
Subject: Re: Your Heavy Rotation Right Now
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Oh yeah, those! Definitely!

In Tulsa, the place like that I remember best was Pennington's. We still have Sonic Drive-Ins everywhere, and that's super-cool, but they're just not the same. They've kept the drive-in stalls, which is cool, but they've lost the nostalgic drive-in look somehow.

Pennington's Drive-In Restaurant was on Peoria, back when that was "the strip." But Peoria was two-lanes, so by 1980, it was a parking lot. Seemed like overnight - in around 1980 - everyone shifted to Memorial Drive, which was a four-lane road.

In both cases - Peoria or Memorial - the restaurants and parking lots facing the road on either side were filled with parked cars and teenagers going back and forth between cars, talking and fooling around. Drivers on "the strip" went north a few miles and then turned around and went south, only to turn around and do it again. As you said above, it was just like the movie, "American Graffiti."

Some people hated that and thought the kids that hung out there were trouble. But the truth is most of the kids "hanging out" on the strip were good kids. They weren't afraid to show their face in public, which says something, if you think about it. Truly troubled youth don't hang out in public.

Same is true today, in my opinion. And I still see kids hangin' out on Memorial Drive so that renews my hope that the youth aren't totally lost...