

What spectacular photos of an elegant time gone by

Amazing photos. For comparison, \$1.40/litre for fuel is equivalent to \$5.43/gallon. (1 gallon = 3.785 litres).



The place is a Texaco Gasoline Filling Station (primarily they filled gas tanks). But what is that contraption with the ramps? The mechanism appears to be driven by the cars wheels. Hydraulic lines go to that can with a raised top. What could it be? A pump for lubing a car's underparts? The little sign does say "Havolinc" which was Texaco's brand name for it's oil products. An early engine dynamometer? Maybe it's a primitive car wash. I dunno, any guesses?



I guess there was no signage limitations back then. I count eleven Texaco signs on that station.



Land wasn't at a premium then like it is now. Note the wide open layout and the nice row of little trees. This was a Texaco Gasoline Motor Oil Service Station. The concept had become a "service station", which included more than just filling your tank. They even filled it FOR you, no "self-service" needed.



Looks like an early "mall". At one location, you could fill up your tank, Get a loan so as to look prosperous with a new suit, and have a meal While your spark plugs were changed.



Ford Sales and Service. Look at all those Model T's. You could have one in any color you wanted as long as it was black, (Henry Ford). Henry chose black because it was the fastest drying color !!!!!!!



Simplicity itself. No name gas and motor oil for 20 cents a quart, wow.



Dome Gas. You better try it 'cause "It's Better". It better be good since they want 23 cents a gallon for it !!!!! So what is that tank car doing on the trestle by itself? Did Hercules Petroleum Co. Lose it? A midnight requisition for that better Dome Gas?



Lemans' Tire Shop. Barney Oldfield tires only \$9.99 each. Sounds kind of expensive to me. Note the water can by the side Of the road and the barricades around the trees. I guess people just drove up on the sidewalk to get their tires. And the trees were in the way.



Here we have Super Motor Fuel. I hear Dome Gas is better. But this stuff is SUPER.



Note the name of the station "Toot-An-Kum-In". King Tut was

Big news in the twenties so why not capitalize on it.

This is a really modern looking station with the full roof and multiple islands of pumps.

AMOCO Gas (still around today) but what does "filtered" mean. Obviously they consider other gas to be "dirty" (too bad for Dome Gas!).



Four Wheel Drive Autos sales and service. The SUV's of the 20's.
4WD gas is only 20 cents a gallon! Dome Gas better watch out.