

# Stockers Car Club

Colorado Springs, Colorado

## NEWSLETTER



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**Monthly Meeting:** Our next general meeting will be at The Public House @ The Alexander, 3104 N Nevada on Tuesday, **April 7** at 6:30pm. If you would like to eat, please come early.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Car Show:** First show of the 2026 season is April 11. If you can show up early and help set up that would be appreciated. Got some new things to figure out.

**Monthly Ice Cream Social:** BJ's Velvet Freeze 1511 N Union Blvd, CS, **third Wednesday of each month** around 6:30pm.

### HAPPY EASTER!



Teddy wishes everyone a wonderful and joyful Easter!

**CARS AND ICE CREAM**  
**BJ's Velvet Freeze**  
 1511 N. Union Blvd






They serve hot food too!  
**Every Third Wednesday 6:30pm**

*Remember April 1<sup>st</sup> is April Fool's Day! Hope Mike won't mind if I play a little with his picture.*



## *From the President's Garage*

I think I saw the future of hot rodding 2 weeks ago. While adjusting the choke settings on the Mustang, my 9-year-old granddaughter walked into the garage. Kimber wanted to help. I was almost done, so I asked her to polish the wheels. She grabbed some rags and cleaner and got to work. When she was done, she had me inspect her work. They looked great and wanted something else to do. I needed to check the choke, so I asked her if she wanted to start the car. Her eyes got wide and a big smile on her face. She flew into the driver's seat! After explaining to her what to do, she started

it perfectly. She had the look of a very proud young lady. When I was done, she turned off the car and sat there with the stereo playing, daydreaming of driving. Grandma walked in the garage to see why I had the stereo volume up. She saw Kimber in the driver's seat and just shook her head. I think this summer Kimber and I will head to the high school parking lot and start driving lessons. I think the hot rod bug bit her!

*Keep Cruising!*

*Mike Baker*

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## **The Most Popular Car for Hot Rodders - By Decade**



**1940s–1950s:** 1932 Ford (Model B/18). Post-war, these were cheap, plentiful, and light, making them perfect for dry lake racing and street rods, often featuring flathead V8s.

**1950s–1960s:** 1949–1951 Mercury Eight. Popularized by customizers like the Barriss Brothers, these became the quintessential "lead sleds" for their sleek, low-slung, "chopped and channeled" look.

**1960s–1970s:** 1933–1942 Willys Coupe. Known as the definitive "gasser" for drag racing, the Willys was popular for its light weight, allowing

for big engine swaps and an aggressive, high-front-end stance.

**1970s–1980s:** T-Bucket. Based on the 1923-1927 Ford Model T, popularized by Norm Grabowski, these became popular for their exaggerated style.

**1990s–2000:** 1932 Ford (continuation), 1967–1969 Chevrolet Camaro. The '32 Ford remains #1, while the 1967-1969 Camaro has become the standard for "pro-touring" and modern, high-performance hot rods.

**2001 - Today:** Ford Model A: Remains a staple for "old school" or traditional builds.

- 1932 Ford (Deuce): Consistently cited as the foundational hot rod, with both original steel and fiberglass reproductions being highly popular.
- 1955-1957 Chevy (Tri-Five): Extremely popular for modern restomodding, often fitted with LS-series V8 engines, improved suspension, and disc brakes.
- 1940 Ford: Favored for its classic, streamlined look, often chosen for street rod projects.
- 2005+ Ford Mustang: Influenced the 2000s with retro styling, making it a modern, accessible platform for performance upgrades.
- Ford Model A: Remains a staple for "old school" or traditional builds.

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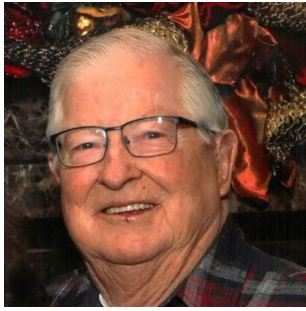
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**If anyone is interested** we can start our Ice Cream Socials again. We actually had a pretty steady draw last year. If you're interested, it is a nice informal way to get together, a great excuse to get an ice cream treat, and most important – an enjoyable way to spend some time with friends. Hope to see you there.





# John Edward McKnire

We lost one of our own on Feb. 1, 2026. John had been active in the Rocky Mountain Mustangs back when he was running his 1970 Boss 302. John and Claudia have been active members of Stockers Car Club for several years now. John was an Army veteran and was interred at the Rocky Mountain National Cemetery on Feb 25. The military honors ceremony was well attended with family, friends and club members to see him off. Colorado has the unique honor of having two military honor bells. What's more, one of our club members - Aaron Taylor was the official bell ringer for John. RIP John.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/john-mcknire-obituary?id=60721094>

Pictures by Diane Taylor and David Feasel



## Cruisin' the Kansas Ribbon of Route 66

There's a special kind of quiet magic in the Kansas stretch of Route 66. Just thirteen miles long, it's the shortest portion of the Mother Road — but somehow it carries some of the deepest nostalgia. Maybe it's because so much of it still feels untouched, like the decades simply drifted by without disturbing the dust on the shoulders.

Rolling into Galena, you can almost hear the echo of post-war optimism — the rumble of straight-six Chevys, the clatter of screen doors at roadside cafés, the laughter of families heading west toward possibility. The old mining town still wears its history proudly. Brick storefronts lean into the sun, and the famous Kan-O-Tex station stands as a reminder of when a fill-up came with a smile, a map, and maybe a story.

A few miles down the road, Riverton offers one of the most authentic experiences left on the route: the Eisler Brothers Store. Step inside and you're stepping back in time — shelves of Americana, the smell of old wood, and the feeling that travelers from every decade have paused here for a cold drink and a moment of rest.

Then comes the Rainbow Bridge, Kansas' crown jewel. Built in 1923, this Marsh arch bridge is the last of its kind on Route 66. Crossing it in a classic car feels like slipping through a portal. The tires hum, the rails cast long shadows, and for a moment you're not just driving *on* history — you're driving *with* it.

Baxter Springs rounds out the journey with its Civil War past and its proud Route 66 heritage. The restored Phillips 66 station looks like it's waiting for a '46 Chevy to pull up for a tank of ethyl and a windshield wipe.

Short as it is, Kansas delivers something rare: a stretch of Route 66 that still feels like Route 66. No neon overload, no tourist gloss — just the road, the towns, and the memories they stir. It's the kind of place where a classic car doesn't look old... it looks right at home.

### Cruisin' Kansas on Route 66

There's nothing quite like a drive along the Kansas stretch of Route 66 to take you back in time. Though it's only 13 miles long, this short section of the Mother Road is packed with nostalgia and charm.

As you cruise through the towns of Galena, Riverton, and Baxter Springs, you'll feel like you've stepped into the past. Classic diners, retro gas stations, and old neon signs line the road, reminding us of the golden days of American road trips. The sound of our engines humming along the two-lane blacktop, the open fields, and the historic bridges all evoke memories of a bygone era.

Stopping for a cold soda at an old-time filling station or snapping a photo at the famous "Rainbow Bridge," you're transported right back to the 1940s and '50s.

If you're looking for a slice of pure Americana, the Kansas leg of Route 66 is a ride you'll never forget. It's a cruise through history that's sure to warm the heart of any classic car enthusiast.



For anyone chasing nostalgia, this little slice of Kansas is a reminder of why we fell in love with the open road in the first place.



## ***CALENDAR OF EVENTS***

### **RECURRING EVENTS:**

First Saturday Car Show – University Village Shopping Center, CS , Starts around 8 – 9am  
First Sunday Cars and Coffee – Tri-Lakes Cruisers, Animal Hospital - 487 CO-105, 8am – 11am  
**Second Saturday Car Show – Apr – Oct, 5450 E Woodmen, Stockers Car Club, CS, 9am – noon**  
**Third Wednesday - Stockers Ice Cream Social, BJ's Velvet Freeze 1511 N Union Blvd, CS @ 6:30pm**  
Third Saturday Car Show - 6385 Corporate Dr, CS, 10am - noon  
Last Saturday Car Show – Bass Pro Shop, CS 8am – 11am  
First Friday – Fast Friday, May – Oct, Pot O'Gold Kustoms

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **APRIL**

**Apr 11 – Stockers 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Car Show, 5450 E Woodmen, CS CO 9am – Noon**  
Apr 18 – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Wings & Wheels Car Show, Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum 9am – 3pm

#### **MAY**

May 2 – Outlaws Car Club Riverwalk Car Show and Swap Meet, Pueblo CO  
**May 9 – Stockers 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Car Show, 5450 E Woodmen, CS CO 9am – Noon**  
May 16 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Penrose VFW Post 2788 Car Show, 402 Broadway St., Penrose CO  
May 16 – Kiwania's Checkered Flag Charity Show  
May 16 – Mash-Mechanix Brewing Car Show  
May 30 - Hotrod Havoc at Red Leg Brewing, 9am – 4pm

#### **JUNE**

Jun 6 – Blessing of the Bikes Car & Bike Show, 1505 E Monument St, CS 9:30am – 12:30pm  
**Jun 13 – Stockers 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Car Show, 5450 E Woodmen, CS CO 9am – Noon**  
Jun 14 – Second Ever Truck Show, 146 N Jefferson St. Monument CO 9am – 2pm  
Jun 18 – 20 – Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup, Cripple Creek  
Jun 26 – 28 – NSRA Rocky Mtn Street Rod Nationals, CO State Fairgrounds

#### **JULY**

**Jul 11 – Stockers 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Car Show, 5450 E Woodmen, CS CO 9am – Noon**  
Jul 18 - Pharoahs Car Club Hot Rods 4 Heroes Classic Car Show, 8am – 2pm, 5490 E Woodmen

#### **AUGUST**

**Aug 8 – Stockers 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Car Show, 5450 E Woodmen, CS CO 9am – Noon**  
Aug 13 – 16 – Hot Rod Rock & Rumble, PPIR  
Aug 22 – Hub City Classic Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show Limon CO

#### **SEPTEMBER**

**Sep – Stockers 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Car Show, 5450 E Woodmen, CS CO 9am - Noon**  
Sep 12 – Salute to Veterans, Lindstrom Clinic, 3141 Centennial Blvd., CS CO

#### **OCTOBER**

Oct 2 – Cruisin' OCC Pre-Party at Pot O'Gold, 6pm – 9pm  
Oct 3 - Cruisin' OCC Car Show  
**Oct 10 – Stockers 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Car Show, 5450 E Woodmen, CS CO 9am – Noon**  
Oct 17 – Trunk or Treat at Pot O'Gold Kustoms

STOCKERS CAR CLUB  
PRESENTS OUR 2026  
**2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY  
CAR SHOWS**  
**SUPPORTING**

APRIL - OCT 2026 9 AM - NOON

APR 11, MAY 9, JUN 13, JUL 11, AUG 8, SEP 12, OCT 10

**FREE**



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WEISBROD  
AIRCRAFT MUSEUM  
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**WINGS  
& WHEELS**  
Car Show

SATURDAY  
**April 18 2026**  
9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

**CAR REGISTRATION INCLUDES ADMISSION FOR TWO TO THE MUSEUM**

\$10 General Admission  
\$30 early car registration deadline April 11  
\$35 car registration after April 11

Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum  
31001 Magness Avenue  
Pueblo, CO 81001  
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**Kiwanis**  
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**"CHECKERED FLAG CHARITY CAR SHOW"**

**SATURDAY**  
May 16, 2026  
10:00-2:00

Metcalfe Park-Fountain, CO  
704 E. Ohio

**CLASSES:**  
Antique (Prior to 1981)/Classic  
Sport  
Other

**CAR REGISTRATION:**  
\$20 for Pre-registration  
\$25 for Same Day Registration

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**HOT-RODS**

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CLASSIC CAR SHOW

\$20 CAR ENTRY FEE

AWARDS (1:30PM):  
KIDS' CHOICE  
PEOPLE'S CHOICE  
PARTICIPANTS' CHOICE  
PHAROAH'S CHOICE

Pinup Meet-Up & Vendors!

**JULY 18TH, 2026**  
8 AM SET UP  
9AM - 2PM SHOW

LOCATION: 5490 E. WOODMEN DR., COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80915  
CONTACT: PHAROAHSSCC@OUTLOOK.COM

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