

Memories By The Mile

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THE
ADVENTURE**



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**A & G DIESEL
I-90, EXIT 332 AT HWY. 37
MITCHELL, SD 57301**

A & G Diesel, Inc. was established in 1974 in Mitchell, SD by Alice and Gene Kasselder. It started as a shop for their trucking company, and grew into a diesel repair business. In 1992, we were asked to take over the shop located within the I-90 Travel Center, which was named A & G II. In 1996, a new shop was built directly behind the truckstop. Mike and Kathy Hoffman purchased A & G Diesel, Inc. in 2007. Mike had been an employee and manager of A & G for thirty years when he purchased the business. We have been an Ambest member since 2001. Ambest, great employees, and great customers have allowed us to grow immensely in the past years, and we look forward to future growth!



**THE ABBYLAND STORY
HWY. 29 AT EXIT 127
CURTISS, WI 54422**

Is this a formula for a successful Truck Stop? Let's put up a state-of-the-art modern facility in a town of 200 in the middle of rural Wisconsin about 200 miles from either the Twin Cities or Green Bay. Let's also include a full-service 24/7 restaurant across the street from another restaurant. Then, let's do all this with no previous experience whatsoever in this industry – other than filling up your car at a convenience store and eating at a restaurant every once in awhile. Sound like something you would do???

Well, Harland Schraufnagel did just that back in 2003. He had an idea that this concept would work (he's had a few ideas before) and decided to go forward with this one. After purchasing 44 acres of farmland and pasture on a section of land abutting State Highway 29, he thought about building something unique for the area and decided on a Northwoods Wisconsin look that incorporated hand-hewn Canadian pine logs – some as long as 80 feet. What evolved was indeed a unique building for a truck stop (see pictures).

Now, this was not Harland's first entrepreneurial venture. He had started a small custom butcher shop back in 1977 with about 2,500 square feet. Over the years, he has grown the business into what now covers almost 400,000 square feet and produces over 800,000 pounds of sausage and other meat products daily. To achieve this, somewhere along the way he built a pork processing plant which processes up to 1,800 hogs a day. Ask Steve or Luke about their tour of this facility!

Back to the truck stop. We've had a lot of good days over the last 7 years and – as most of you can sympathize with – a lot of not-so-good days. But, we've learned a lot and most days now are better than the one before. We switched fuel distributors and changed brands from Mobil to Shell and – along with offering premium diesel fuel year-round – with that makeover our fuel sales have increased over 30% over last year. We now haul our own fuel which has certainly made for better margins. Our full-service restaurant utilizes a number of local experienced (read 'grandmas') cooks who have a strong following with regular truckers and locals alike – our homemade pies and breads are definitely worth stopping for. The c-store is larger than most with a good-sized area of 'tourist-y' items and, of course, a well-stocked deli cooler that features a wide array of Abbyland sausages and meats, as well as a good selection of world-famous Wisconsin cheeses. We are looking to add a section featuring Abbyland fudge and 'Ye Olde Ice Cream Shoppe' – we'll see how that goes.

Next time you're in the area, please stop in for both a great meal and – maybe – a tour of the Pork Plant!

BIG CABIN TRAVEL PLAZA BIG CABIN SERVICE CENTER I-44, EXIT 283 BIG CABIN, OK 74332

DeWayne and Kathrena Franks stumbled into the truck stop business when Arkansas designated Highway 22A as the truck route around Fort Smith, and trucks began stopping by their service station asking for diesel. That was in 1954. They had a diner that offered an "all-you-can-eat" catfish special for \$1.00. They had bunkrooms for drivers (motels were not plentiful and were considered too expensive), and community showers. Their first diesel sales were at \$0.189. They were the Western Union when the downtown office closed and served as Western Union's first experimental office in truck stops. After twelve years, I-40 was built to the north, out of Fort Smith's path. Since the Franks knew this two years in advance, they had time to look for a site with an interstate already in place.

A location with the unlikely name of Big Cabin, Oklahoma, at the US 69 exit of I-44, proved to be such a place and they opened the Cherokee Truck Terminal in September 1966. The diner turned into a full service restaurant, the bunkrooms disappeared, the old Western Union typewriter and Telex machines became computer transfers, and the showers became private. The Cherokee Truck Terminal was later named Big Cabin Travel Plaza.

The Franks' three daughters, Lisa, Gina, and Tara, all worked at the truck stop very early on and learned a solid work ethic from their parents. All three are currently engaged in successful businesses of their own.

The Franks have intimate knowledge of just how hard over-the-road trucking is. They operated a long distance trucking company, Franks & Son, Inc., from 1974 to 2002. The Big Cabin Service Center is housed in the former Franks & Son building.

The Big Cabin Service Center began operation in July of 2002. The Franks wanted to ensure the truckers stopping by to fuel at the travel plaza could not only have a meal, but also take care of flats and minor repairs, or get their trailer washed out before getting back on the road. Since that time, the Big Cabin Service Center has undergone many changes to keep up with the demand of their patrons, and in 2003, joined AMBEST. The service center offers a full range of preventive maintenance products and services, as well as, AMBEST promotions, and national account tires - Bridgestone, Goodyear, Michelin, and most recently, Michelin retreads.

The Franks businesses have survived for fifty-three years by hard work and determination. They combine the latest in technology with old-fashioned service, courtesy and a caring attitude that has carried them this far. They have acres of parking for those long layovers, a restaurant with ample food and fair prices. They have a movie/tv room, washers & dryers, a deli, convenience store, showers, CAT® scales, Indian smoke shop, repair shop, and a 46 ft. Indian Chief to guide you in. Next time you are in Big Cabin stop by. You'll be glad you did.

BOSSelman BOSS SHOPS GRAND ISLAND, NE



Visit one of Bosselman's 25 Boss Shops in 18 states, offering a full line of services to the trucking community. Services offered include tires, quick lube oil changes, brake, electrical, drive train, air conditioning and other repairs, with a strong foundation in experienced service and the highest standards in the industry. Boss Shops carry tire lines including Goodyear, Bridgestone, Firestone, Michelin, DynaTrac, and BF Goodrich, with national accounts in Bridgestone, Goodyear, and Michelin, along with a Chrome Store with products to trick out a truck.

Chuck Bosselman, President of Bosselman Inc., comments: "The trucking industry is constantly looking for repair facilities that they can trust to do their over-the-road work for them, and after over 60 years in this industry, Boss Shops are targeting that need through quality service and competitive pricing." Bosselman's will fulfill the needs of these over-the-road customers with our 25 shops across the USA. Stop in and visit one of our clean, professional Shops today! www.bosstruckshops.com



**BRIDGES
I-85 EXIT 70, 5495 COUNTY ROAD
CUSSETA, AL 36852**

Bridges Travel Plaza is located on Interstate 85, Exit 70 in Cusseta, Alabama. Bridges Travel Plaza has been in business for over 34 years. DuWayne and Pat Bridges are the owners. It is located halfway between Montgomery, Alabama and Atlanta Georgia. It is 10 miles from the Georgia state line and only 13 miles from Auburn.

Bridges Travel Plaza is unique because of its southern hospitality. The staff works hard to make sure customers are welcomed with smiles and good customer service.

Bridges Travel Plaza has a menu, but is famous for its southern buffet. Bridges Travel Plaza is the original "Country Pride Restaurant." They feature southern fried chicken, collard greens, banana pudding, Mexican cornbread, and real sweet iced tea.

Bridges Travel Plaza is also unique because of its Christian atmosphere. When one pulls up to the gas island, Christian music is playing. They also sell Christian music, books, and T-shirts.

Across the street from Bridges Travel Plaza are Bridges Boot Outlet and Western Wear. It is a 16,000 square foot store with more than just 3,000 pairs of boots. They have Wrangler jeans, shirts, dusters and more. Bridges Boot Outlet sells Priester's homemade candy. They also feature unique gifts and antiques.



**696 GRAIN LANE
INTERSTATE I-380, EXIT 35
CENTER POINT, IOWA 52213**

The Center Point Travel Plaza was established in December 2005 and is located on 11 acres adjacent to Interstate I-380, at exit 35 in Center Point, Iowa. We are 233 miles South of St. Paul, Minnesota and 302 miles North of St. Louis, Missouri on the "Avenue of the Saints".

The travel plaza was designed to ensure our truck drivers and customers have an enjoyable and convenient experience every time they stop to see us. The facility is "state of the art" and offers the latest technology and amenities including free Wi-Fi internet access, a fireplace to relax by, and much more. The most unique feature of the Center Point Travel Plaza is the 12' water fountain in the middle of the convenience store, which creates an incredible atmosphere that sets us apart from the average truck stop.

In addition, the bathrooms, showers, and laundry facilities are designed and maintained to offer some of the cleanest facilities in the industry. Our parking lot has over 100 parking spaces for tractor/trailers, buses, and RV's. There is an additional 100 parking spaces for cars, pickups, and motorcycles.

McDonald's and Subway anchor both ends of the travel plaza and we recently unveiled our brand new pizza kitchen "Fireside Pizzeria" this June. We offer fresh made to order pizzas, calzones, breadsticks, and more. Fireside Pizzeria was an instant hit with the local customers and truck drivers who can take a fresh pizza with them in less than 20 minutes or stay and relax near the fireplace and water fountain.

We are branded Sinclair and are a member of the prestigious Sinclair Gold Truck Stop Network, which requires us to offer the highest quality fuel, amenities, and service. We have eight diesel fueling lanes for trucks, buses, and RV's and sixteen fueling stations for automobiles, pick-ups, and motorcycles, plus one diesel pump for the "little" trucks. We joined AMBEST in 2007 and are proud to be associated with the best truck stops and travel plazas in the country. Come see us at the Center Point Travel Plaza.....you'll be happy you did!





DAVIS TRAVEL CENTERS



13306 ST. JOHN CHURCH ROAD
STONY CREEK, VA 23882

12461 OLD STAGE ROAD
WARFIELD, VA 23889

What sets our Davis Travel Centers apart from others. We feel is our WOW factor!!!

When people enter our facility for the first time that is usually what we hear "WOW!!". The look of our travel centers is unique and very inviting to all of our customers. From the moment you pull up and see our well lit and beautifully clean exterior, till you enter the door and see all that we have to offer, gifts that you do not normally see in other travel centers across the US. In the center of our store we have 6 televisions so that our customer can keep up with the news, weather and sports. You then look up and see our distance map of the US on our wall and can see how far you are from your destination. You then notice our 21 door cooler which offers any type of beverage you could possibly want. Our coffee bar and deli area offers beverages and sandwiches to fill you up. Our immaculately clean restroom and shower facilities' are second to none with our Italian marble tile. At our Stony Creek Location we offer Starbucks for you cap and frap and coffee desires and of course there is Subway with our \$5 foot long deals that you just can't pass up. At our Warfield location we offer Dunkin Donuts for those that love coffee and fresh donuts and those great \$5 deals are also offered at our Subway in Warfield! We have a computer station for internet use. For our trucker and RV customer we offer parking for 80 trucks, 7 fuel islands, Cat Scales, RV Dump station, TV room, free wifi, Trip Pak scanning, Western Union. We are very excited to be building a brand Denny's that will seat 190 people and will be opening in early October. So if ever in VA traveling on Interstate 95 or Interstate 85 stop at either of our Davis locations.

We will take care of all your traveling needs!



FROG CITY TRAVEL PLAZA I-10, EXIT 87, LA 35 RAYNE, LA 70578

Everyone thinks that their part of the country is special....but here in South Louisiana it's really true.

And what could be more unique than being the FROG CAPITAL of the World?

Frog City Travel Plaza, located in Rayne, Louisiana is known for it's good food, friendly people, and Frog Races.

Around the turn of the century (1900 that is), frogs were cultivated in Rayne and surrounding areas. The little guys were then shipped all over the world not only for culinary pursuits but also for educational purposes. Apparently, the business was a thriving one and hence today, Rayne is known for this historical feature. Additionally, the classic Acadian style buildings and structures of Rayne are decorated with numerous murals featuring the famous frogs.

Frog City Travel Plaza is proud to enjoy a staff, most of whom, have been with Frog City since it's construction. A loyal staff with a good place to work is continually reflected in the excellent & friendly service provided to our customers. This attitude keeps our customers coming back!

Not only is Frog City's Restaurant famous for burgers titled The Tadpole and The Bullfrog we offer a full selection of Cajun dishes like Crawfish Etouffee, Boudin, and Alligator. Rather than just a place for travelers to grab a bite, the Frog City Restaurant is one of the most popular establishments in Rayne.

The jewel in the Frog City crown is our Casino. Video poker at its finest, we have a weekly line-up of entertainment including of course, Frog Races.

Frog City Travel Plaza & Casino is located on I-10 at Exit 87 in South Louisiana.



HITCHIN' POST TRUCK STOP I-45 AT EXIT 118 HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS (936)-295-2488

The Hitchin' Post Truck Stop has been making "Memories by the Mile" ever since E.B. Chapman and Ellis Olmstead envisioned and constructed the site in 1967. We've built our reputation on honesty, fairness, and hospitality.

For over 20 years, we've been operating under the AMBEST flag as a proud member of the "America's Best Truck Stops" network and continue to take pride in the providing of quality products and customer service. Our welcome mat is out 24 hours a day for our very good friends, the truckers. When you and your rig pull in at our place, you know real Texas hospitality is waiting for you.

So, Howdy Pardner, come tie 'er up at the Hitchin' Post in Huntsville, Texas! We'll take real good care of both you and your horsepower. Eat, rest, clean up, get washed and greased, then roll'em again...and we will look forward to seeing you on your way back home.



JOHNSON'S CORNER TRUCKSTOP I-25, EXIT 254 2842 SE FRONTAGE ROAD JOHNSTOWN, CO 80537



HOME OF THE WORLD
FAMOUS CINNAMON ROLL!

Johnson's Corner was selected as one of the ten "Best Breakfasts in the World" by Travel and Leisure Magazine in November 1998. On April 13, 1999 Johnson's Corner was recognized in the 106th Congressional Record of the U.S. House of Representatives. From that record, "They exemplify the industrious spirit and can-do attitude that has made America great". These recognitions sum up who we are and what we strive for. In November of 2005, Johnson's Corner completed a two and half year, six and one half million dollar renovation that helped to ensure that our legacy would endure. Whether named best truck stop restaurant in the country or best breakfast in the world, Johnson's Corner has excelled in the simple things that make our customers happy. For this and our ability to survive the daily challenges and changes, Johnson's Corner is a treasured Colorado icon and a legend home and abroad.

In 1951, Joe S. Johnson and one of his managers Clayton Bearly, marked the outlines of a new gas station and café to be located on Colorado Highway 87 (the current Frontage Road). At that time, the location was exactly halfway between Denver and Cheyenne. With nothing around but farms and a beautiful view of the Front Range, Johnson's Corner opened in 1952. Where most thought Joe crazy for building his new facility out in the middle of nothing farms, little did anyone know that a few years later construction would begin on an interstate highway that would run right in front of his café. Yes, the words "If you build it, they will come" never rang more true. When the interstate opened in the early 60's, the legacy of Johnson's Corner truly began. Operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, Johnson's Corner have never closed its doors, even during a huge two and one half year renovation. Known around the world for our delicious cinnamon rolls, we were also featured in a Hollywood movie. In 1995, Johnson's Corner was a location for United Artists' "Larger Than Life" film, starring Bill Murray and Matthew McConaughey. The list of "Who's Who" that have passed through these doors is too lengthy to mention, and our employees are never surprised to see a star or celebrity sit down to eat. The history of Johnson's Corner is very rich, and having you as a customer adds to the number who have blessed our doors. For this, we thank you very much for your support.

When Joe passed away in 1981, Colorado lost a true pioneer, and a dearly loved and respected individual. Joe was a humble servant and friend to all. His family still owns and operates Johnson's Corner, fulfilling his wish that it never be sold. Joe demanded that his business operate by supplying good food and good service at a fair price. We stand here today to uphold the high ideals that Joe stood for and to carry on the Johnson's Corner tradition. We think that Joe would approve of the mission statement that we live up to. Since 1952, Johnson's Corner has endeavored to steadily improve the operations to provide our customers with high standards of quality service, safety, comfort and convenient dining. Our mission is to improve upon, and continue to provide these services to our customers through integrity, honesty, teamwork and excellence. Our philosophy is "do what it takes to service and support the finest people in the world – you, our customers." We offer our employees a safe, wholesome and uplifting work environment, so as to provide and ensure superior service, food and products to our customers.

We only ask that you enjoy our food, our service and that God protect you on your journey.

JUBITZ TRAVEL CENTER I-5, EXIT 307 10210 NORTH VANCOUVER WAY PORTLAND, OR 97217

A dynamic exhibit highlighting the history of Jubitz Corporation and the commercial transportation industry is being unveiled in a new Showroom at the Jubitz Travel Center. Over the next 6 months, Jubitz will be working with Formations, Inc., a Portland-based firm, on the development and installation of the display. Formations, Inc. is a leader in interpretive exhibit planning and design, whose projects include the Columbia River Maritime Museum, the Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville, KY, Mt. St. Helens Forest Learning Center, and the National John Steinbeck Center in Salinas, CA, to name a few. More information on their projects can be found at www.formationsinc.com.

Currently on loan from the Pacific Northwest Truck Museum of Brooks, OR, and displayed in the Jubitz Showroom is a 1916 Moreland Stake Rack Truck. It was one of only 15 produced, and is believed to be the only left in existence today. The Showroom also features a 1940 Marmon Herrington, and a 1954 Bubble Nose Freightliner. Jubitz will periodically rotate the display of trucks and artifacts from the Pacific Northwest Truck Museum to provide customers with interesting, historical perspectives and themes, showcasing different aspects of the Northwest transportation industry. Future Showroom plans will include collaboration with local trucking partners, showcasing their relevant histories and contributions to the Northwest commercial trucking industry.

"This exhibit experience truly conveys the values, traditions, historical and contemporary experiences of Jubitz Corporation and the Northwest transportation industry. It is great storytelling not only for the trucking audience, but for all ages and backgrounds," says Fred Jubitz, President and CEO.

Founded in 1952 as a truck leasing company, Jubitz Travel Center has been a fixture in the Northwest and national commercial transportation business since locating to its current North Portland location in 1958. It is consistently recognized as one of the top ten truck stops in America. The Jubitz Portlander Inn & Marketplace complex features a 100-room hotel, a 24-hour full-service restaurant, a live music lounge, an 80-seat movie theater, a gas station and a convenience store, as well as a hair salon, a chiropractor, a shoe/boot repair shop and a Laundromat. It has become a favorite destination for professional drivers and local residents alike.

Jubitz Corporation is also consistently ranked among Oregon Business Magazine's top 150 privately owned companies in Oregon. In addition to the Travel Center, other divisions of the Jubitz Corporation include Jubitz Fleet Services, one of the largest Pacific Pride franchises in the U.S., and the Jubitz AMBEST Service Center providing truck maintenance and repair services.



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located in the Travel Center, The Snack Bar serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Our menu ranges from breakfast sandwiches in the morning to Cowboy burgers for lunch and dinner. Stop by for a delicious meal or use our take-out option.



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- ATM
- Hot dogs, nachos, soda, and much more
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- Large private shower facilities - \$10
- Two 50-inch plasma TV's for viewing



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**OASIS TRAVEL CENTER
I-10, EXIT 53 AT HWY. 64 ~ 27801 COUNTY ROAD 64
ROBERTSDALE, AL 36567**

Keep Those Wheels Turning

You're fast. The fastest there ever was, some folks say. Maybe the fastest there ever will be.

They say those things for a reason: because they're true. You are the fastest, and you don't mind showing the world what you've got.

And so it is that you find yourself atop a pair of hot steel rails, racing ahead at full throttle, the countryside a blur, the wind as loud as thunder.....

And it happens so quickly that you'll never piece together exactly what caused it. One moment you're moving so fast that nothing in this world could stop you, and the next, you've crashed into the side of an Alabama truck stop.

Picking Up Speed

This is the story of the Derailed Diner. It's story of how roads end and trains leave the rails suddenly and without warning, leaving nothing but wreckage behind.

But it's also a story of how life goes on. It's the story of how we pick up the pieces and put them back together, as best we know how, taking that wreckage and assembling it into something new. Something beautiful. Something amazing.

It's the story of the roads of America, asphalt ribbons winding through city and country. It's the story of how those roads carried a Nebraska girl named Karen and an Arkansas boy named Jim Brown to meet in the Missouri middle and fall in love. After they married, Jim and Karen operated travel centers and other businesses from the Midwest to the Deep South, including the Oasis Travel Center in Robertsdale, Alabama, which they were allowed to purchase in 1996 despite lingering suspicions about their Yankee hood.

And Then One Day...

But in 2000, life got derailed, Jim died suddenly, leaving Karen to pick up the pieces and carry on a lone. As she did, she started putting her own unique stamp on her properties, always striving to try something different, something new.

And so, when the opportunity arose to remodel the Oasis Travel Center, Karen's mind began to wander toward novel ideas for the restaurant, and it hit her: It's a travel center. It's not just about food, it's about the journey. It's about celebrating the endless roads, and remembering the wheels that turn to make America happen.

It's about loving on people with food in an atmosphere that encourages conversation, and sharing stories and memories while creating new memories.

A Destination and a Beginning

See, Karen wasn't looking for a cookie-cutter truck stop restaurant that was indistinguishable from a million others at any given interstate off-ramp. She wanted a property that would amaze....a place people would want to visit again and again, and not just for the food. Sure, it would be a diner with the classic, home-style cooking craved by every traveler, from local families to tourists to - yes - truck drivers.

But more than that, it would be a destination telling the story of a journey: a story about the dirt roads, railroad tracks and asphalt highways that throughout our history, moved Americans from Point A to Point B.

**OASIS TRAVEL CENTER
I-10, EXIT 53 AT HWY. 64 ~ 27801 COUNTY ROAD 64
ROBERTSDALE, AL 36567**

It's Your Story, Too

And so, based on the vision scrawled on the back of a napkin, the Derailed Diner was born: an unforgettable one-of-a-kind eatery that offers delicious Southern-style food made with fresh ingredients and farmer's market produce, served in-get this- a dining room carefully constructed to look like train cars that collided with a truck stop. Karen seared far and wide for craftsmen who could pull off a stunt like this, and she thinks you'll agree that the ones she found pulled it off amazingly.

This is the story of the Derailed Diner. It's also the story of life. Highways end. Trains derail. But life goes on. Wheels keep turning. And if you'll follow them, they can take you somewhere really, really cool.

Thank you for sharing our story with us, and we hope that you will come and help us write the next chapter in the history of the Oasis Travel Center. You may also visit our website, located at: www.derailediner.com

We look forward to your visit and until we meet again, Keep Those Wheels Turning!



**RJ'S FUEL STOP
I-15N B 381/S 379 & I-84 AT EXIT 40
2267 WEST MAIN
TREMONTON, UT 84337-9335**

RJ's AMBEST Sinclair in Tremonton, Utah was as a small mini-mart right off the interstate when the father and son team of Richard and Jason Miller bought it with the idea of making a place for Truck Drivers to be able to get everything they need in one stop. They renovated the building, adding a Trucker's Lounge, showers, and a restaurant. They put in scales and made room for more than 80 trucks to park for the night. There is a tire shop with after-hours service, a diesel shop, a parts place, two hotels, and several restaurants all within easy walking distance

. We also are the proud keepers of Sinclair the Dinosaur with whom you can pose for pictures. With our friendly and knowledgeable staff, visiting RJ's is always a pleasure.

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**SHOEMAKER'S TRUCK STATION
I-80, EXIT 395
201 SW 27TH STREET
LINCOLN, NE 68522**

Bring your camera!

One of the things we love to see is the look of delight on customers' faces when they step through our doors. Hunched over and achy from long hours on the road, drivers come in looking for what they need – a quick bite or a beverage, clean restrooms or showers, or just to pay for fuel - and they will find all that at Shoemaker's – but so often they come inside, glance up, then glance up again and then start looking around slowly. You can almost see their worries drop away from their shoulders for a few moments as they begin to realize they've found more than they were looking for when they pulled off the road.

Whether it's the antique trucks and old gas pumps, the beautiful globes and memorabilia, or the hand-painted Historic Hwy 6 mural in the convenience store, drivers find a feast for their eyes and an interesting taste of both gas station history and highway travel. It doesn't take long for customers to see why Shoemaker's received Honorable Mention for Best Interior from Convenience Store News 2010, or why AAA World On-Line (Web Exclusive) Magazine listed us as a "Trendy Truck Stop." We're more than they expected, too!

With the car and truck islands on separate sides of the building and a traffic light at the entrance to get you safely on and off the road, we're an easy in/easy out kind of travel center. But that doesn't mean you shouldn't plan to extend your visit with us. Take time to walk around, stretch your legs a bit as you check out the place. Feel free to take pictures and ask questions.

Though Shoemaker's Shell Travel Center is small in comparison to the corporate-owned chains. It still offers all the amenities truckers need and have come to expect from big truck stops across the nation. Yes, Shoemaker's has a family-style restaurant known for its home-style cooking, plenty of clean restrooms and showers, a nationally recognized service center, stores full of most anything truckers and travelers need, and, of course, gas & fuel, but it has so much more - so don't forget your camera!



TRAVELERS' OASIS

I-84, EXIT 182

EDEN, ID 83325

The Travelers' Oasis Truck Plaza started as a two bay service station 31 years ago and has grown into a 22,000 sq. foot truck stop on sixteen acres of land. Originally Dan Willie and a partner started the T O, as it is affectionately called, in 1979 with a \$2,000 investment each.

Travelers Oasis was expanded in late 1979 to include a store and a breakfast and burger counter. In 1985 a full service sit down restaurant and a larger store was added.

The year 1999 saw another remodel and addition doubling the size of the facility to include a three brand food court, a 5000 sq foot truckers lounge, increased retail space, and creation of the Garden of Eden. The Garden includes a waterfall in the middle of an eating area for the food court, live plants, large rock formations and a big tree with a serpent hanging precariously above the tables. Since our address is Eden, Idaho, our logo became Travelers' Oasis, Home of the Garden of Eden.

Over the past 31 years, the TO became the hub for an additional truck stop and 13 convenience stores. Most recently, in 2008, Dan completed construction of The Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center on the Snake River canyon rim. This 21,000 square foot facility perched high on the canyon crest overlooks two golf courses and the Snake River in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Another venture is our Kickback customer reward loyalty program created in 2000. This program has expanded to include 964 locations in 49 states and Canada. The TO is proud of its nearly 32 years of continuous service to the travelers and truckers on I-84 and are proud to have been a member of Ambest during many of those years.

