

DID YOU KNOW . . .

PIER HISTORY - Huntington Beach was incorporated in 1909. Oil was discovered and the small farming village quickly mushroomed into a full-fledged boom town. Pacific Coast Highway was constructed in 1925, opening access to 8 1/2 miles of virgin beach and ushering in the city's gradual transition to "Surf City." The first pier was built in 1904, 5 years before the city's incorporation.

1904 - Original 1000 ft. pier constructed.

1914 - Reconstructon of pier to 1,350 ft. making the pier the longest concrete municipal pier in the U.S.

1930 - Pier is lengthened by 500 ft; cafe is added to the end.

1939 - Tropical hurricane with 23 ft. waves demolishes buildings and tears off 294 ft from the end of the pier.

1941 - Military takes over pier for sub watch during WWII.

1983 - Violent storm rips out 30 pilings and 500 sq. ft. of decking and superstructure at end.

1985 - Pier reopens with new \$400,000 two story restaurant — The End Cafe.

1988 - 250 ft. of pier's end ripped off from storm surf. July 12th the pier is closed due to damage.

1990 - Pier demolition begins on Nov. 13th. Corners removed Dec. 5th.

1991 - New pier construction begins on Feb. 21st. The old pier is completely gone by May 28th.

1992 - July 18th new pier is re-opened. Length is now 1,853 ft; again the longest concrete municipal pier in U.S.

1996 - Ruby's Diner opens on the end of the pier on June 21st.