

Tom Marshall's Weekly News, October 31, 2011

Steam Cars Owned by Our Local Volunteers: When the Steam Team began in 1997, it was my hope that some in the active group would want to own a steamer of their own. However, with escalating market values, we have realized that Stanley cars are out of reach for most in our group, and we are grateful for the time and effort these volunteers put in to keep the cars in our collection running and to use them. Despite the above, it has dawned on me that *eight* active volunteers now own *seven* cars of their own!

Before 2000, Bill Rule bought a 1940 Packard steamer, converted in 1941–42 by my father. This car has a Stanley mechanical system, with a Derr water-tube boiler and an atomizing burner. Also, Bob Wilhelm bought Marvin Klair's 1918 Model 735 Stanley touring and in the next few years gave it an excellent restoration, mechanically and cosmetically. The Maute brothers, Eugene and Gerhard, own an original 1909 Stanley Model E-2, which they took to Newton, Massachusetts, in 1997 to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first Stanley.

Jay Williams, now of West Chester, Pennsylvania, 15 miles from Auburn Heights, inherited his father's 1910 Stanley Model 60 (or 61) and he has been a frequent participant at Auburn Heights, not only in learning the Stanley operation but in helping us with our Lionel electric trains in the museum. Kelly Williams (no relation of Jay's), famous for his Stanley roadster, bought from the estate of Ed Gallant a 1910 Stanley replica built in the 1960s by Foster Blickenstaff of Hagerstown, Maryland. Kelly drives this car regularly and has had it on the two most recent Eastern Invitational Steam Car Tours. In 2009, Steve Jensen bought a very nice 1911 Stanley Model 62 from an owner in northern New England, and he and his son, Steven, have enjoyed driving this car to local meets and shows.

Finally, a couple of months ago, Bill Schwoebel bought George Hughes's original 1907 Stanley Model H-5 and has already driven it to the Fall Meet of the Historical Car Club of Pennsylvania on October 16. This was a James Melton car, purchased by Paul J. Tusek of Ohio and driven by him on the 1954 Anglo-American Tour of the British Isles, all before Hughes bought the car in the early 1960s.

So, if I can count, this makes seven cars and eight owners in our immediate group. I congratulate them, and I'm more proud than ever of our unique Steam Team.