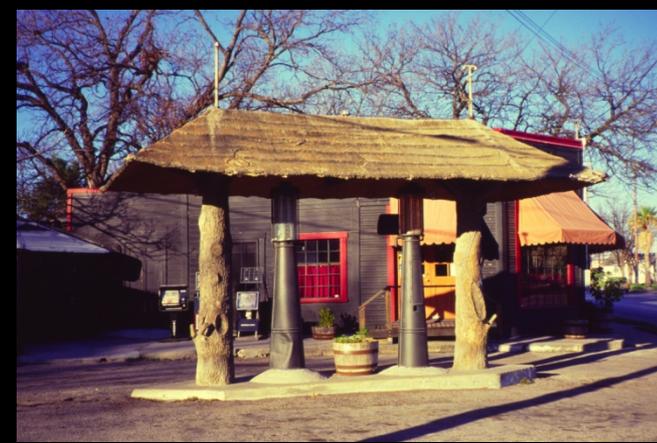
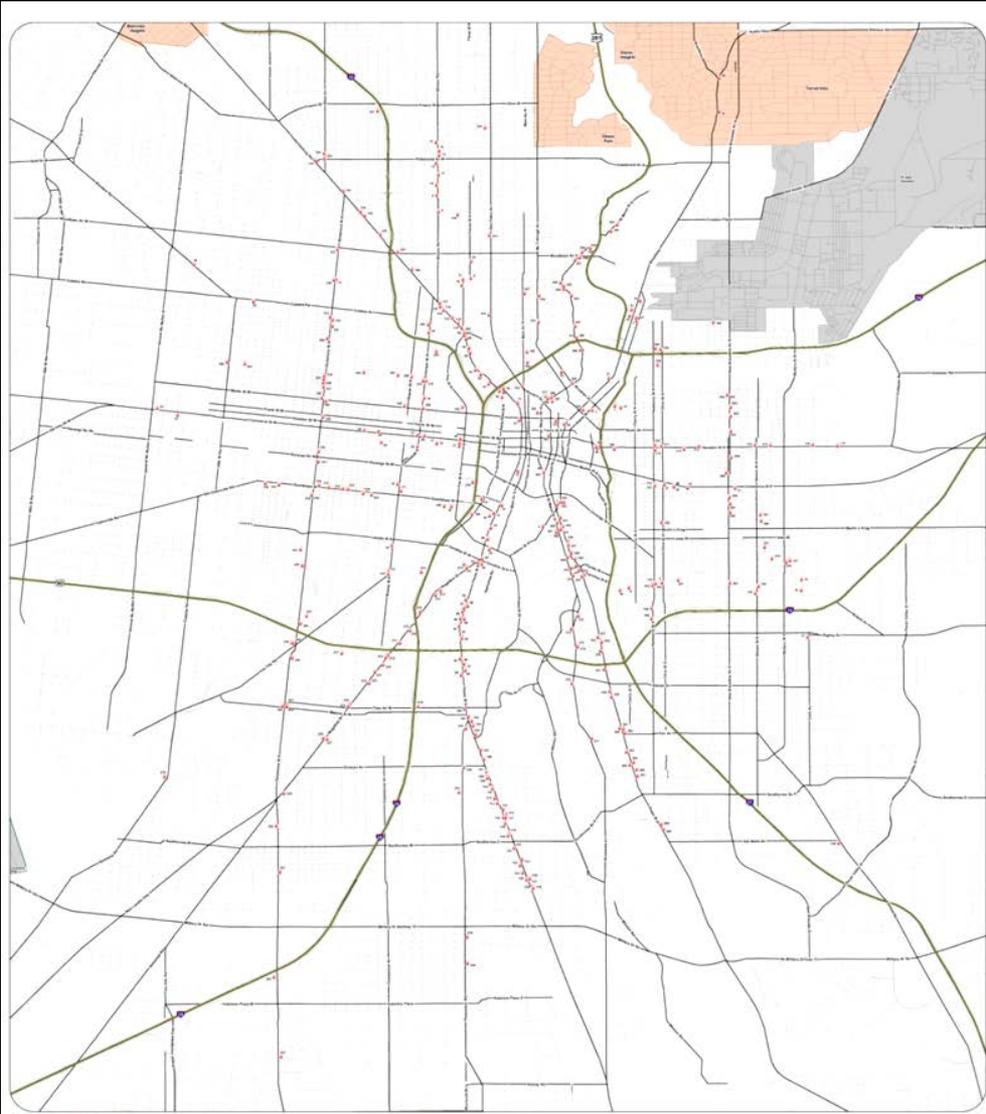


**A History of
the
Gas Station Survey**

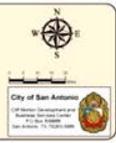
Historic Gas Station Survey

Kitty Massey - 1983

- San Antonio Service Stations - 1910-1940
- Survey prepared for the San Antonio Conservation Society in 1983
 - Mary Fenstermaker, Second Vice-President
 - Kitty Massey, Sub-Committee Chairman, Service Stations Survey Committee, 1983-1986
- Documentation of historic gas stations within original 36-square mile boundary of city along major commercial corridors
- Provided an inventory of existing historic gas stations



1983 Historic Gas Station Survey



Survey Form – 1983

FILLING STATION SURVEY

PRESENT ADDRESS: 1900 Blanco Rd. DATE: 1931-32

OTHER ADDRESS(S): _____ DATE: _____

NAME OF STATION: Hollywood Serv. Station DATE: 1931-32
Texas Co. Sta. ~~26-29 34-35~~
Blaney Hollywood Serv. Sta 38-39
Clyde Britton Texaco. Sta. 1958

OIL COMPANY AFFILIATION: _____

LOCAL: 12 sta's DATE: ~~36-37~~ 34-35

NATIONAL: _____ DATE: _____

OWNERSHIP RECORD: _____

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Hamburgers
Chris Madrid's - can see old bldg
with new building added all around. Photo! (renovation)
- distinctive (3 slides - Carousel) #28-30

PRESENT USE: _____

GAS STATION: _____

OTHER COMMERCIAL USE: _____

ABANDONED: _____

NON-COMMERCIAL USE: _____

PHYSICAL CONDITION: _____

GAS PUMPS PRESENT?: _____ OLD BUBBLE TYPE?: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS: _____

SIGNIFICANT SITE FEATURES: _____

San Antonio Conservation Society
 224-6163
 January 1983

Person Completing Report

First called Hollywood Service Station; evidently a Texas Co. station (listed as such in 1934-35). Building has been greatly altered, but is now a highly popular restaurant.



Chris Madrid's (1934)
 1983 photo

1983 List - Gas Stations 1910-1940

Address	Alt. Address	Orig. Name	Yr. Built	1984 Name	1984 Surv.	1984 Photo	2003 List	Notes
Hackberry S., 1701	+ Drexel	Du Pys - Castle Service Station	1934-35	Malibu Beer & Wine	y	#56 (7)	y	orig. struct. still visible - Gothic, rock
Houston E., 229	225 & 233	Boston & Texas Corp.	1922-23	lot absorbed into new bigger building	y		n	
Houston E., 728		So. Refining Co.	1922-23		n		y	[2003 list only]
Houston E., 921					n		y	[2003 list only]
Houston E., 927		Aztec Oil Co.	1934-35	[?]	y	(4)	[?]	may be gone
Houston E., 1128-30	+ Chestnut	Odell Super Service Sation	1929-30	Hodge Auto Sales	y	(2)	y	red brick
Houston E., 1601	+ N. Hackberry	J.E. Winn	1934-35	Texas B-B-Q	y		n	
Houston E., 1629	+ N. Olive			BP Station	y		n	
Houston E., 1850	+ N. Monumental			Gulf Station	y		n	
Houston E., 1955	+ N. Palmetto			Sunglo gas & groceries	y		n	
Houston E., 2353	+ N. Gevers	Magnolia Petroleum Co. #1053	1931-32	Fall Enterprises painting & remodeling	y		n	
Houston E., 2500	+ N. Walters			Stop & Go gas & groceries	y		n	
Houston E., 2757	+ Rio Grande	J.A. Reed	1926	Rusty Nail Night Club	y		n	
Houston E., 2949	+ Onslow	White Haven Court	1934-35	Fina gas & groceries	y		n	
Houston W., 926		Iopez Garage	1929-30		n		y	[2003 list only][correct address?]
Houston W., 927		Aztec Oil Co.	1931-32		n		y	[2003 list only][correct address?]
Kirk Place W., 702	+ Frio City Rd.	Western Heights Filling Station	1927-28	pawn shop	y		n	
Laredo S., 801	+ El Paso	El Paso and Laredo Filling Station	1927-28	Mobil	y	#73-74 (6)(+3 pr.)	y	also Grayburg #21; Texport #20
Laredo S., 1019		Humble	1929-30	closed	y	#1-10 (4)	y	"showcase station"
Laurel W., 1202		Thomas J. Davis	1931-32	Corbo Electric Co.	y		n	
Lavaca, 114		Magnolia #928	1931-32	Pete's Auto Service - closed	y	#79 (2)	y	"bldg. removed 1984/85"
Lavaca S., 123		A & W Shell Service	1934		y		n	may be gone
Lexington, 720-24	+ N. St. Mary's	C.B. Bassett	1927-28	Boat Sale	y		y	
Main N., 701	+ San Pedro	Gulf #2	1926	Gulf station	y		y	new building
Main N., 1102		Carroll B. Bassett	1929-30		y		y	"orig. w/modifications"
Main N., 1901	+ Dewey Pl.	Grayburg Oil Station #2	1921-22	closed - school property	y		n	also Tex Pet

1900 Blanco – Chris Madrid's



1983

2012



Survey Form – 2012-13

Survey By: Ken ErFurth Date 10/30/12

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Photo No. #1-8 b-2

Area _____ Sub-Area _____

BCAD Prop. ID _____ BCAD GEO ID _____

PRCL Key _____

Resource Name Little Taco Factory storage building

Address 1502 McCullough

Secondary Address 1510 McCullough for Little Taco Factory

Year Built 1937

Current Use
 gas station commercial industrial educational religious
 domestic governmental institutional agricultural vacant lot
 parking lot mixed use unknown other storage

ARCHITECTURAL EVALUATION

Style: Craftsman Mission Colonial Revival Spanish Eclectic Tudor Revival
 Art Deco Moderne/Streamline International Ranch/Contemporary Freeform/Mimetic
 Gothic/Futuristic Other: _____

Primary Plan Shape: Rectangle

Gas Station Form: 1 House with Canopy Box with Canopy Oblong Box with Canopy
 Shed House Box Oblong Box Oblong Box with drum Freeform/Mimetic
 1-Part Commercial Block 2-Part Commercial Block Other _____

Structural System: adobe brick structural clay tile cmu concrete
 metal frame stone wood frame not visible other _____

Primary Wall Material: wood asbestos brick permastone stone stucco asphalt
 tile/terra cotta metal concrete aluminum glass cmu other _____

Secondary Wall Material: wood asbestos brick permastone stone stucco asphalt
 tile/terra cotta metal concrete aluminum glass cmu other _____

Primary Roof Type: side gable hipped flat flat w/ parapet shed front gable
 irregular gambrel cross gable monitor pyramid pyramid gable with parapet
 not visible mimetic/freeform _____ other _____

Roof Material: metal-standing sm. metal-corrugated shingle-composition
 slate shingle-wood tile membrane not visible other _____

Foundation Type: pier/beam slab perimeter wall not visible other _____

Original Doors: yes no Original Windows: yes no

Primary Window Type: display/show fixed/picture wood double hung aluminum/vinyl sash
 casement horizontal sliding not visible unknown other replaced w/alum.

Secondary Window Types & Features: aluminum/vinyl sash arched bay casement
 clerestory display/show dormer louvered palladian fanlight fixed/picture lancet
 porthole sidelight horizontal sliding leaded/stained glass transom double hung tripart hung
Awning rear window

Canopy Type: full front gable hipped/half hipped side gable shed flat
 attached detached enclosed arcade not visible none
 other steel pylon columns

Canopy Features: brick columns/posts brackets classical columns classical cornice
 piers-brick piers-stone piers-wood piers-battered spindlework metal posts
 wood posts exposed rafter tails other steel pylon columns

Built Landscape Features: island gas pumps fence-wood fence-masonry fence-chainlink
 fence-iron parking area planter ramp other _____

Signage: _____ Historic: Y/N

Natural Landscape Features: _____

Additions: _____

Alterations: original tile in bathrooms

General Notes Rohelio Mendoza previous owner
Maria Antonia Rodriguez, old post type telephone

Integrity low med high POS Historic Marker/Plaque _____

owned building for 6 months

1502 McCullough – Former Humble Station





- 375 slides from 1983 converted to digital images
- 415 survey forms from 1983 (stations surveyed)
- 635 stations on 1970 list (not including the 1940 list)
- 1057 total gas stations considered by task force
- 175 stations from 1940 list not yet surveyed

Gas Stations to 1970

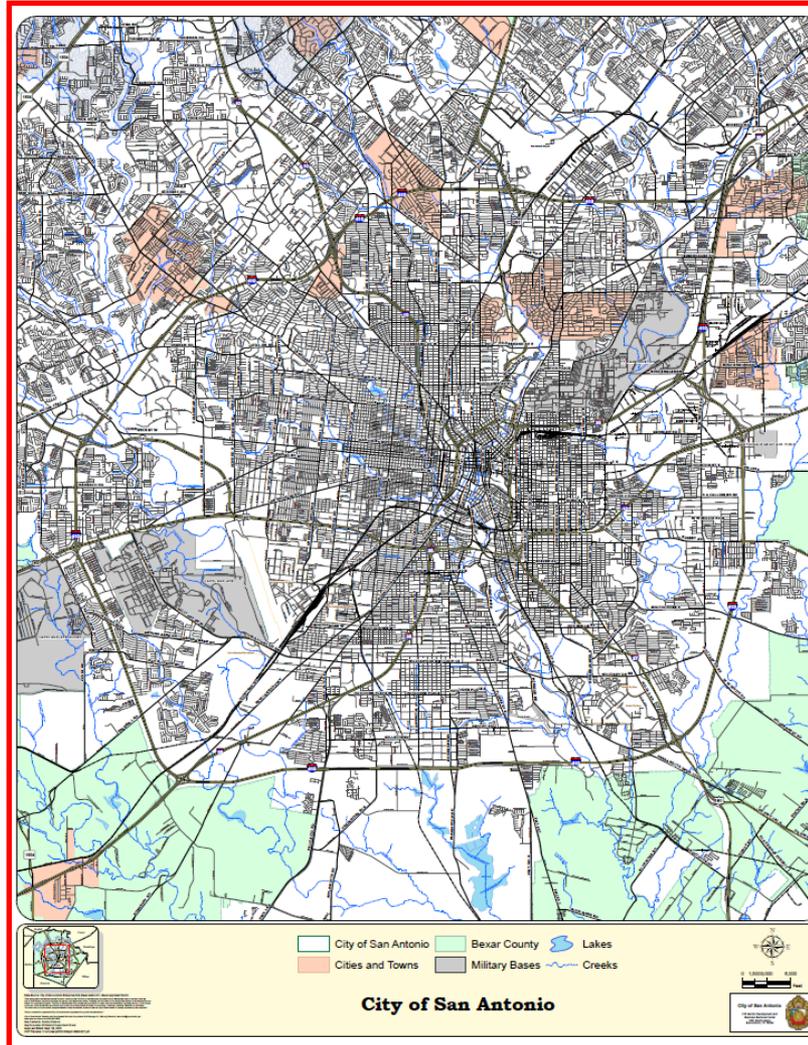
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FILLING STATION ADDRESS

Ownership History

City Dir. Name

- 3rd, 101A
- Alamo N., 1835
- Alamo N., 601
- Alamo S., 1001
- Alamo S., 1203
- Alamo S., 701
- Alamo S., 716
- Alamo S., 802
- Amanda, 1423
- Aransas, 227
- Ashby Pl. W., 741
- Auditorium Cir., 142
- Austin Hwy, 1068
- Austin Hwy, 1214
- Austin Hwy, 1251
- Austin Hwy, 1307
- Austin Hwy, 1455
- Austin Hwy, 1581
- Austin Hwy, 2040
- Austin Hwy, 2122
- Austin Hwy, 2391
- Austin Hwy, 2411
- Austin Hwy, 2714
- Austin Hwy, 3363
- Austin Hwy, 402
- Austin Hwy, 4022



Gas Station Survey Training



Elizabeth Porterfield & Nicholas Fuqua
City of San Antonio Office of Historic
Preservation

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Environmental Affairs Division, Historical Studies Branch

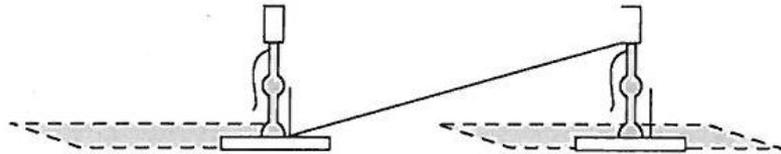
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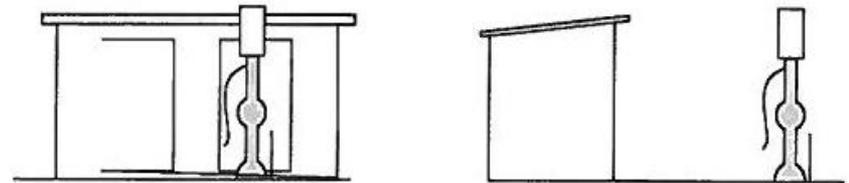
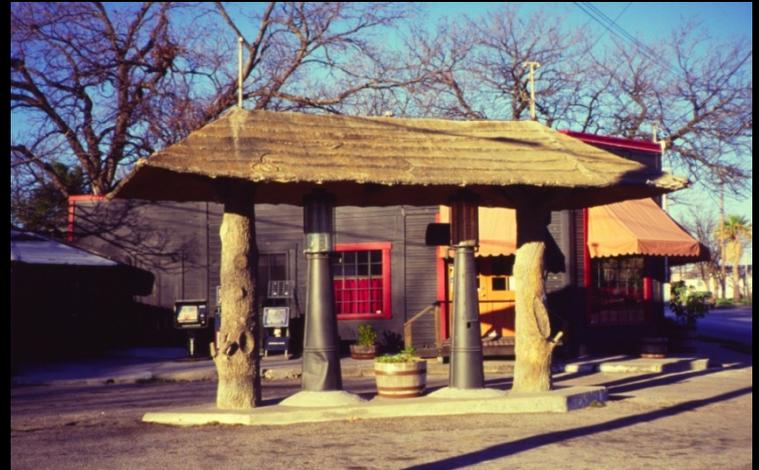
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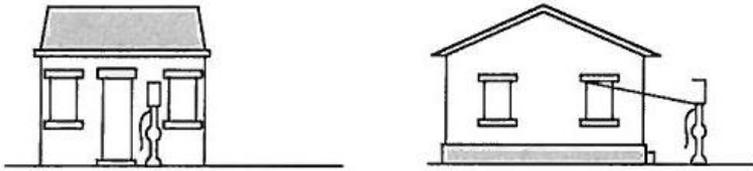
Gas Station Building Forms



Drive-up or Curbside



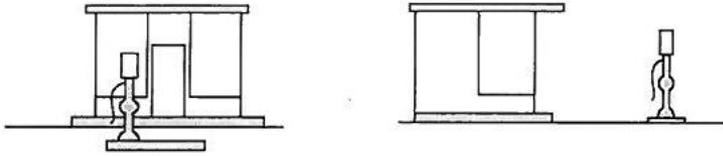
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House

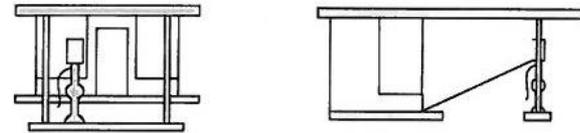
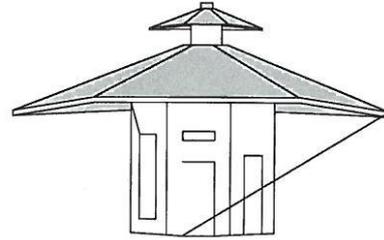


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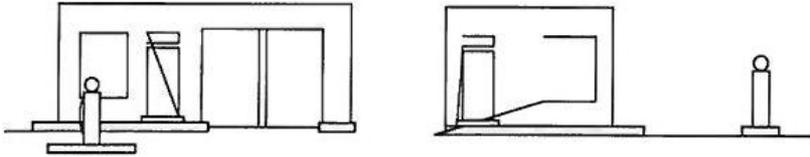


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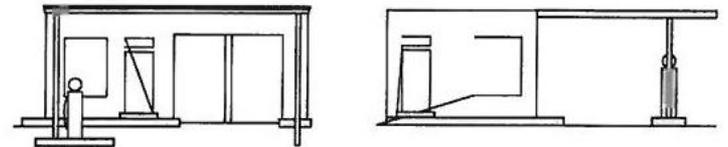
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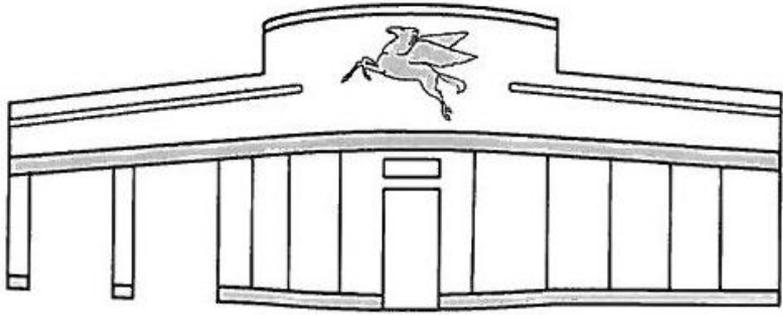
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Oblong Box

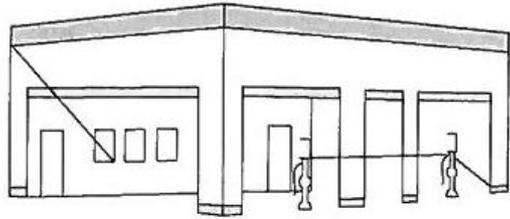


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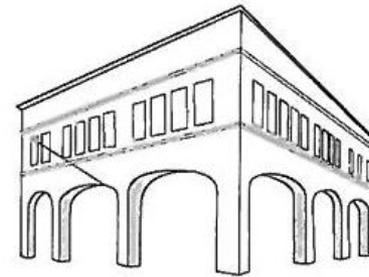


Oblong Box with Drum

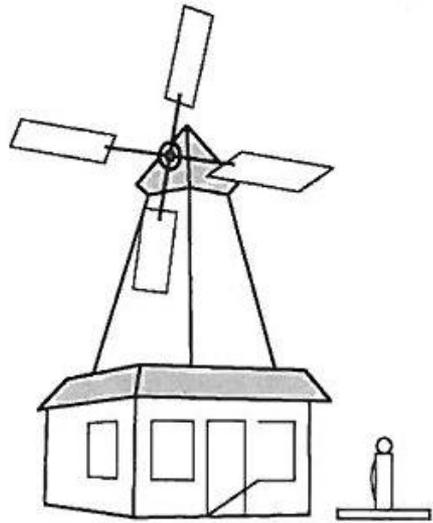




1-Part Commercial Block



2-Part Commercial Block



Programmatic or Mimetic



Gas Station Styles

Bungalow/Craftsman

- Wood Frame.
- Residential appearance.
- Side or front gable roof.
- Hipped roof.
- Boxed or tapered columns.
- Exposed rafter ends.
- Brick with wood trim. Stucco with wood trim.



Figure 11: This 1920s Texas Company gas station is an example of the Bungalow/Craftsman style.





Figure 13: This example of the Colonial Revival style is a 1920s Texas Company station that was located in Austin.

Colonial Revival

- Decorative roof ornament, often balustrade with square balusters/diamond patterns.
- Wood frame siding, occasionally red brick.
- Residential appearance.
- Hipped roof.
- Flat roof.



Spanish Eclectic/Mission

- Tile roof and/or pent roof elements.
- Stucco siding.
- Hipped roof or complex roof form.
- Square columns.
- Raised parapet, often curvilinear or gabled.



Figure 12: The above station, located in Beaumont, features stucco siding and a hipped roof typical to the Spanish Eclectic/Mission style.





Figure 14: The Tudor Revival style is shown in this 1930s Shell gas station, which was owned by the author's grandfather.

Tudor Revival

- Steeply pitched roof.
- Chimney, usually on the principal facade.
- Residential appearance.
- Arched doorway and sometimes arched windows.
- Brick veneer.



Art Deco

- Decorative ornamentation, sometimes polychromatic.
- Ridged surfaces or fluting.
- Raised band and column elements.
- Angular surfaces using geometric patterns.
- Stucco siding.
- Porcelain enamel paneled siding.

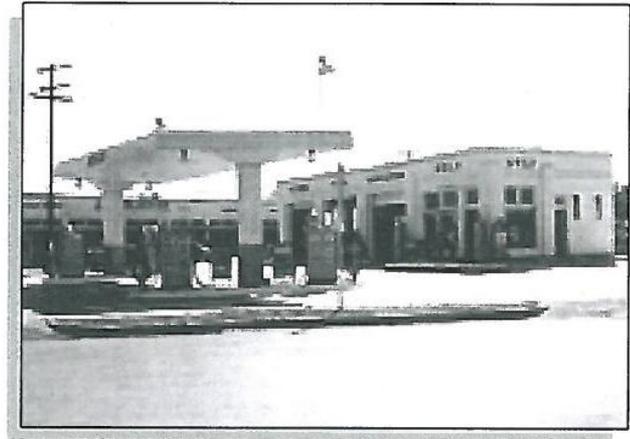


Figure 15: Porcelain enamel paneled siding is a typical feature of Art Deco stations, as seen in this 1920s Gulf example.



Streamlined (Moderne)

- Stucco siding.
- Raised parapet, often curvilinear.
- Coping along parapet.
- Clean, crisp edges sometimes resembling a pilaster.
- Rounded corners.
- Flat roof.
- Bands along roofline edges.



Figure 16: This gas station, located in Beaumont, demonstrates the Streamlined (Moderne) style, featuring a flat roof and raised parapet.



International

- Exposed structural elements.
- Steel sometimes interspersed with brick.
- Large expanses of glass.
- Devoid of ornamentation.
- Tinted glass.
- Smooth, clean architectural lines.



Figure 19 : In 1966, Eliot Noyes developed this design for Mobil gas stations, employing the International influence.





Figure 18: This Shell gas station features the low-pitched roof and stone veneer typical of the Ranch design.

Ranch

- Large, low-pitched roof (usually gable in form).
- Stone or brick veneer.
- Large plate glass windows, often angled.
- Residential in appearance.
- Large pylon rising above roofline.



Mimetic or Programmatic

- Freeform appearance.
- Creative design that may mimic other building types.
- Diverse materials, sometimes using a combination of materials.
- Strong visual elements that draw attention.
- Complex roof and architectural elements.



Figure 20: This 1950s station, located in Shamrock, is an example of the Programmatic influence common to independently owned gas stations.



Googie/Futuristic



Gas Station Survey Form

Survey By: _____ Date _____

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Photo No. _____

Area _____ Sub-Area _____

BCAD Prop. ID _____ BCAD GEO ID _____

PRCL Key _____

Resource Name _____

Address _____

Secondary Address _____

Year Built _____

Current Use gas station commercial industrial educational religious
 domestic governmental institutional agricultural vacant lot
 parking lot mixed use unknown other _____

ARCHITECTURAL EVALUATION

Style: Craftsman Mission Colonial Revival Spanish Eclectic Tudor Revival
 Art Deco Moderne/Streamline International Ranch/Contemporary Freeform/Mimetic
 Googie/Futuristic Other: _____

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 attached detached enclosed arcade not visible none
 other _____

Canopy Features: Brick columns/posts brackets classical columns classical cornice
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Built Landscape Features: island gas pumps fence-wood fence-masonry fence-chainlink
 fence-iron parking area planter ramp other _____

Signage: _____ Historic: Y / N

Natural Landscape Features: _____

Additions: _____

Alterations: _____

General Notes _____

Integrity low med high POS Historic Marker/Plaque _____

Survey Preparation:



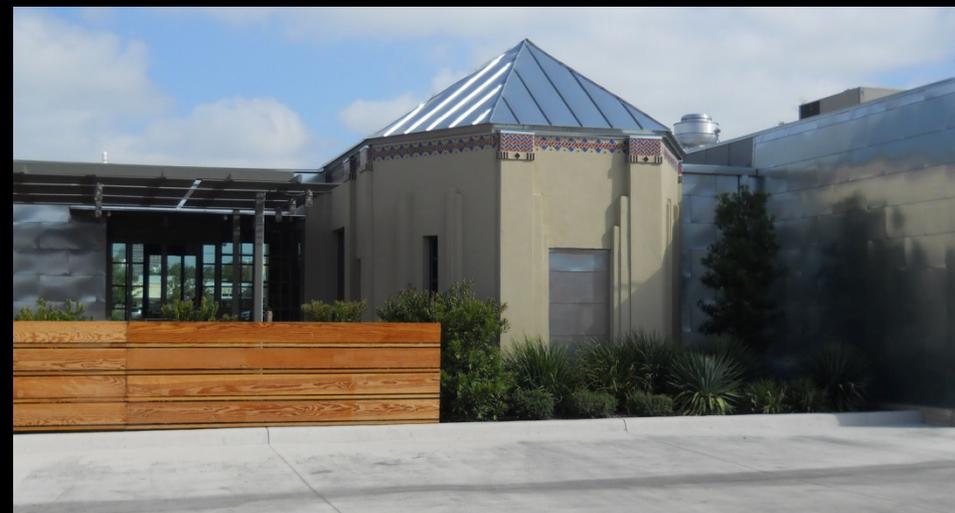
- Digital Camera
- Survey Forms
- Paper
- Pencil
- Map/address list
- Clipboard

Photo Shoot:

- Prevent vehicles, dense landscaping, pedestrians, etc. from obscuring the structure
- Take photo from ***oblique angle*** rather than straight ahead to capture as much of the structure as possible
- Be sure to capture the ***entire*** structure within the photograph (if at all possible)



New Uses – was that a gas station?



Recent Losses



W. Commerce St.



S. Flores St.

Threatened



Ruiz and N. Colorado

Recent Landmark



323 Fredericksburg Rd.