Indianapolis Motor Speedway: Time-lapse in Maps

These maps of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway depict some of the physical changes to the landscape of the track and its surrounding neighborhood:

In the first map from 1945, the location of bleachers and the garage are shown. The Speedway Golf Course is located on the southeast corner of the track, and the Marion County Home for the Poor and the Hoosier Airport are directly east. More buildings and bleachers have been added on the 1951 topographic map of the Speedway. The Home for the Poor has become Central State Hospital Colony, and the Hoosier Airport is still depicted.

The next map was created in 1967 with new buildings erected through 1980 added in purple. The golf course is shown again on this map, and the Hall of Fame Museum was built in 1975 near the center of the south part of the interior oval.

The 1998 map shows the major changes in the number of bleachers surrounding the track and garages added to Gasoline Alley, in the bottom left corner of the infield. A new Pagoda and Media Center were built. By this time the golf course was completely changed to include four holes and a lake inside the track and fourteen holes outside the oval.