



## **Pioneer Celebrates 30 Years in Storage Business**

*The Storage Inn, Egg Harbor Township, NJ welcomes the community to join in their 30 year anniversary celebration of providing Self-Service Storage to Atlantic County. From May 14th to May 17th, hot dogs and hamburgers will be served free from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. To support our troops, a \$5.00 calling card will be donated to military personnel overseas for each new rental during the month of May.*

Egg Harbor Township, NJ April 28, 2009 --([PR.com](http://PR.com))-- Rudy Meckel is a pioneer in business. When he opened The Storage Inn in Egg Harbor Township in 1979, self-storage was unknown to the area. Meckel had already proven himself an entrepreneur. In addition to running his family's road construction business, he had ventured into real estate with building the Washington Square West office complex in Egg Harbor Township and Ridgewood Plaza, a retail strip mall in Northfield.

The Storage Inn started out on four acres with four buildings, designed so they could be converted to a flea market should the new business venture fail. Instead, Meckel's business prospered. Now The Storage Inn has 900 units with a total of over 100,000 square feet. The business offered an especially good fit, as it enabled Meckel to keep his road construction employees working during the off-season. Also considered a gentleman farmer, Meckel has always adorned his grounds with a blue and yellow horse carriage or sleigh.

In 1997, Meckel added another location by opening The Storage Inn II in Ocean City. They converted the former Stainton's Department Store Annex in Ocean City into three floors of storage and retail.

Meckel's son, Greg Meckel, and daughter, Heidi Meckel Koering, run the businesses with him. The family views the storage business as an opportunity to help people. They serve people who find themselves in life's transitions and those with long-term storage needs. A great resource for small and big businesses alike to expand and organize. They continue to ensure that the facilities offer customers the best in storage. In addition to low rental prices, both locations offer free move-in truck rental, free porter service (assistance unloading) and climate control. Moreover, the Storage Inn in Egg Harbor Township has a resident security manager and shelving rentals and the Ocean City the facility, offers drive-in bays and indoor units. Meckel's future plans include continuing to offer new services, expanding record storage business, and possible 500- space recreational and boat storage.

For more information on The Storage Inn, call 609-646-6400.  
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