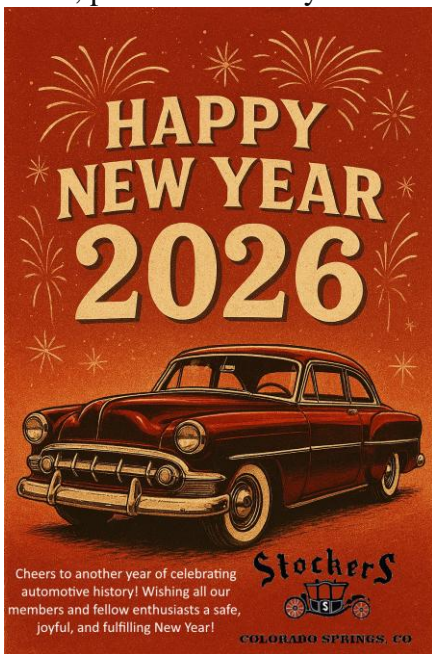




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Monthly Meeting: *THERE IS NO JANUARY GENERAL MEETING.* Our next general meeting will be at The Public House @ The Alexander, 3104 N Nevada on Tuesday, **February 3rd** at 6:30pm. If you would like to eat, please come early.



I was having a discussion over the holidays with a family member about car batteries. He can't stand WalMart auto batteries. Well, here is something many people don't know. Clarios (formerly Johnson Controls) manufactures for a lot of people. So ... if you think one of these brands is way better than another one on the list - you have probably fallen victim to very good advertising. 😊

- Interstate Batteries - Premium dealer-distributed brand in the U.S.
- EverStart (Walmart) - Budget line sold through Walmart.
- AutoZone Duralast - Popular aftermarket brand, especially in the U.S.
- Costco Batteries - Private-label batteries supplied by Clarios.
- NAPA Batteries - Lead-acid batteries produced by Clarios; AGM versions often sourced from East Penn.
- DieHard (Advance, Carquest and Ace) - Historically produced by Johnson Controls/Clarios.
- Autocraft (Advance Auto Parts) - Another aftermarket line.
- Bosch (Pep Boys) - Some Bosch-branded batteries in the U.S. were

produced by Clarios.

- Optima - Premium AGM spiral-cell batteries, part of Clarios' own portfolio.
- Varta - European premium brand, widely recognized for OEM supply.
- LTH - Leading brand in Mexico and Central America.
- Heliar - Major brand in Brazil and South America.

It is a lot like the late 80's Chevy Nova. It was made in the same NUMMI plant as the Toyota Corolla with the same components. The difference was mostly in the badging. Yet, reviews were much higher on the Corolla than on the Nova, and resale value was much higher for the Corolla. Why, because that was what people expected. Why do I know this because I had a Nova. <https://www.hagerty.com/media/car-profiles/why-nostalgia-for-the-1983-87-e80-corolla-might-be-justified/>



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SOMETHING ALMOST NEW: *Stockers Car Club now has a YouTube*

Channel. We'll see if we can grow it into something. It could be a great way to show who we are, what we do, and why others may want to join us, support us or just attend our shows. As of this moment we have six short videos loaded, so go pop some popcorn and come back and check it out. -

<https://www.youtube.com/@StockersCarClub> - If you have some video you would like to share, please get it to Wayne to get it uploaded. More to follow.

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The Annual Christmas Party was a great success – albeit a bit toned down from previous years. I would venture to say everyone had a good time, and based on the amount of food that was consumed – no one left hungry. I for one wait anxiously all year for Patti's Wassail – which never disappoints. The gift exchange was lively and I declare Mike Baker as the master thief!







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