

Gasoline stations in Akershus

– Innovations and technical developments

In 2016 MiA-Museene i Akershus initiated a documentation project of gasoline stations in the county of Akershus. In 2019 the project will result in a publication presenting the results from the project both containing a historical and a contemporary approach to gasoline stations in Akershus.

The motivation for starting the project was the sale of Statoil Fuel & Retail, a business transfer that would change all Statoil stations into Circle K stations during 2016. The project included a documentation of 142 gasoline stations with exterior photos in Akershus, and a detailed documentation of three Statoil stations with interiors, advertising elements, pumping plants, workshops and laundry halls and photos of the staff. Another part of the project was a systematic collecting of items.

Alongside the contemporary approach was a historical research in the topic gasoline stations focusing on the spreading of stations along the road systems and the development of buildings and installations. The research also incorporated the ongoing competition, profiling and company takeovers among the petrol companies.

We would like to give examples of innovations and technical developments at the gas stations in the presentation at the conference. How did factors as technical inventions, market forces and legislation affect the development of pumping plants, workshops, car washes and store facilities?

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