Wallis has published eighteen books, including *Route 66: The Mother Road*, which is credited with sparking and resurgence of interest in the highway.

NRG! Exhibits' *America's Road: The Journey of Route 66*, presented by Dolese Bros. Co. will be on display in the museum's Tulsa World Gallery. This exhibit shares the history of and fascination with one of the world's most famous highways. In keeping the museum's mission of telling Oklahoma's story through its people, the exhibit also will highlight Oklahoma's Route 66 landmarks.

*Michael Wallis: Route 66 and the American West*, will be held on July 30 at 6 p.m. at the Gaylord-Pickens Museum, located at 1400 Classen Drive in Oklahoma City. This lecture is free to the public.

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Through each of its programs at the Gaylord-Pickens Museum, The Oklahoma Hall of Fame is dedicated to telling Oklahoma's story through its people by recognizing notable and lesser known Oklahomans with the state's highest honor. For more information about the Museum, *Michael Wallis: Route 66 and the American West* and our temporary exhibit *America's Road: The Journey of Route 66* please visit [OklahomaHoF.com](http://OklahomaHoF.com), or call 405.235.4458.

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