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This publicity-campaign photo-composite shows the newest and highest, foot tall, neon-sign pylon just installed in at the Las Vegas Club casino. This Fremont Street sign was the tallest in town at the time. In August, it sold to the owners of The D Hotel and will soon be completely renovated. Completely surrounded by barren desert, it was the first Strip hotel to be seen as Californians drove in. The Flamingo would be remodeled in with new signage and a roadside Champagne Tower and again in when its diagonal orientation to The Strip was changed to become parallel to the roadway. In a new porte cochere covered driveway was added, along with a second-story skyroom restaurant that provided a direct westward view of the new Caesars Palace fountains and La Madre Mountain sunsets. Photo Courtesy of Gary B. Downtown Las Vegas This view, of the area known as Casino Center, is looking westward from the downtown intersection of Fremont Street and Second. This is a story about All-American pioneering ideas and attitudes. Old West creators, promoters dreamers, idea makers and visionaries are what made Las Vegas the unique place it is today. New text, photos and webpages are now being added daily to this website. So, please return often. Your Guide to Researching Las Vegas By following the many links in this website you will gain a comprehensive overview of Las Vegas and Nevada history thru photos, videos and text. For scholars, architects, film-makers, authors and others, seeking more specialized materials and information, we thoroughly encourage you to visit the local UNLV Special Collections Department , either on-line or at their beautiful Gaming Research facility and library. Make sure to visit the Introductory Links at page bottoms that provide an excellent prelude of fun photos and subject matter that will better introduce you to all that lies deeper within. We appreciate your stopping by. When researching Old Vegas photos, a person sometime needs to try to accurately decipher the year a photo was taken. A s roulette game at the Last Frontier Hotel and Casino. The second casino built on The Strip. This location is currently the site of Encore Hotel - near the eastern edge of its casino, where it leads into the walkway-mall to The Wynn Hotel. A look at The Thunderbird Hotel which opened in The Thunderbird was transformed many times during its life, eventually having its name changed to The El Rancho in A new, blue, high-rise, called The Fontainebleau basically a monstrosity that may eventually be razed before ever opening now occupies this location, remaining unfinished after hitting hard times during the recession. Graphic Re-Working by Erik Wunstell. A look at the Dunes Hotel-Casino in The year brought four new hotels to the Las Vegas Strip. Opening on May 23rd, - Dunes was basically a low-rise motel-casino, topped by a fiberglass statue of a sultan. It was located diagonally across from The Flamingo on the site currently occupied by the lake-fountains of Bellagio. The Dunes would undergo a major expansion in You can continue on thru our many Introductory Pages, using the link at page-bottom. Otherwise, please use the Navigation Links at the top of each page to move directly to what might interest you most. Over Videos All on One Webpage. Our Vegas Video Webpage has over rare and unique pieces of Old Las Vegas films and videos especially culled and collected, from the vast YouTube archive over six years. All placed into easy to navigate and view Custom Video Players - right on one webpage source. Be sure to visit there to see some extraordinary footage shot by tourists, as well as professional film-documentary cameramen. This new section provides hundreds of beautiful pieces of low-priced art for the many visitors who have requested photos, prints and posters for their homes or offices.

2: Historical Vegas Photos

The history of Las Vegas is an American rags-to-riches story, filled with hundreds of unusual characters and events. Las Vegas is the largest city in the U.S. founded in the 20th century. This year-old saga follows the city through its incredible ups and downs.

Older posts are at bottom-right Archive. The Bellagio had opened on October 15th, and Paris would open on September 1st, The original Aladdin Hotel had been imploded on April 27, and construction on the New Aladdin had just begun, with a Year opening date scheduled. The east-to-west pedestrian bridges had been completed at this point, but the north-to-south bridges had yet to be started. Pedestrians are seen crossing at street level. NOW This photo is from a few feet to the right of the one above. The photos below show a 48 year progression of the Las Vegas Strip and traces the City Center property thru its various stages. The light-blue-dot show the Dunes Hotel where the Bellagio is now. The dark-green-dot shows the location of the Paris Hotel. The golf course later became the site of the current MGM Grand which opened in Across the street - the orange-dot shows the location of the Tropicana Hotel. The original MGM Grand had been built at this point. The circa Jockey Club is seen across the street below the Dunes. The following year the small motel below the Flamingo called the Desert Villa was replaced with the construction of the Barbary Coast. In it became the Boardwalk Holiday Inn Hotel. The Boardwalk was imploded in May of to make way for City Center. August This satellite photo shows the former location of the Boardwalk Casino-Hotel. The Boardwalk can be seen where the purple-dot has been placed. The Boardwalk was basically located where the entrance driveway to City Center is now located and possibly occupied a slight bit of the Mandarin location. This satellite photo was taken in January and the result is that the winter-sunlight casts high-contrasting shadows which make it hard to distinguish certain things. This view is the same location as seen above, but the camera was turned for a better glimpse. I lightened the shadow cast by the Mandarin Hotel to get a better glimpse of the driveway. The purple dot shows where the Boardwalk was located as referenced by the red-dot location of the Hawaiian Marketplace. The Boardwalk possibly extended from near the Mandarin Hotel - across the driveway and into Crystals current location. I could be off by 50 yards or so. The Boardwalk formerly occupied this area until NOW Another photo about yards north of the camera location seen above. The Boardwalk possibly extended into the space to the right of the Louis Vutton store. You can view the satellite photos to reach your own conclusion. The former Boardwalk occupied the area just beyond the George Wallace billboard. The Tropicana Hotel is seen at bottom right, before they added their hotel tower, the following year. The edge of the Aladdin can be seen at the mid-right of this photo. I am not too sure where the Harmon and Cosmopolitan Hotels line up exactly. This is roughly the spot where they are located and these are the closest photos available, of the location, to show. The hotels might actually be about exactly where the camera position was for this photo. The Cosmopolitan and Harmon Hotels are currently located just south of this former gas station spot. The camera angle is looking north towards the Bellagio former Dunes. Harmon Avenue is seen at right, with the Carriage House at top-right. The Aladdin remained a low-rise property until it built its floor tower in Caesars is nearing completion. The Galaxy Motel is seen at lower-right just about where the north property line of the Paris Hotel is at now. The yellow-dot shows the Barbary Coast under construction. The front of the Bonanza Casino can be seen added onto the former Galaxy Motel. Ballys current South Tower Addition built in now occupies the area near the blue-dot. The green-dot shows the Churchill Downs Shopping Center. Paris Hotel now sits on the area of the green-dot.

3: Historic Photos of Las Vegas by Jeff Burbank

*Historic Photos of Las Vegas [Jeff Burbank] on www.enganchecubano.com *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. Las Vegas is a Spanish word meaning The Meadows or The Grasslands was established as a railroad town in and was officially incorporated in*

With the legalization of gambling in the state of Nevada, a handful of Fremont Street bars and hotels rushed to get their gaming licences and began converting their existing business into gambling halls. In the beginning, these small casinos were simply store front operations. In the Anthony Cornero family took the initiative to build the first, all-new casino property from the ground up. They chose a location at the intersection of Fremont and Charleston Street. Though it was located about one mile from the train depot and the other small casinos near Main Street, its operation was intended to draw gambling patrons who drove into the downtown area from Boulder Highway. At the time, Boulder Highway was the most heavily used road into Las Vegas; especially used most by the construction workers building Boulder Dam and only had a few barn-like, roadhouses along its five mile length. The Meadows Casino was a unique and trendsetting establishment due to its car oriented design and its complete use as an all-in-one casino complex. The Meadows was the first gaming establishment to combine casino space with a cabaret, showroom, restaurant, plus fifty hotel rooms. From the time of its May 2, opening, it was a great success. After the completion of Boulder Dam, the construction workers left the Las Vegas area and The Meadows lost a major portion of its customer base. It closed in and the building later caught fire and the entire complex was demolished. Although the Arizona Club provided the first Las Vegas casino-hotel The Meadows holds the distinction of being the first post gaming legalization casino-hotel complex in Las Vegas. The car-oriented placement of The Meadows, near the major highway of the time, set the template for what would later be done by the El Rancho hotel-casino complex and its placement on the Los Angeles-Arrowhead Highway five years after The Meadows shut down. Though the El Rancho was the first major casino-hotel complex built on The Strip - The Meadows was the very first gaming-complex ever built in Las Vegas. The Meadows originator and owner, Tony Cornero would later go on to operate gaming-boats such as the S. Rex off the shores of California until anti-gaming laws took effect in the early s. Cornero arrived back in Las Vegas in to open his S. Rex Casino in the ground floor of the Apache Hotel. As a major player in Las Vegas his name should not be forgotten. It was his close friendship with the top L. Sunset Strip, nightclub owner Billy Wilkerson - that led to the building of the Flamingo in Tony Cornero would later go on to start construction of his final dream-casino, The Starlite. He passed away before its completion and it finally opened with a name change as The Stardust, in With the legalization of gaming in Nevada - certain roadhouses, bars and eateries were allowed to set up slot machines and provide gambling. By comparing these ramshackle roadhouses to the well designed architectural beauty of The Meadows Casino, the vast differences between the different types of s entertainment facilities is easily seen. What they did have in common was plenty of room for easy parking. This would be what the later Strip would be able to provide, as opposed to the pedestrian Downtown properties. Two of the largest roadhouses, near The Meadows Casino are seen above. The other roadhouse seen at left was named The Red Windmill, which had a large windmill-sign over its front entrance. Though coincidentally similar, the El Rancho windmill design was a key-element in its chain of s California motels such as was installed at the El Rancho Fresno. In approximately 3, cars were built in American car factories. At the time, car use was mainly for the wealthy. With the creation of the Ford Model T, auto production and ownership changed dramatically. Automobile ownership and use grew steadily. After the end of World War One, U. By annual auto production reached 2 million. Car production increased steadily until when over 4 million cars were manufactured in a single year. When the Great Depression struck, auto production dropped to , cars produced in Due to the Depression and World War Two, it would take until before the , 4 million mark would be surpassed. Never before had so much prosperity and technological changes been placed upon a nation. The inventions of radio and electrical appliances, along with the increased availability of the telephone and home electricity, brought tremendous advancements to the American way of life during the heydays of the Roaring Twenties. The impact of car use caused a ripple-effect of subsequent

changes. Increased automobile use forever changed the landscape of America. The need for comfortable places to sleep, near the highways, caused the emergence of highway campgrounds on the edge of towns across the USA. The free auto-camps and public toilets, of the early s, led to development of more suitable travel stops known as auto and motor courts. These commercial, tourist courts were composed of fenced-off land containing roughly small cabins and cottages with individual driveways for overnight car parking. Unlike pedestrian oriented downtown hotels, early s auto-courts were automobile-friendly, allowing quick and easy parking and fun and clean havens to spend the night. Filling stations and diners were available nearby or on-site. This centralization of auto-travel facilities marked the beginning of what is now known as Roadside Architecture. Auto-courts would usually incorporate their unique local landmarks and geographic attractions into the design of their motorist campgrounds. In Kentucky, a person could find wigwam-cabins cement tee-pees. In New England they could sleep in Colonial styled cabins. In the Southwest, they could sleep in mini-adobe huts. The concept of road-art, where motor-courts and roadside-cafes used eye-catching signs and themed buildings would develop for over two decades before it became used on the highways leading to Downtown Las Vegas. Soon after the first four casino-motels were built along the roadway leading up to Downtown Las Vegas - this highway became known as the Las Vegas Strip. It was owned and designed by architect Arthur Heinman, who planned for a string of 18 motels to operate along the coast of the western USA, from Los Angeles to Seattle. Heinman is credited with giving birth to the concept and name "Mo-tel" a combination Motor and Hotel. His motel plan was to provide a restaurant, laundry and grocery store at each motel location. The first motel in his planned chain opened under the name of the Milestone Motel. Although his first motel was a commercial success, The Great Depression delayed his plan to establish a motel chain. It operated for approximately 60 years under the name Motel Inn and was a favorite place for s movie stars traveling to Hearst Castle. In , wealthy nightclub owner Baron Long and owner of the famous U. Grant Hotel in San Diego, formed a 4 man partnership to build a giant casino-hotel complex, named Agua Caliente, just 20 miles south of the California border, in Tijuana, Mexico. With Prohibition outlawing the consumption of alcohol from , the Agua Caliente hotel-casino would provide Americans with a legal venue for drinking and gambling in its casino and on-site racetrack. The architect hired to design Agua Caliente was an astoundingly young nineteen year old named Wayne McAllister. After designing Agua Caliente, McAllister gained fame for designing nightclubs and restaurants in Southern California. Most importantly, Wayne McAllister would later go on to play an important role in Las Vegas development thru his knowledge of roadside architecture and casino design. McAllister would design the first Strip casino-motel ever built the El Rancho in . In he created plans for the most modern casino in Las Vegas The Desert Inn and two years later designed the Sands. With the Agua Caliente, Wayne McAllister designed a hotel-casino complex that set the prototype that Las Vegas Strip casinos would follow thru the 40s, 50s, 60s, up to this very day. Agua Caliente was a lavish resort. Just as Las Vegas took its name from a watering spring, so did Agua Caliente. The resort was a rarity in architectural design for public entertainment. While Hearst Castle was being built in the s for use as a private residential party-spot for Hollywood celebrities Agua Caliente opened as the one of the most lavish, public entertainment facilities of its time. Agua Caliente included a casino, luxurious guest bungalows a spa, Turkish baths and two ballrooms, all designed in a combination of Mexican Colonial, California Mission stylings. The resort an airstrip, championship golf and tennis facilities. Agua Caliente was a tremendous success and hugely popular with wealthy Americans and celebrities. The resort was closed and became the property of the Mexican government. The racetrack would remain open until it was destroyed by fire in . But in , the casino was closed forever. In the quiet, sleepy railroad-stop called Las Vegas - gambling had just become legal with the ban against gambling lifted.

4: Classic Las Vegas Photo Galleries - Blog

las vegas strip - casino history The El Rancho was the prototype for all other Strip casinos by having 24 hour gaming, surrounding guest rooms, a chuck-wagon buffet, a showroom, a 24 hour coffee-shop and an on-site gift shop.

Sin city known for gambling, mobs, ladies of the night, weddings, and wild parties. Las Vegas is one of those cities in America that stands the test of time. But, what was it like in the old days? The history itself yields enough material to make a sensational mafia movie. This seventeen pictures of vintage Las Vegas deliver stories that will make historians sing praises to the moon. Between acting, multiple marriages, and Zsa Zsa slapping a cop, these ladies still managed to turn heads. Their art has stood the test of time as their beloved city ages into the future. The showgirls first came into existence in They performed the openings and closings for Las Vegas headliners, sometimes they danced around said headliners. The Welcome Sign to Las Vegas upload. The sign might change and be updated to keep it up in good condition, but it will always stay the same. This welcome sign was first created in and still stands fifty-eight years later. It first opened the day after Christmas in Through its seventy-year history, the Flamingo has gone through many changes in hands with its ownership. The hotel still holds onto its art decor appearance. An Elephant in the Dunes Hotel and Casino i. Only in Vegas will you see an elephant at the crap table. Apparently, they would be in Circus-Circus as well. In this picture, Tanya, the elephant, is helping the card sharks with their game. Tanya the Elephant historianinsight. She is a Siamese elephants who always played cards in front of large crowds in Vegas. This would be a story for the grandchildren. This man is known the world over and still has countless numbers of fans to this day. Presley preformed at the Sahara Hotel in the prime of his career. He died on August 16, Playing craps in the pool. Sadly, this pastime has faded out due to reckless partiers splashing the players. Cal Neva Lodge and Casino cdn. This place was owned by Frank Sinatra after visiting the place in Before There Were Casinos svcdn. The city used to be just a settlement in before the glamor and high energy of the Vegas charm that is famous today. Looking at this picture, anyone would think that this was just another old picture out in the desert out in the West. Or maybe they would think that this was set from a Western movie. These men are hard at work with this future center of entertainment. One has to wonder as they look at this picture, did these men have any idea of what was to come as they laid down the foundation for these high-powered icons known around America? Did they ever picture Vegas and their bright lights of today? This hotel first opened on April 4th, Fifty-nine years later, it still stands. However, that might not be the case with talks of demolishing it circling this old building. The same games are still king here. Because really, do you really have to change everything all the time? In the old days, you would have to travel out to the spa for the royal treatment. Even then, the miles were well worth the treat just to feel like a king or a queen for a day. Slot machines are another staple in Las Vegas. Much like the beloved showgirl and casino floor, these babies have stood the test of time. Slot machines may have been updated to keep up with modern times, but they will never go away. First Casino in Vegas cdn. It was first opened on April 3rd, Closing on June 17, , it stood for fifty-six years. It was burned to the ground around that same year. The El Rancho may be gone, but its legacy still lives on.

5: Old Las Vegas State Historic Park | State Parks

The Dunes Hotel was a hotel and casino on the Las Vegas strip. Sadly, this proud building of great importance didn't last forever. It operated from May 23, to January 26,

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