



The Wheelbarrow

The Bulletin of the North Stockton Rotary Club

Meeting Tuesday at noon at the Stockton Hilton

2024-2025



Upcoming Speakers

09/24/24	Offsite at River Landing's Boathouse	980 Lakeside Dr., Lathrop, CA	5:30 to 7:30
10/01/24	TBD	TBD	Stockton Hilton
10/08/24	TBD	TBD	Stockton Hilton



Blue Tag with new VIN...

Certified. If a car isn't registered for 10 years it is purged from the system. If you restore old cars you find, most likely they've been purged. The CHP has the Blue Tags that can have the new vin number and you can register the car. On the cars with computers, the vin number cannot be purged from that system. A great tool to fight crime.



Jon and Dick explain the VIN process

Dick's first car of the collection was his neighbors at 1049 West Mariposa. The kids in the neighborhood used to get rides in that car. 1953 MG ended up on risers in their garage.



1953 MG TDE, Dick's first car and project.

When Dick turned 16 in 1972, he had \$500 saved from his paper route and selling Cokes at the UOP Stadium. He told his Dad he wanted to buy the car. His Dad said OK. He went next door, knocked on the door and said Mrs Harlowvich, I want to buy the MG. She said how much money do you have, he said \$500. She laughed and said no

it's worth twice that! He was crushed and went home. When his Dad got home that night he told his Dad. His Dad said OK, here's what you do. I'll loan you \$250, you go back and offer \$750, and say you'll rake leaves, mow the lawn and clean her gutters until the debt is paid off. He went back and told her,



1955 MG Race Car #209.

she laughed and said, I like the offer, you can have it for \$750 don't worry about raking the leaves!! He's had that car for 52 years and it's part of the family.

The oldest car in his collection is the Jaguar XK120 fixed head coupe. What the Fixed Head Coupe refers to is that it's a hardtop, not a convertible or a roadster. Remember English parlance is different than American definitions of car parts are different. The front hood is called the bonnet. The roof is called the head and the trunk is called the boot. If you get a flat it's called a puncture. The Red 1955 MG Race Car has the number 209 on it. He figured it had something to do with the area code, but it didn't. He opened up the hood and started it up, and when it fired up, what a sweet warm low humm! Rough ride, no shocks, but sounds great!



The Jaguar XK120 fixed head coupe, the oldest car in his collection.



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1954 Nash Healy Panin Farina

When you feel like driving one of the cars around town, which do you pick?

The reason I always have this 1964 Dodge Dart GT with a slant 6 cylinder, filled with gas and ready to roll is that it's so reliable. It can keep up with modern traffic and it has good brakes. You don't have to anticipate stopping. He spotted it in the Pic & Pull yard where they have a fenced in area with cars for sale. He looked in and saw the Dart, and he knew it would qualify for any event he'd want to enter it in because

it's a cool car. \$2000 was painted on the windshield. He went in the office and asked the guy if he'd take \$1600. He said well that's not enough, but I'll take \$1800 out the door. Dick said what's out the door mean? He said tax, license, salvage fee! Dick handed him a credit card! The tow truck driver delivered it the next day. They put a battery in it and pour some gas down the carburetor and it started right up!



1964 Dodge Dart GT



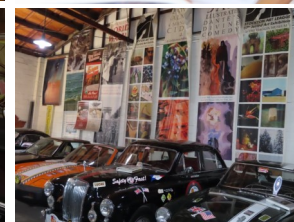
1958 Alfa Romeo #18, Blue, that Renee Zellwiger sat in and the show in Monterey.

Dick mentioned Old friend Richard Charlesworth the master of Ceremonies of the Quail Motorsports Gathering and Car Show which is part of the Vintage Car Week down in Monterey. During that week they have a two day road rally because Dick's on the Board of Directors. They have become partners, (explain why Richard's name is on some of the cars), in driving/ navigation in this two day race. While they're driving the conversation always ends up about Winston Churchill. Charles knows quite a bit about the WWII history in England before the US entered. We have no idea what the English people were going through. Charles is a master of the Churchill witticisms. His favorite one is Once at a party Winston is drunk off his ass. A woman came up to him and said "Winston you are drunk!" and Winston said, "Why yes I am, But Ma'am you are ugly and tomorrow morning I will awake sober!"



1956 Porsche 356 Coupe. Not restored yet.

President Bill gave Jon Schatmeier a kids book to sign in honor of his 25 years of service and thanked Dick McClure for another fascinating presentation. The bell wasn't there!



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