

Stocum's Bowl-o-Drome was established in 1939 by Lewis Stocum Sr. The building was erected in 1919 as a new and used car dealership and repair shop. Lew Sr. and his wife Ethel operated the business until 1945 when Lew Jr. returned home from the Air Force and became a partner in the business. In 1947, Lew Sr. and his wife, retired and Lew Jr. purchased the business. In 1955, Lew and his wife, Em acquired the former Valentine's Tavern which was next door. In 1959, they remodeled the building and added 4 lanes to the original 8 and installed automatic pinsetters, to make it the way it is today. Within the past nine years, the lanes have been replaced with synthetic lanes, armor plate pin decks and automatic computerized scorers. Making it one of the most modern bowling centers in N.J.

Lewis Stocum III, better known as Chip, was taken into the Corporation upon graduating from Ewing High School in 1977. In 1988, Chip purchased the business. He and his wife, Denise now operate the lanes and pro shop. After 40+ years in the business, Lew & Em have retired from active operation of the lanes but still remain active in the Corporation. This has truly been a "family