

## Pacific Highway: 1913; U.S. 99: 1926<sup>1</sup>

**Pacific Highway/U.S. 99** The Pacific Highway was established 1913 and paved 1921 - 1922. It became U.S. 99 in 1926.

**Carr's Corner: 1922** Radio Park Auto Camp was previously known as Carr's Corner, named for the owners Florence and Cyrus Carr who purchased this property in 1922.<sup>2</sup> The Carr's Corner had a Shell Service Station.

**Radio Park** was located on the Pacific Highway in Sunny Valley. The store faced in a northerly direction and overlooked the expanse of valley floor along Grave Creek. The covered bridge over Grave Creek lied approximately a half mile north and Interstate 5 passed to the west. Radio Park Auto Camp had a Texaco Service Station.

**1925** *Radio Park Auto Camp was leased by Paul T. Moorehead from F. W. Priebs. F. W. Priebs purchased the property from Carrs in 1925 and renamed it Radio Park. Page 55<sup>2</sup>*

**1930's** *Mr. Matson operated the store [Sunny Valley] next door until his death in the early 1930's. At this time his son-in-law Paul T. Moorehead and daughter Lillian the leasees of Radio Park Auto Court took over management of the store eventually remodeling and adding to the old store. Page 53<sup>2</sup>*

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3. Atwood, Kay. 1983 - 1984. *Josephine County Historical Resources Inventory*. Developed for the Josephine County Planning Office. Volume I. Grants Pass, OR.

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## Hugo's Regional Auto Camps<sup>1</sup>

**1930s - 1940s** *Radio Park Store #2 was originally built as a dance hall by contractor Sam Wiser for Clifford and Hattie Brock. The Brocks purchased Radio Park from Frank and Ruth Priebs on November 13, 1936. The Brocks sold the store in 1945 and it was eventually remodeled by Andes and Howard using the arched windows from the old sixth street Safeway store of Grants Pass. Radio Park #2 and the Grave Creek Grocery served as post office sites under Nora Dunham and Lillian Moorehead Page 53<sup>2</sup>*

### JO CO Historical Resources Inventory: 1930<sup>3</sup>

“The Radio Park Store was constructed c. 1930 by Clifford Brock, member of the Samuel Light Brock family which arrived in Josephine County and on Grave Creek in 1904.



**Radio Park Cabin: 1990s**  
Courtesy of Josephine County

Clifford Brock was born in 1882 in Michigan, the oldest of six children. His father selected land along Grave Creek and raised the family there.”

“Clifford Brock constructed the store and cabins which he called Radio Park. The complex welcomed tourists from the Pacific Highway as they progressed down one of the most scenic stretches of the travel route. The building was used as a dance hall for many years. Later it was a store where Brock sold groceries and ice to residents of the Grave Creek and Leland area.” The Brock family lived in the back of the building.”

## Radio Park Auto Camp: ca., 1925 - 1945

**1983** The evolved Radio Park Store and a remaining cabin remained in 1983.<sup>3</sup>

**Remodeled Radio Park** Josephine County obtained Radio Park through a 1992 tax foreclosure. The property is managed under the terms of a 20-year lease agreement between Josephine County and the Sunny Valley Applegate Trail Society, Inc. that expires in 2015.



**Remodeled Radio Park: 2010**  
Courtesy of Mike Walker

**1996** The local Applegate Trail Society landed a \$344,000 grant from U.S. Department of Agriculture to remodel the 74-year old store at 400 Sunny Valley.<sup>4</sup>

**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.

### Land Use & History

The *Hugo Neighborhoods* 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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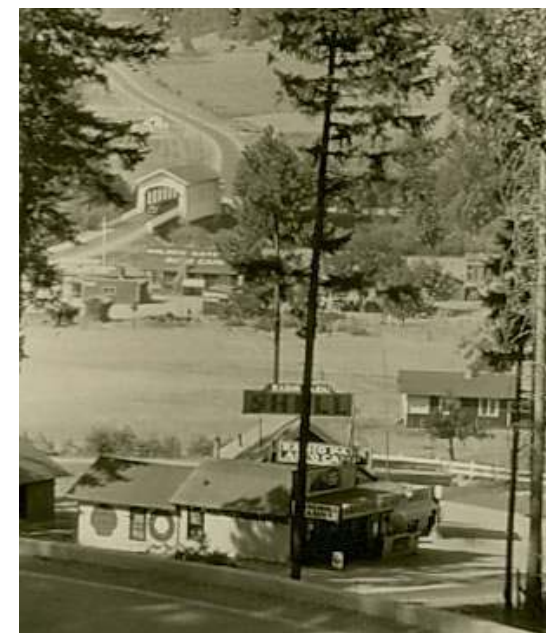
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## Radio Park Auto Court: ca., 1925 - 1945

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*Carr's Corner: ca., 1922*

Courtesy of OR Dept. of Transportation

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