

TEXAS HIGHWAYS--PIG STAND WWH

Cruise over to eight Pig Stands in San Antonio, Houston, and Beaumont, and one Hailey's Family Restaurant in San Antonio. At each, enjoy made-from-scratch breakfast, lunch (different blue plate specials at each location), and dinner, plus the nostalgia of the world's first drive-in chain. All locations also offer cleaver Pig Stand t-shirts, caps, and nostalgic postcards for sale.

SAN ANTONIO

Pig Stand #29 is one of the city's oldest eateries. Located at 1508 Broadway, San Antonio 78215 (210/222-2794), open 24 hours daily, the coffee shop hosts Cruise Night every Friday, hours to come. Classic car and motorcycle clubs frequent the event where curb service and Fifties and Sixties music attracts as many as 100 vehicles to the parking lot. It also hosts a car swap meet three times a year. During Fiesta San Antonio's April parade, which goes by the restaurant, it sets up food booths in the parking lot, offers entertainment, and lets people sit in lawn chairs to watch the parade.

Pig Stand #24 serves as home to "The Big Pig," a recently refurbished carhop shelter in the shape of a pig. Located at 801 S. Presa, San Antonio 78210 (210/227-1691). Open 24 hours daily.

Pig Stand #40 is located at 3054 Rigsby, San Antonio 78215 (210/333-8231). Open 24 hours.

Hailey's Family Restaurant is located at 4411 Interstate 10 East, San Antonio 78219 (210/333-2051). Open 24 hours, it features the same menu as Pig Stands in a contemporary atmosphere. During the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo's February trail ride, the restaurant's parking lot fills with horses and trail riders who get free coffee, donuts, and country music entertainment.

BEAUMONT

Pig Stand #41 is perhaps the nation's oldest circular drive-in. Located at 1595 Calder Ave., Beaumont 77704 (409/835-9702), open 6-9 daily, the restaurant features curb service under a "rock 'n roll" canopy Mon.-Fri., 11-3. Available for rent for Fifties and Sixties parties, birthdays, and wedding receptions.

Pig Stand #49 is located just south of Interstate 10 at 3695 College St., Beaumont 77701 (409/835-9394), open 24 hours.

Pig Stand #10 is at 612 Washington Blvd., Beaumont 77705 (409/835-5153), open 6-6.

HOUSTON

Pig Stand #7 at 2412 Washington Ave., Houston 77007 (713/864-4041), open 6-9 daily, features pig-related decorations donated by customers, and is featured in the film *The Evening Star*.

Pig Stand #52 is located at 8437 Long Point, Houston 77055 (713/464-1900), open 6-9 daily.

BOOKS

To find out more about Pig Stands and the history of drive-in restaurants, look for *The American Drive-In* by Michael Karl Witzel, Motorbooks Intl. (1994), and *Car Hops and Curb Service* by Jim Heimann, Chronicle Books (1996).