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This 1917 model of once famous Stanley Steamer is hottest thing in antique car parade at California amusement park.

Fire in Converted Stanley Steamer Injures 6

ANAHEIM, Calif., April 27 (AP)—A young family of four and an elderly couple, burned severely when a converted 1917 Stanley Steamer car burst into flames at an amusement park, were in critical condition today.

Seven other persons were injured when butane fuel ignited as the steamer rode in an antique car parade yesterday at Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park.

Five of those critically burned were trapped inside the car. The sixth, William Schutz, 26, of Los Angeles, was injured trying to rescue his wife and two daughters.

Witnesses said the flames erupted with a "poof," quickly shooting 12 feet into the air and engulfing the car's occupants.

About 400 spectators and drivers were watching the quarter-mile parade of 54 antique cars. The bright, shiny, green, four-door Stanley Steamer, driven by its owner, Wayne O. Nutting, 74, was at the rear of the procession with seven persons aboard.

The car, designed to be propelled by steam produced by burning wood and coal, had been adapted to butane. Firemen said gas

collected on the floor of the car after being released by a relief valve and may have

been ignited by a cigarette, the car's pilot light or a chance spark.

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