



# HISTORY TOWN OF JUPITER

By History Web Committee



## Jupiter Pure Oil Truck Stop

The first mention in Town documents of a Pure Oil Truck stop was in Town Commission minutes dated July 15, 1955 – Durkee’s Pure Oil Truck Stop paid the Town \$15.00 for a business license.

It is not known if this is the establishment that later came to be called the Jupiter Pure Oil Truck Stop, and included the Lighthouse Restaurant, but the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser’s web site does indicate the current Old Lighthouse Restaurant building was built in 1955.

The “Lighthouse Restaurant” was first mentioned in the Town Commission minutes of March 18, 1958, but there is an entry for the “Jupiter Lighthouse Restaurant” on US 1 in the 1954 telephone book. By 1959 the name “Jupiter Pure Oil” was appearing in the minutes.

Palm Beach County records show the Holloway Coffee Corporation (incorporated in Florida in 1956 and not currently active) had a mortgage with Joseph and Hazelle Rule for the Lighthouse Restaurant, which was satisfied in 1968.

By the early 1970’s the Becks were associated with the restaurant. Jean Beck was a much loved Town Clerk and Deputy Town Manager for the Town of Jupiter—working at the Town from 1972 until her retirement in 1990.

In 1973 Seward Shuman filed a fictitious name document to operate the business as 76 Truck Stop. And there have been other owners and lessees of the property up until the current time.

The Jupiter Town Archives has received donated pictures of the Pure Oil Truck Stop from its early days. In some pictures, the Restaurant was not yet even named the “Lighthouse Restaurant.” The photos indicate that the truck stop included: 24 hour service, gasoline and diesel fuel, towing, tire service, truck and car repairs, 24 hour restaurant, truckers air conditioned roomettes, showers, truck lubrication, washing and steam cleaning, and a lighted parking lot.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY MORE INFORMATION OR PICTURES ABOUT THE TRUCK STOP AND/OR LIGHTHOUSE RESTAURANT IN THE EARLY DAYS, PLEASE CONTACT THE JUPITER ARCHIVES AT 741-2340.**