

WE CAME FOR THE CARS BUT FIRST WE SAW TIRES

lots and lots of tires...

But, what else would you expect to see at Stan Lucas's Classic Tire Warehouse where he houses his unbelievable automobile collection. On September 10, 2022 our Club along with the Model T Clubs of Orange County and South Bay had the privilege of viewing some of the finest examples of antique cars.



Always dependable, Rick Miller arrived in his Whippet & Duane Hinkle in his Model A
And, is that Stan directing traffic!



Stan began his love affair with cars at a young age. His first car was a 1920 Chevrolet. Can you believe it been said he drove to school, in the 7th grade, in a 1920 Dodge. Growing up in farm country of Northern California, it was a necessity to begin driving at an early age.



Stan personally escorted us in where we were first exposure to his variety of steam cars. Of course, the Stanley Steamer seems to be a favorite but there are also examples of Doble and White Steam Cars. An impressive eye-catcher in this room is his Stanley Mountain Wagon.

This twelve-passenger Stan's) is an example of Stanley to carry summer from the railway station Estes Park in the heart where the Stanley Hotel climb with gradients that cars cared to attempt at Wagons did it with ease. They were built from 1909 to 1917 for the Estes Park resort and other hotel operators.



Mountain Wagon (not the cars developed by F.O. visitors 34 miles, uphill, in Loveland, Colorado into of the Colorado Rockies, still stands. This was a few internal combustion that time. The Mountain



It was requested we not take pictures inside of the collection, but the visual memory of these cars is unforgettable. How often do you see a Wills Sainte Claire? Not one but three in a row. Yes, we saw classics such as Lincoln, Cadillacs, and Franklins. There were also examples of Simplex, McFarlan, Mercers and Bugatti. And a Curved Dash Oldsmobile. The lineage of one Doble Steam car read as such: the car was purchased from McCulloch Co. by Richard Hemple who sold it to Harrah's Automobile Collection where it underwent a full restoration. From Harrah's it was sold to General Lyons who sold it to William Schutz, who sold it to its current owner, Stan Lucas (almost sounds like a song we all sang as children).



Picture taken around 2015 at Pebble Beach where Stan won a trophy for his 1921 Mercer Raceabout

The story goes that Stan knows where every Stanley Steamer resides and is immediately aware when one comes up for sale. There was a very charming lady at the tour who pointed out a recent Stanley Steamer acquisition. Her family owned this car and actually stored it over twenty years just two buildings away from Stan's office which he had no knowledge of until he was offered the car. That one almost got away.



Joel, Stan, & Howard

Ogling over the wondrous array of automobiles and what seemed like an endless supply of tires, it would be remiss not to mention the extensive library of all things automotive. Books and books and more books with car titles that you may not remember knowing that name before. Sections devoted to car club's newsletters and brochures whose clubs may not be in existence any more. And if these things are not enough, you can look through the many display cases revealing stunning automotive memorabilia.

Thank you, Stan, for hosting our club to an awesome day of viewing your incredible collection (s).