

## Pacific Highway: 1913 - 1926<sup>1</sup>

**Historic Auto Camps/Service Stations** The Wildwood Auto Court was one of 14 old Pacific Highway auto courts/camps from Granite Hill to Mt. Sexton in Josephine County, Oregon.<sup>1-3</sup>

**1946 Malisches Settle In Three Pines** The Harold and Lorene Malisch family moved to 10 acres of land on Rural Route 1 Box 967 at Three Pines, Oregon April 13, 1946. Their new home, Wildwood Service Station and Auto Court, was a Texaco service station, store, and auto court on the Pacific Highway (U.S. 99). It was built on a log cabin base ... made out of six inch diameter logs.

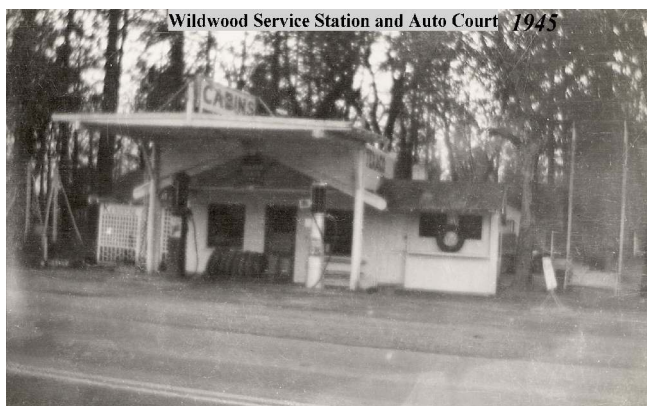
<u>Malish Family</u>	<u>Date Born</u>	<u>Place Born</u>
Harold Ivan Malisch	05/17/1912	Troy, SD
Imer Lorene Guthre	02/06/1911	Dell, Miss. Co., AR
Virginia Harvins	07/14/1931	Long Beach, CA
John Abrams	02/18/1936	L.A., CA
Richard Carl Malisch	03/25/1943	Compton, CA
James Alvin Malisch	02/05/1945	Compton, CA
Judy Irene Malisch	03/10/1947	Grants Pass, OR

The station had gravity gas pumps and sold gasoline, oil and tires. While viewing the building from the front, there was a small room on the left end of the building where oil and kerosene were kept and dispensed. On the right end of the building was a storeroom where tires and stock for the coffee shop were kept. In the center, there was only one door to enter to the eatery. There were no tables to eat at; you had to sit at a bar or counter. The small restaurant was quickly modified to a mom and pop store to sell a few groceries and other convenience items such as milk, eggs, toilet paper, candy, and pop.

## Wildwood Service Station & Auto Court: 1946 - 1951<sup>1</sup>

Harold and Lorene were the primary business attendants, but the three children would pump gas and take care of the store. The kids were taught to always put the bill you got from the customer on the register until after all of the change was counted back.

**Auto Court** The court had six cabins, two doubles and four singles, for rent on a nightly, weekly, or monthly basis. For cabin renters it was not unusual to wake up in the morning and find the tenant had gotten on the road at four in the morning and had taken the mattress and all of the bedding with them.



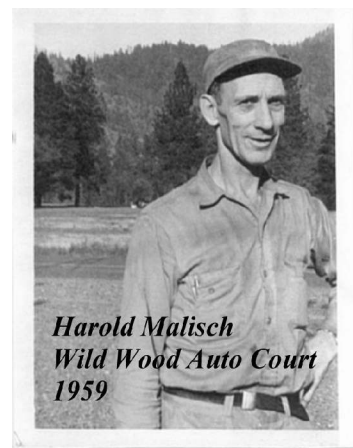
**Wildwood Service Station & Auto Court: 1945**  
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After the war, there were lots of folks who had a few dollars and towed small travel trailers (mostly the tear-drop style), behind their automobiles on the way to Portland or Seattle, or points south. For them, the Malisches had an acre set aside as a campground.

## Wildwood Auto Court: 1951 - 1961

Behind the old station there was a hand-dug well that supplied water. Next to it was a pump house and north of that, were a set of bathrooms with showers for the guests that stayed in the cabins.

**In 1951** Red Branham stopped for a cold pop and then drove into the station awnings because his logs were stacked too high on his logging truck to pass beneath. After the renovation, it became the Wildwood Auto Court.



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**1960 - 1961** The I-5 freeway was built through northern Josephine County in 1959 and the court business hit bottom. The station was run for a year longer. Harold went to work for the Bates Plywood Mill till retirement. Lorene went to work for Laurel Hill Nursing Home until 1974.

**1966** The Malisch family sold the court and moved to Grants Pass on Rivaway Lane in 1966.

**Want more information?** Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood*.

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## Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's Mission

This information brochure is one of a series of documents published by the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (*Hugo Neighborhood*). It is designed to be shared with neighbors for the purpose of helping protect our rural quality of life by promoting an informed citizenry in decision-making. The *Hugo Neighborhood* is an informal nonprofit charitable and educational organization with a land use and history mission of promoting the social welfare of its neighbors.

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The *Hugo Neighborhood's* land use mission is to promote Oregon Statewide Goal 1 — Citizen Involvement, and to preserve, protect, and enhance the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors. It will act, if requested, as a technical resource assisting neighbors to represent themselves.

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*Wildwood Auto Court  
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