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

**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. It became U.S. 99 in 1926.

**1987 - 1992** Dean and Marge Mullenix purchased the Antler's Store from Bob and Del Duncan in 1987. They operated it for five years from 1987 - 1992.

**Store** The property at the Antler's Store included the store, gasoline pumps, and a house attached to the store. There was a garage in the backyard, including two cabins and a public restroom from the old auto camp days. Marge worked the inside of the store and Dean worked the gas pumps. Candy was a big seller. The store was made out of rough hewn lumber. Underneath the floor was mostly 12" by 12" beams which were on top of large tree rounds or big 4' by 4' concrete blocks.

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1. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. March , 2006. *Auto Camps* In Northern Josephine County: 1910 - 2001. Hugo, OR. <http://www.jeffnet.org/~hugo/autocamp.htm>

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## Hugo's Regional Auto Courts & Gas Stations<sup>1</sup>

**Flavor** The Mullenixs had come from the city. They had a real eye opener the first weekend they were at the store which was Memorial weekend. Folks came by in droves. It was very country and friendly. Everybody would bring their deer heads and their kill to the store to show off. And, of course, since they were the "Antlers", they had deer antlers mounted on the front of and inside the store.

**Auto Camp** The assumption is that the auto court was built in the 1920s. Dean assumed the auto court originally had five or six cabins. Each cabin had a bed, chimney, and a stove. Customers would bring their own bedding.



*Marge & Dean Mullenix, Marge's  
Mother Adele, & Brother David*  
Courtesy of Mullenix

There were two auto court cabins left and being used for storage when the Mullenixs owned the business. They were substantial, nicely built cabins for their day. One of the two restrooms built for the auto court was still a public restroom for the store. The restroom was of the same dimensions and size as the cabins, but without a chimney. There were no showers. In 2010 there was still one cabin left and still being used for storage.

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## Mullenix Family Were Store Operators: 1987 - 1992



*Front Right Building Was Public Restroom*  
Courtesy of Mullenix

**Union 76 Gas Station** Except for the two gas pumps there were no Union 76 signs. The big hanging sign advertising the business was a large RC logo over the words, *Antler's Market*.



*Monument Drive North from Antlers*  
Courtesy of Mullenix

**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 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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## Antlers: 1987 - 1992

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*Antler's Store On Monument Drive*  
Courtesy of Mullenix

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