

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, **March 3** at 6:30pm. If you would like to eat, please come early.

2nd Saturday Car Show: Right around the corner. Can you believe it, our first show is NEXT month! Are we ready? Are you ready?

Tour Idea: Have you ever been to the Vehicle Vault in Parker? \$12 adults, \$10 Seniors – Group rates for 15 or more guests – single payment required. Conveniently located just 10 minutes from I-25 and 3 minutes from Hwy 83, with ample free parking on-site! Check it out here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQ_Eo8rPAQg

Elections and Contacts:

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From the President's Garage

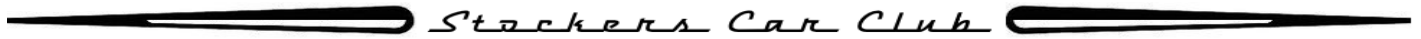
Happy March everyone!

Thank you to the membership for a smooth meeting including elections! Welcome to the new officers and welcome back to the returning officers. It's going to be another great year! I would like to touch on camaraderie- A spirit of friendship, trust, and mutual goodwill among people that spend time together. I feel that Stockers is doing a

much better job of promoting camaraderie. If any club member needs assistance, I am sure a fellow club member will step forward to help. We need to be proud of Stockers Car Club! It is the oldest car club in Colorado Springs! We have members with decades of service (Randy & Pati). Not just years! Camaraderie is one of the most important attributes of our club. Let's not lose this!

Keep Cruising!

Mike Baker



Teddy would like to offer a St Patty's Day toast in the theme of our President's message - camaraderie. St. Patrick's Day is March 17.



Friends — We gather because we love old cars, which is to say we love things that smell like fuel, leak a little oil, and refuse to start exactly when you want them to.

We've learned that horsepower is important, but patience is essential, and that the best tool in any garage is a good friend who's already made the same mistake.

May our engines run strong, our parts be easier to find than our reading glasses, and our cars appreciate in value faster than we do in age.

And when we finally slow down, may it be in a comfortable place — surrounded by friends, telling lies about how fast we used to be. Sláinte! 🍀 🚗



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Stockers Website (<https://www.stockerscarclub.com/about/>): The question was asked at the last meeting about our website usage. I have not provided this in a while, so that was a great reminder to pull and share this information. This is as of Feb 16 at 10:00am. The column I focus on is Visits – that is the number of times someone goes to our page. A single visitor can generate many “hits” from just one visit by looking at different pages, pictures, etc. – so although that numbers sounds and looks pretty cool – it doesn’t really explain much. By no means are we getting a “lot” of traffic – but it does appear to be source of information about the club.

Summary by Month										
Month	Daily Avg				Monthly Totals					
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	KBytes	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
Feb 2026	160	132	29	18	500	77170	292	464	2127	2570
Jan 2026	141	122	25	17	867	115450	529	775	3786	4393
Dec 2025	124	85	21	13	715	63273	410	659	2655	3852
Nov 2025	194	93	28	13	735	139160	411	840	2805	5844
Oct 2025	130	104	25	14	699	92581	450	779	3250	4050
Sep 2025	110	89	24	14	711	65920	449	729	2697	3307
Aug 2025	119	100	22	15	572	76081	471	711	3110	3702
Jul 2025	125	98	25	15	648	119437	477	778	3059	3886
Jun 2025	109	92	21	14	609	108007	437	657	2787	3275
May 2025	168	137	49	29	986	143278	910	1535	4271	5235
Apr 2025	185	161	42	29	1151	141006	888	1273	4845	5550
Mar 2025	173	138	45	28	1041	111465	892	1405	4285	5380
Totals						1252828	6616	10605	39677	51044

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What’s Happening in the Automotive Hobby (google overview)

Where the Hobby is Growing (Resilient & Evolving)

- **Aftermarket & Customization:** The specialty equipment market is strong, with [SEMA](#) reporting roughly 4% year-over-year growth. Sales in this sector are expected to reach over \$57 billion by 2026.
- **80s, 90s, & Early 2000s Cars:** Interest is surging in "modern classic" vehicles from Gen X, Millennials, and Gen Z, driven by nostalgia, simpler technology compared to new cars, and affordability relative to newer models.
- **Off-Roading & Overlanding:** Pickup truck and SUV customization is a massive growth area, with 62% of pickup owners purchasing off-road parts.
- **E-Commerce & Digital Community:** Online car communities and e-commerce for parts remain active and strong, allowing the hobby to adapt to modern, digital-first engagement.

Where the Hobby is Shrinking (Challenges & Contractions)

- **Affordability (The "Entry Barrier"):** Rising costs for vehicles, insurance, and modifications are forcing some enthusiasts to the sidelines. The average age of cars on the road is over 12.5 years, signaling that people are holding onto cars longer rather than building new ones.
- **Traditional Muscle Car Market:** The market for 1960s/70s American muscle cars is seeing a "correction" or decline in value, as the Baby Boomer generation (who primarily drove this market) ages out.
- **DIY Friendliness:** Modern vehicles are less conducive to DIY work due to complex electronics, plastic covers, and tight, integrated components.
- **Local Mechanic Shortage:** A shortage of trained technicians is causing a decline in independent shops, affecting the ability to get specialized work done.



Summary of Trends

- **Demographic Shift:** Younger enthusiasts are focusing more on imports, Japanese domestic market (JDM) cars, and, increasingly, electric vehicles (EVs).
- **Changing Culture:** While car meets (like Cars and Coffee) remain popular, the "cruising" culture of the past has changed, with higher insurance and technology costs altering how people interact with their cars.

Conclusion: The car hobby is not "dying," but it is **changing from a broad, DIY-focused, affordable pastime into a more specialized, expensive, and tech-focused activity.** It is growing in terms of total economic impact and in specific enthusiast niches (like 90s cars), but shrinking in terms of accessibility for the average person to restore traditional classics.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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:

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

May 16 – 3rd Annual Penrose VFW Post 2788 Car Show, 402 Broadway St., Penrose CO

May 16 – Kiwania’s Checkered Flag Charity 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd Saturday Car Show, 5450 E Woodmen, CS CO 9am – Noon

Aug 13 – 16 – Hot Rod Rock & Rumble, PPIR

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

STOCKERS CAR CLUB
PRESENTS OUR 2026
**2ND 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



NEXT TO GUNTHER TOODY'S 5450 E WOODMEN ROAD
PARKING COURTESY OF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Stokers CAR CLUB
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

MORE INFO:
FACEBOOK.COM/STOCKERSCARCLUBOFCOLORADO SPRINGS

**WOODMEN & POWERS
BY GUNTHER TOODY'S**

PUEBLO WEISBROD AIRCRAFT MUSEUM
Proudly Presents the 6th Annual

WINGS & WHEELS
Car Show

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

2026 Limited hangar parking available based on order of registration

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 Magnuson Avenue
Pueblo CO 81001
719.948.9219

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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

For more information please email: coskiwaniscarshow@gmail.com

"People's Choice Award" to be presented
Get involved and vote for \$1.00 per vote!
Sponsorships available—\$250

SPONSOR

COME AND HAVE SOME FUN!
**** Food Trucks Will Be On Site ****



Scan the QR code to register!
[Coskiwanis.org/event-6151275](https://www.facebook.com/Coskiwanis.org/event-6151275)

PHAROAH'S CAR CLUB OF COLORADO SOUTH CENTRAL CHAPTER presents

HOT-RODS

\$20 CAR ENTRY FEE

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

HEROS MUSIC!

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Pinup Meet-UP & Vendors!

SIGN UP HERE!

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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**You provide the product; shirt
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Embroidered name- \$10.00

Embroidered S-car number- \$10.00

Embroidered beanies- \$15.00

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