

History

The Oakley Diner is a rare classic Streamline Moderne 60'x16' Art-Deco diner car restaurant located in Oakley, Utah. It was prefabricated as Diner Car #1107 in 1939 by Jerry O'Mahony Diner Company, located in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Known as the "Cadillac" of diner companies because of its steel frame construction, their motto was, "In our line, we lead the world." They produced 2,000 diner cars between 1917 and 1952 with only four pre-war Art-Deco streamline-style diners still in operation.

After construction, it was displayed on exhibition at the 1939 World's Fair In New York. After the Fair, it was sold to Al McDermott who had it towed to Fall River, Massachusetts, where it operated for 14 years. In 1953, it was sold to Greek immigrant Tommy Borodemos, who had it transported down the turnpike to Middletown, Rhode Island, where it operated for four generations as Tommy's Deluxe Diner. The Diner closed in May 2006 and was purchased in 2007 by Utah businessman, Keith Walker, who transported it to Oakley, Utah. After a year of restoration, it was opened in July 2008 as the Road Island Diner. It was in operation until 2021, when it shut down due to COVID-19 and staffing issues.

Oakley locals, Steve and Jana Smith, purchased the diner shortly after and oversaw a complete restoration into what is now the Oakley Diner, with expanded seating in the back for large groups. The Oakley Diner Grand Opening was held September 2023, soon followed by The Oakley Bakery located below the Diner. It features FiiZ soda shop, Oakley Roast Company beverages, and delicious treats from the Oakley Bakery. Some of those delicacies are featured on the Oakley Diner menu.

The Oakley Diner (O'Mahony Dining Car #1107) was added to the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places on August 21, 2009, and is said to be the only pre-war, Art-deco streamline diner (constructed to mimic a rail dining car) west of the Mississippi River.

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