

Pacific Highway: 1913 - 1926¹

Evolving Transportation Systems There were several land transportation systems before and after the official Pacific Highway from 1913 to 1926 in southwestern Oregon: from Indian trails to pioneer trails and wagon roads, and during the auto age from dirt and granite roads to narrow paved roads, and finally the four-lane, and much larger, interstate 5 freeway after 1959 - 1960.

Pacific Highway: 1913 - 1926 The 1922 completion of the 345 mile Pacific Highway in Oregon came with the distinction of being the first state west of the Mississippi to have a paved highway the entire length of the state. The Pacific Highway was officially dedicated the length of Oregon and Washington October 1923.

U.S. 99 The Pacific Highway became U.S. 99 in 1926. It was rerouted to a new location east of the old 1922 location (i.e., today's Oxyoke) ca., 1941 - 1942.

1924² In 1924 the Kolkows acquired property at the junction of the Pacific Highway and Jump-off Joe Creek Road. Ethel Kolkow with the help of her elder son built a one-room shelter. This was the family's home until the husband and father, Edwin, sold his garage/service station in Little Lake, California.

1924 to 1934² The shelter, with additions, became home for the family, which grew to include four more children, Clarence, Charles, Ralph, and Mary. The Kolkows built and ran the Oxyoke Service Station from 1924 to 1934. In 2010 it was located at what is now the junction on Monument Drive, Three Pines Road, and Oxyoke Road.

Hugo's Regional Auto Camps¹

1930 Census. Lucky Queen Precinct, Josephine County, Oregon

Eugene Kolkow	Head	WA	1892	38 yrs
Ethel A. Kolkow	Wife	WI	1895	35 yrs
William R. Kolkow	Son	OR	1912	18 yrs
Reba A. Kolkow	Dau	CA	1914	16 yrs
Francis M. Kolkow	Son	CA	1916	14 yrs
Edwin J. Kolkow	Son	CA	1923	7 yrs
Clarence R. Kolkow	Son	OR	1925	5 yrs
Charles L. Kolkow	Son	OR	1928	2 yrs



1925 Oxyoke Service Station² In 1925 Edwin Kolkow went into the same business he had in Little Lake and their home became known as the Oxyoke Service Station, a Shell Station. The station had a 55 gallon drum-and-funnel-setup. Edwin Kolkow had work experience in many areas and was kind of a "Jack-of-all-trades." He was a timber faller, a mechanic, he could run equipment, and he drove trucks. He did a little bit of everything.

Kolkow's Oxyoke Service Station: 1924 - 1934

The family sold pop and eventually the iceman would deliver big blocks of ice to the station to keep the pop cold. It was about a nickel for a 50-pound block of ice. The service station had the small functional overhanging canopy to provide protection from rain, snow, and hot sun when filling vehicles with gas.

1932 - "Held It"² The Kolkow's service station had a two-holer outhouse up the hill a little ways. One time some people pulled in for gas in a big fancy 1932 Lincoln and the lady asked Clarence's mother where the restroom was. After she was told the lady asked if there was running water in it. Clarence's mother replied, "Not until you get up there." The ritzy people had a very difficult time using an outside toilet. Many of them "held it."

1934² During the summer of 1934 Edwin and Ethel traded the Oxyoke Service Station for a 15-acre place, part of which Charles and Virginia Kolkow lived at in 2010. They traded it with a professional cook who decided he could not make a living in Josephine County and needed to move back to California and go to work again. The cook wanted the trade because the station was on U.S. 99 and had a higher visibility that he thought would help sell it quicker.

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

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2. Walker, Michael. 2001. *Clarence and Bernice (Brazille) Kolkow's Memories*. Prepared for the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. Hugo, OR.

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.

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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Oxyoke Service Station: 1924 - 1934

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Oxyoke Service Station: 1925
Courtesy of Clarence & Bernice Kolkow

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