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

**Pacific Highway** It is assumed that the Travelier Auto Court was built after 1921 when the Pacific Highway was paved in the area.

**1947** The Travelier was a Shell Oil Dealership prior to the arrival of the William Beam and Ethel Chunn family in 1947 (Photo 1).

The Travelier Auto Court was a 10-acre Union Oil Dealership with a store and cabins when the Chunns owned and managed it (title page). The gas station and store were in the front of the Travelier Auto Court with living quarters attached to back. A room with a wood stove was between the store and the living area. It had an arched entrance over the driveway to the cabins. William and Ethel had bought the place from a Mrs. Castle.

There were no Greyhound tickets sold at the Travelier. Folks that wanted a ride would just stand out front of the station and the bus would stop. It cost the rider 20¢ for a ride from the Travelier to the Greyhound depot in Grants Pass.

**1947 - 1953** The Chunns managed the Travelier for seven years. It was located off of Pine Street approximately .3 miles south of the junction of Pleasant Valley Road and Monument Drive.

**Cabins** There were eight cabins of which seven were rented. The eighth cabin was used by the Chunn's children to play in. Cabin No. 1 and Cabin No. 2 were the two deluxe cabins each having a bathroom, kitchen, bedroom, and a garage. In between the two cabins was a heater pump with an old tin type stove. You would heat the water for the two cabins there.

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## Travelier Auto Court<sup>1</sup>

**Cabins** Cabin No. 7 had a bedroom and a wood heater. It was by itself back in the woods. Cabins No. 3, No. 4., No. 5, and No. 6 were on a connected back row. They all had heat. Between Cabin No. 3 and Cabin No. 4 there was a car port.



*Photo 1. Travelier Auto Court: Prior 1947*  
Courtesy of Nona (Chunn) Pedrazzini

The auto court had centrally located men and women's showers and toilets. It was also a place where you could wash clothes with an old wringer type washing machine. A wood coiled stove heated the water for both the showers and washing clothes.

During the time that the cabins were being used as auto courts, they were rented on a daily basis with bedding and clean sheets provided. After 1953 customers provided their own bedding.

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## U.S. 99: 1926 - 1959 Monument Drive: 1959 - 2010

**1953** William Chunn had a stroke in 1953 after which he was taken care of at the Merlin Sanitarium. Daughter Ruth "Nona" knew her Dad had passed when on Good Friday morning the phone rang at some unearthly hour. William passed April 1953.

**1954** The Travelier Auto Court pretty much ceased as a business after William passed. By 1954 there was no operating gas station or store and the cabins were being rented like apartments.

**1954 - 1955** Bill and Lucy (Chunn) Flaming lived in Cabin No. 2 during her pregnancy. At the time the water heater was not working and they only had cold water. The cabins would be continue to be rented for decades on a monthly basis.

**U.S. 99 Highway: 1958** A new Interstate 5 four-lane highway opened between Grants Pass and Jumpoff Joe Creek Road bypassing a segment of U.S. 99 that would become Monument Drive. This final bypass of traffic was pretty much the end of the other local auto courts and gas stations that had dotted U.S. 99.

In **1959** the segment of U.S. 99 along the Travelier was acquired by Josephine County and in 1960 it was named Monument Drive in honor of murdered Oregon State Trooper Burrell M. "Milo" Baucom.

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

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1. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. March , 2006. *Auto Camps* In Northern Josephine County: 1910 - 2001. Hugo, OR.

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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.

### Land Use & History

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.

Its history mission is to educate, collect, preserve, interpret, and research its local history and to encourage public interest in the history of the Hugo area.

Volunteer membership dues are \$10.00 annually per family and normally used for paper, ink, envelopes, publications and mailings. Send us your e-mail address if you want to know what we are doing.

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## Travelier Auto Court: ca., 1920s - 1953

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*Chunn's Travelier Auto Court:  
ca., 1947 - 1950*  
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