



McDonald's at Barstow

Drive Thru Open 7 days 5am to 10pm

Lobby Open 7 days 6am to 10pm

"I'm loving it!"

In the late 1960's Fred Rosenberg opened McDonald's Restaurant in Barstow California. The restaurant opened it soon became overwhelmed with tour buses traveling to and from L.A. He needed to create a travel destination for the highway travelers which could accommodate several attempts to convince the McDonald's corporation that this unique location would be the idea that was to become Barstow Station was hatched!

Basically, Barstow Station McDonald's is one of several buildings attached to one another. The original produce cars that predated refrigeration so they were decommissioned. There was a man in the San Francisco area who found the train cars to be purchased as the attraction for Barstow Station. He purchased and used for more seating for the public. Currently there are 17 train cars that are used as McDonald's Dining Cars.

Barstow Station opened with great fanfare from all of the residents in Barstow and high hopes it was to be the largest McDonald's Restaurant in the United States. Barstow Station McDonald's shops opened for business July 10, 1975. During the 1970's the Barstow Station McDonald's was a success. When McDonald's went global this location stayed in the top 100 McDonald's Corporation. In 1986 tragedy struck the Barstow Station McDonald's when a drive thru customer's car caught on fire. It was the only McDonald's but all of the shops in Barstow Station. Mr. Rosenberg was not deterred and built the then nicknamed "Super Mac" renovated Barstow Station and was open for business again.

The McDonalds Corporation bought the franchise from Rosenberg in the early 1990's at a very successful location. However, Mr. Rosenberg retained ownership of the property to preserve the history. In 2013 The Barstow Station McDonald's underwent an extensive renovation and now has 17 dining cars and offers a two-lane drive thru for the customers. This location is still a family favorite and everyone to take photos with in the lobby.

For more information about Barstow Station, McDonald's, or to learn more about our history call 909.881.0812.