



### Executive Director Brief Biography:

Thomas Arthur Repp is a veteran writer, photographer and historian. For years Repp has traveled America's highways and byways. He spent nearly a decade traveling Route 66 and interviewing the road's long forgotten families. He authored and designed *Route 66: The Romance of the West* and *Route 66: The Empires of Amusement* touted by the *Dallas Morning News* as "Welcome additions to the growing Route 66 bibliography—the best volumes on the list." The *Los Angeles Times* listed *Route 66: The Romance of the West* in the "*Best Books of the West—2002*."

Mr. Repp is the cofounder of Mock Turtle Press and *AMERICAN ROAD* magazine. Federal Highway officials call Mr. Repp "The Hugh Hefner of two-lane travel." He currently serves as Executive Editor and graphic designer for *AMERICAN ROAD*. *AMERICAN ROAD* debuted in May, 2003 and is hailed by the *Library Journal* as "a colorful and fascinating new publication aimed at US history buffs, Americana fans, armchair travelers, or anyone planning a road trip." Under Repp's leadership *AMERICAN ROAD* received the designation as one of the "*Top New Magazines in 2003*" by Mr. Magazine—as seen in *USA Today*.

Born in the Motor City, he is a former resident of Chicago, Los Angeles, Tucson, and Seattle. Mr. Repp earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Michigan University and his Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Washington. He has taught at the University of Washington and the University of Arizona and has appeared as a guest speaker at conferences, museums, libraries, and elder hostel programs throughout the country. He has done countless newspaper, radio and television interviews. Mr. Repp was recently featured in an NPR radio program series about US 99 in Washington. Mr. Repp lives with his wife in the Motor City near the old Dixie Highway.