

## Studebaker Driver's Club

The Conestoga Chapter of the Studebaker Driver's Club was established in 1968 as the Colorado Chapter to provide monthly fellowship and activities for Studebaker drivers in Colorado. In 1972 the Pat Erickson Memorial (PEM) Chapter (now the Pikes Peak Chapter) was formed for Southern Colorado, and the Colorado Chapter was renamed Conestoga and it serves northern, central, and western parts of the state. This year, the Conestoga Chapter will host the North Central Zone Meet in Eaton, CO! This meet will take place in July during Eaton Days. Come see a bunch of Studebakers during the already awesome car show on July 11th!

We continue to be an active and growing driver's club today. Activities include car shows, potlucks, demonstrations, luncheons and tours of local sights. Please join us with or without your Studebaker for some fellowship and fun during any of our monthly activities. Meetings are usually the fourth Sunday of the month with a few exceptions for special events. Since we are a driver's club, we try to meet at a different location every month. Members love to get their cars out and can be found at all the local cruise-ins and car shows everywhere!

Member's cars include everything from an all original 1917 Touring car to a 2002 Avanti! We even have a couple of members with Packards from the 50's! We have members from all over the Front Range as well as associate members from Wyoming, Nebraska, and Southern Colorado.

Search Facebook for "Conestoga Chapter - Studebaker Driver's Club" to see a bunch of pictures of our fun cars! If you would like to join up with us, leave a note. If your club would like to have a joint meeting or tour, please let us know.



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#### ***Follow up on Shirley Zaner***

I received the news about the passing of Shirley Zaner just as I was about to publish last month's newsletter, so I didn't get a chance to put much of anything together to honor her.

I received these photos from Corey Dietz of the Studebaker Club of Shirley's pride and joy, her 1957 Studebaker President. Shirley loved this car and enjoyed driving and riding in it. It really is a beautiful car and just looking at its condition, tells you how much Shirley cared for the car.

Shirley was an icon in the Studebaker Club, and she and all of the Zaner's have been an inspiration to so many people in and out of the club. The Zaner's are true car people, with motor oil running through their blood.

Again, Shirley will be missed and I wish the very best for the Zaner family moving forward.







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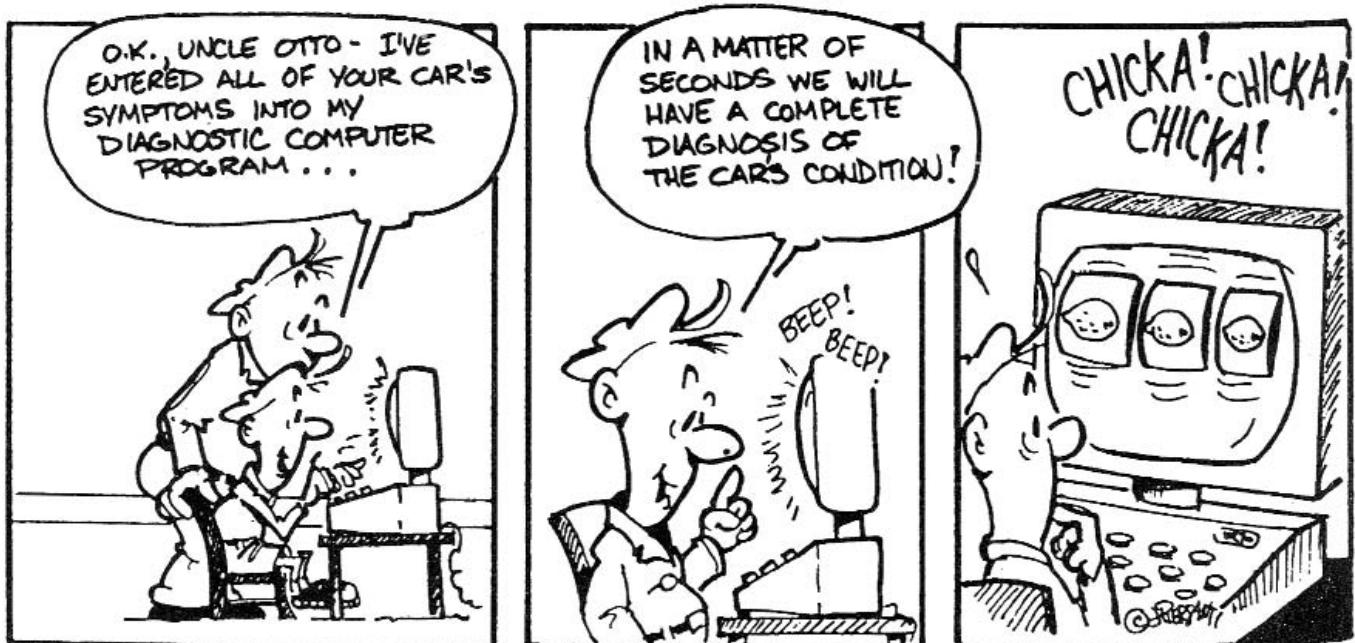
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*(Available to speak at club meetings)*

## "Otto Mechanic"

By Jay Piersanti



### 1930 Bentley "Blue Train" Recreation

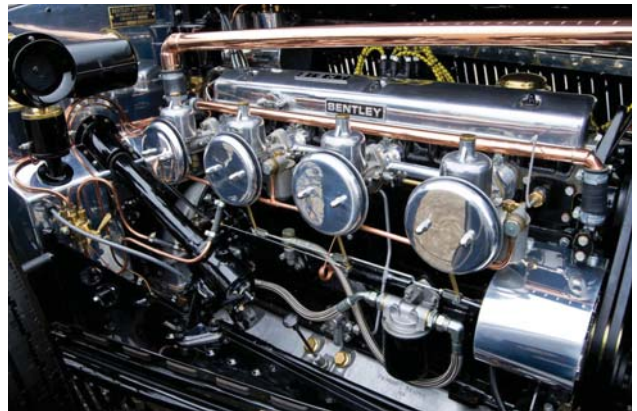
Story by Robbe Arno / Photos courtesy of RM Auctions

We begin our story in 1930, in the heart of interbellum Cannes, where some early petrol heads decided to make a bet after a heated discussion. The subject of that discussion was an advertisement by Rover that claimed its car had beaten the famous 'Train Bleu' from Calais to the French Riviera. The proud French, of course, didn't abide by this shameless blemish on their proud cultural heritage. However, playboy millionaire Captain Joel Woolf Babe Barnato (If you're a millionaire you can have as many names as you wish apparently) was prepared to wager £100 that he could do it again in his Bentley Speed Six. Mind you, this is 1930 - the average yearly income in the UK was around £165 at the time, so it's not like we're talking small money here.

In the early morning of the following day, the blue train left Calais, quickly followed by Barnato and his Bentley. The 180 bhp strong car roared through quiet France, but even though they started fairly well, you can only have so much luck. A punctured tire, a desperate search for petrol in the French countryside and heavy weather made the victory less than assured. Nevertheless, even after a choppy ferry ride back to England, they reached central London minutes before the Blue Train steamed its way into Calais.

The story doesn't end there, though. When the French authorities caught wind of the race, they were furious. They fined the millionaire a hefty sum, far more than the money he won with his bet, for racing on French public roads. Along with that they also banned Bentley from the Paris motor show that year for having advertised an unauthorized race. However, that didn't prevent the car and the story from becoming legendary.

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## ***First Camaro ever built restored, headed to 2015 Carlisle GM Nationals***

*By Viknesh Vijayenthiran*



If you're a Camaro die-hard, you need to clear your schedule for the dates of June 26-28 and book a ticket to Carlisle, Pennsylvania so that you can attend the Carlisle GM Nationals. Why? Because organizers have confirmed that the first Camaro ever built, a 1967 model bearing chassis VIN N100001 will be on display.

After a relatively rough life that saw it change hands a number of times and even be used for drag racing, the car was put into storage until it was discovered in 2009. The finder eventually sold it to its current owner, who in May of 2014 completed a lengthy restoration process. Now it's finally ready to be shown to the public again.

As the story goes, this particular Camaro was the first of 49 pilot-build cars that were mostly hand-assembled back in 1966, with the initial work done by Fisher Body of Detroit and the final assembly done at General Motors Company's [NYSE:GM] Norwood Assembly Plant in Ohio. The car's original specs included Grenada Gold paint, a 230 cubic-inch straight-six engine, whitewall tires, a push-button radio and a unique 110 volt static lighting display, which was utilized by GM at auto

shows and sales conventions when showing the vehicle.

The full story of the Camaro N100001 is detailed in this video from PilotCarRegistry:

[http://www.foxnews.com/leisure/2015/02/25/first-camaro-ever-built-restored-headed-to-2015-carlisle-gm-nationals/?intcmp=obmod\\_ffo&intcmp=obnetwork](http://www.foxnews.com/leisure/2015/02/25/first-camaro-ever-built-restored-headed-to-2015-carlisle-gm-nationals/?intcmp=obmod_ffo&intcmp=obnetwork)

More details about the Carlisle GM Nationals event can be found at the website [www.CarlisleEvents.com](http://www.CarlisleEvents.com).

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## ***King Ranch Buick***

This is the ORIGINAL "King Ranch Edition," Buick. It is a 1949 Buick Roadmaster chassis modified by the Buick Division of General Motors for Richard Kleberg of the King Ranch down in south Texas. Note the gun racks on the front fenders, the external spare tire mounted on the rear fender etc...

Like most things that come from Texas, bigger is better, and excess is not something Texan's are concerned with. Not that there's anything wrong with that...to borrow a Seinfeld saying.





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### ***Rocket Bike***

Watch a bike outfitted with a rocket take on a Ferrari in a drag race, and break the bicycle world speed record in the process. Every stime I think I've seen it all...

<http://biggeekdad.com/2015/03/the-rocket-bike/#.VQBmdxKB3bs.email>

### ***Chevrolet LT4 Engine Assembly Plant***

See how they make this beast of an engine.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/bLtZNtvc1Aw>

### ***Upside Down Truck***

Now I am sure I have seen it all... The question is still: Why?

<http://safeshare.tv/w/uKAIfLZUsX>

### ***Jeff Gordon does it again***

See the latest Pepsi commercial where Jeff Gordon scares the pants off of some poor unsuspecting person.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRIgmKGDqFM&app=desktop>



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*ED: I am looking for other Cars of the Month. These cars do not have to be concours award winners, just cars that have owners who are proud to own them. (Don't we all feel that way?) To nominate a car and owner, please contact me at gakiyama@earthlink.net. Thanks.*

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