

Stockers Car Club

Colorado Springs, Colorado

NEWSLETTER



The comments and opinions in this newsletter are of the author, not the club or its officers.

Monthly Meeting: Our next general meeting will be at The Public House @ The Alexander, 3104 N Nevada on Tuesday, **February 3** at 6:30pm. If you would like to eat, please come early.



From the Vice President: Hello fellow Stockers. Hope this email finds everyone healthy and happy. Just a reminder that the Feb. meeting is very important. **We will be holding elections for the Stocker board.** Please have ideas for people to be elected for each position. I will not run for President at this time. See you on Feb. 3rd

Horseless Carriage Plates: In Colorado, the main difference is usage: **Horseless Carriage plates** (for vehicles 50+ years old) restrict driving to events/shows (max 4,500 mi/yr), offering cheap 5-year registration with no surcharges; **Collector plates** (32+ years old) allow more general use but still have the 4,500-mile limit and require emissions/road surcharges for 5-year registration. Choose Horseless Carriage for very old cars with limited use for maximum savings, or Collector for slightly newer classics needing broader, though still restricted, use. (source: google)

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**SECRETARY
ROY RUTZ**



STOCKERS MEETING MINUTES - There was no meeting in January

Rolling in to the New Year with Purpose and Fellowship



Teddy says, in a little bit of a British bark As we turn the key on a brand-new year, it's a perfect moment to reflect on what keeps our engines running strong—not just in our garages, but in our lives. Balance, health, delicious treats, and friendship are as essential to us as clean oil and a well-tuned carburetor is to our ride. Whether it's taking time for a peaceful drive through the mountains, lending a hand to a fellow member, or simply showing up with a smile, these small acts keep our community vibrant and grounded. A club is more than a roster; it's a fellowship built on shared stories, shared roads, and the steady camaraderie that comes from people who genuinely enjoy being together.

This year, let's invite every member to bring their unique skillset to the table. Maybe you're a storyteller, a detailer, a photographer, a maker, or simply someone who knows how to make newcomers feel welcome. Participation—big or

small—is what transforms a club from something people join into something people belong to. When each of us contributes a little of what we do best, we strengthen the club's foundation and create a place others are eager to be part of. No one can do everything, but everyone can do something. Together, we can build a club that reflects the very best of who we are.

Club Positions: opinion by W. Smith

According to the Stockers By-Laws the positions are:

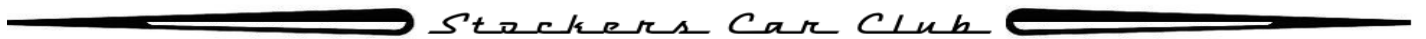
1. **President** The president shall preside at all meetings of the club, appoint committees as necessary to carry out the activities of the club, serve as a regular Board member and as an ex-officio member of all committees, see that regular elections are held in accordance with the club's By-laws and carry out the directives of the Board. The President shall prepare the meeting agenda.
2. **Vice-President** The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence.
3. **Secretary** The Secretary shall keep and read the minutes of the meetings of the club, maintain a master list of membership, give notice of all regular and special meetings of the membership and the board, handle club correspondence, cosign all club checks and keep custody of all current records of the club. Records of historical interest should be passed on to the historian.
4. **Treasurer** The Treasure shall collect members contributions made in lieu of dues (passing the hat) and all other money due the club, keep the club's financial books, make payment from the club's ffinds when so ordered by the Board or membership, co-sign all club checks, keep an account of all club money matters and shall make regular reports of the financial condition of the club to the Board and membership.
5. **Event Coordinator** The Event Coordinator shall coordinate and facilitate club events such as car shows and cruise events, communicate with other car clubs to promote mutual attendance at each other's events when appropriate and forward event information to the club webmaster for posting on

the club website. The Event Coordinator shall also be the lead for internal efforts of members to obtain sponsors to help financially support club activities

6. **Board of Directors** The officers of the club shall constitute the Board of Directors and the Board shall be responsible for the execution, through its members, of the authorized policies of the club between regular meetings and shall submit to the club membership, at regular meetings, its actions for ratification and its recommendations for consideration

In my humble opinion the list is sorely lacking – it mentions getting information to the webmaster, but it doesn't mention it as a position. Nor does it mention the newsletter, which I think is kind of important. Should the webmaster have to do Facebook or other social media arenas we decide to dive into? We haven't had an event coordinator in quite some time. No mention of a Sponsor Coordinator – but Len's been doing that job for as long as I've been in the club. I think we need a Membership director to keep the membership list up to date and maybe ever personally greet all visitors at our dinner meetings. So, I think it would be great if we could have volunteers for:

• President	1. Webmaster
• Vice-President	2. Newsletter
• Secretary	3. Facebook
• Treasurer	4. Sponsor Coordinator
• Event Coordinator	5. Membership Director
	6. Club Historian



What is the prettiest classic American made car:

The "prettiest" classic American car is subjective, but the **1963 Chevrolet Corvette Sting Ray Split-Window Coupe** is a top contender, praised for its iconic design and rarity, alongside the luxurious, sharp-lined **1967 Cadillac Eldorado**, and the sleek, powerful **1996 Dodge Viper GTS**, representing different eras of American automotive beauty from sporty elegance to modern muscle. Other popular choices often include iconic muscle cars like the **Ford Mustang** and **Pontiac GTO**, and glamorous luxury cars like the [Cadillac Eldorado \(1950s\)](#) (source: google)

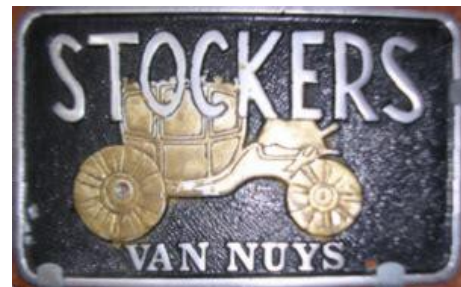


Stockers - One Name, Many Stories from the Golden Age of Car Clubs



In the 1950s and 1960s, Southern California was the beating heart of American car culture. Every town, high school, and cruising strip seemed to have its own club—some large and organized, others little more than a handful of friends with a shared love of cars and a cast-metal plaque hanging under the rear

bumper. Among the hundreds of names that appeared on those plaques, one stands out for its curious repetition across the region: Stockers. As you look at these plaques, notice the logo for the Van Nuys club; look familiar? Based on a 1964 article in the Gazette, our club was formed by Leo Kolman and Joe Shirley in November 1963. I can't find any information about either individual or where they came from? I also can't find if this was the first formation of Stockers, or a resurgence of the club.



Today, surviving plaques tell the story of the Stockers name. They show up stamped with Van Nuys, Manhattan, Palm Springs, SGV (San Gabriel Valley), and even the broad label Southern CA. Each plaque is a small artifact of a club that once gathered in drive-ins, garages, and drag strips, representing a local group of enthusiasts who chose the same name but lived entirely separate lives. Unlike the large national clubs

that would emerge decades later, the Stockers were not a centralized organization with chapters. Instead, the evidence points to multiple independent clubs—each adopting the same appealing name and ordering plaques from the commercial foundries that served the hot-rod world.

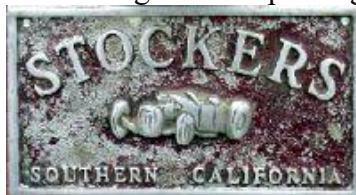
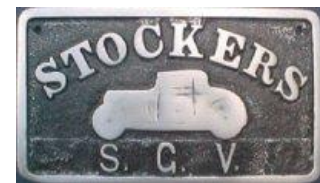
Foundries of the era offered catalogs of ready-made plaque designs. A club could pick a name like “Stockers,” choose a lettering style, and add its own town or region. This practice explains why:

- The Van Nuys plaque matches the style of the Manhattan Beach plaque found in South Bay collections
- The Palm Springs plaque surfaced on a mid-1950s Chevy remembered from the early 1960s
- SGV versions exist for the San Gabriel Valley
- And some simply read “Southern CA”, a catch-all for members spread across several nearby towns

These weren't chapters—they were parallel clubs, each rooted in its own local scene.

The young men who formed these clubs were part of a vibrant, fast-moving world:

- Cruising boulevards like Van Nuys, Whittier, and Hawthorne
- Drive-ins where members gathered to talk cars and plan weekend runs
- Early drag strips at airfields and fairgrounds
- High-school parking lots where jackets and plaques were badges of identity

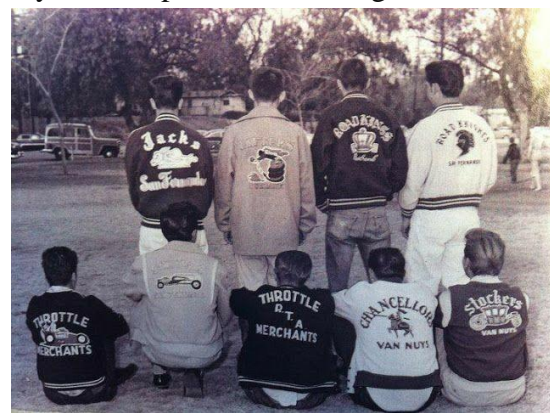


Most clubs were informal. Meetings were casual. Cars ranged from true stockers to mildly warmed-over street machines. What mattered wasn't horsepower—it was belonging.

A plaque hanging from the bumper meant you were part of something. You had a crew. You had a name.

Stockers wasn't a franchise. It wasn't a brand. It was simply a good name—one that spoke to the pride of owning a car, keeping it clean, keeping it running, and keeping it yours. And in that sense, the name Stockers belong to all of us who still carry the torch for the culture they helped create.

If you haven't looked in a while, check our YouTube channel at: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=stockers+car+club



RECURRING EVENTS:

First Saturday Car Show – University Village Shopping Center, CS , Starts around 8 – 9am
Second Saturday Car Show – Apr – Oct, 5450 E Woodmen, Stockers Car Club, CS, 9am - noon
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:

FEBRUARY

Feb 13 – 15 – Kool Kustom Kar Show, CO State Fairgrounds AG Palace
Feb 14 - Beauty and the Beater Valentine Day Massacre Edition car show, 729 N Union, CS CO

MARCH

APRIL

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

MAY

May 16 – 3rd Annual Penrose VFW Post 2788 Car Show, 402 Broadway St., Penrose CO
May 30 - Hotrod Havoc at Red Leg Brewing, 9am – 4pm

JUNE

Jun 13 – Stockers 2nd Saturday Car Show, 5450 E Woodmen, CS CO 9am – Noon
Jun 26 – 28 – NSRA Rocky Mtn Street Rod Nationals, CO State Fairgrounds

JULY

Jul 11 – Stockers 2nd Saturday Car Show, 5450 E Woodmen, CS CO 9am - Noon

AUGUST

Aug 8 – Stockers 2nd Saturday Car Show, 5450 E Woodmen, CS CO 9am - Noon

SEPTEMBER

Sep – Stockers 2nd 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 2nd Saturday Car Show, 5450 E Woodmen, CS CO 9am – Noon
Oct 17 – Trunk or Treat at Pot O’Gold Kustoms

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

STOCKERS CAR CLUB PRESENTS OUR 2026 2ND SATURDAY CAR SHOWS

APRIL - OCT 2026 9 AM - NOON

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



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5450 E WOODMEN ROAD
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WOODMEN & POWERS NEAR WALMART

BEAUTY & the BEATER

VALENTINE'S DAY MASSACRE EDITION

729 N UNION
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80909
STARTS 11 AM

\$10 ADMISSION
• Refunded in Cash Upon Arrival

Commitment deposit only - show up and it's free.

COSTUME CONTEST
• 1920'S GANGSTERS THEME
• Dress to kill (fashionably)
• Cash Prize + Trophy

FOOD & FUN

- Food Trucks
- Cars, classics, beaters & bad decisions
- Valentine's Day chaos, Rambler style

SCAN TO REGISTER

PRESENTED BY

Teller Right Away
Wifi AUTO SALE!

Refund issued in cash at event check-in. Costume contest judged day-of.
All makes, models & conditions welcome.

ELECTIONS THIS MONTH - ASK NOT WHAT YOUR CLUB CAN DO FOR YOU, BUT WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR CLUB

CLUB CONTACTS

PRESIDENT - ?

TREASURER - ?

SPONSOR Coordinator - ?

FACEBOOK - ?

Silent Auction - ?

SECRETARY - ?

VICE PRESIDENT - ?

NEWSLETTER - ?

WEBMASTER - ?



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