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Local Author Elrond Lawrence to Sign Copies of *Route 66 Railway* at National Steinbeck Center, April 7th

Salinas author Elrond Lawrence will sign copies of his coffee table book *Route 66 Railway* on Friday, April 7, at the National Steinbeck Center in downtown Salinas. Part of the First Fridays Art Walk, the signing event will take place from 4:30-7 pm. The public can enjoy the Steinbeck Center's permanent exhibit, plus wine tasting and live bluegrass music from Clear Blue Clay.

Route 66 Railway explores the 90-year relationship between famed U.S Highway 66 and the Santa Fe Railway in the American Southwest, featuring dramatic color photography and lively essays. It examines the rise, fall and rebirth of these iconic routes, taking the reader on a journey that spans nine decades and more than 800 miles from California to New Mexico. A revised and expanded second edition of the book is now available six years after the first edition sold out.

During the April 7 signing event, Elrond will also discuss his 30 years of photographing America's historic railroads, vintage highways, forgotten towns, and other treasures across California and the Southwest. Elrond's writing and photography appears in magazines, books, calendars and advertising; sample work can be viewed at his website, www.66rails.com.

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