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***1972 Ford Mustang Sprint Convertible***  
**Is an American Red, White, and Blue Gem**



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**Club Purpose:** To provide a common meeting ground for Mustang owners and further the enjoyment of ownership; to include workshops, discussions and technical meetings; to promote a more favorable relationship with the general motoring public; to further the preservation and restoration of all Mustangs.

**Who Can Join:** The club is open to all Mustang enthusiasts. Any individual or family can join. Ownership of a Mustang is not essential, but enthusiasm is. CVMC embraces the practice of encouraging diversity within the membership and involvement of the entire family in its membership and at all club events.

**A Family Oriented Organization:** As a part of promoting family involvement in the club, children are allowed and in fact encouraged at all club functions. In deference to this family involvement and the driving of motor vehicles, consumption of alcoholic beverages is discouraged at club events except where the club is staying overnight and there is no potential for any drinking member or guest to get behind the wheel.

**Dues:** For the first year only, \$30 for a one year Active Membership, of which \$5 will be an initiation fee and \$25 for dues. For additional family members, Active Membership dues are \$5 per member. Renewals are due each January. Renewal notices are not sent out.



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Six Months	\$13.00
One Year	\$25.00

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Issue	\$7.00
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## past presidents

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## monthly meeting

**Last Thursday of Each Month**

BLACK BEAR DINER • 3602 W Shaw Ave • Fresno, CA  
Dinner: 6 PM • Meeting: 7 PM



from the  
president



from the  
editor



**what can i say, been real busy  
to write a Presidents Message  
this month... i'll be back  
for next month.**

**Joe Colvin**  
CVMC Grand Poohbah  
[joe@cvmustang.org](mailto:joe@cvmustang.org)  
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**no kidding, i've been real busy  
to write a Editors Message  
this month... i guess we better  
get started for next month.**

**Garro Chekerdeman**  
CVMC - Newsletter Editor



# upcoming events

## NOVEMBER 2023

Date	Time	Event Type	Description
4 Sat	10:00AM - 12:00PM ☑	■	<a href="#">Monthly club breakfast Club Breakfast/Blossom Trail Cafe</a>
27 Mon	6PM - 8PM ☑	■	<a href="#">CVMC Board Meeting @ Marie Calendar's</a>
30 Thu	7PM - 8PM ☑	■	<a href="#">C.V.M.C. General Membership Monthly Meeting</a>

Check online for updates and additions

next general meeting  
**November 16th or 30th, 2023**

**BLACK BEAR DINER**  
3602 W. Shaw Ave • Fresno, CA  
(Northwest Corner of Shaw / Marty)

# happy birthday

## OCTOBER:

Oct 10 Steve Smith  
Oct 15 Dave Ward  
Oct 22 Alyssa Medlock  
Oct 26 Don Hobbs  
Oct 28 Cathy Stacy



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# Free from Command 70 Ford Mustangs!



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Whatever you do, don't miss this one! 70 chances to win. 70 winners! Each of these Command Mustangs is equipped for real performance!

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4. This sweepstakes is subject to all federal, state and local regulations and is open to anyone except employees and their families of Alberto-Culver Company, its advertising agencies, the judging organization and residents of the state of Wisconsin.



# 1972 Ford Mustang Sprint Convertible Is an American Red, White, and Blue Gem



Source: [classiccarsconnection.com](http://classiccarsconnection.com)

Look hard enough, and you might still find some yesteryear Ford Mustangs with the Sprint package up for grabs. Chances are most (if not all) of them will come either as hardtops or SportsRoofs. Not the one we have here, though. You're looking at a convertible with the Sprint package.

Born back in the early days of the Blue Oval muscle car, the Sprint package was designed to appeal to the patriotic nature of the Americans. It blended the all-too-familiar Wimbledon White paint with the colors of the American flag, strategically placed all over the body. Other than that, Sprint also brought to the table the American shield on the rear fenders.

As said, most of these cars came as hardtops or SportsRoofs, but a run of 50 convertibles designed like this were made in 1972. The goal was to have them take part in the Cherry Blossom Parade Festival in Washington D.C. in April of that year.

The Mustang you see here is one of those 50. Having survived the passage of time, not in small part thanks to restoration work, the claims to its lineage are backed by factory paperwork, the original window sticker, and the warranty plate card manual.

This particular example is powered by a 302ci (5.0-liter) engine that was rated at just 140 hp and 239 lb-ft (323 Nm) of torque back in its day. The engine continues to run through an automatic transmission.

We dug this particular car up as we were looking for worthy ones to be featured in our Mustang Month coverage this May. It sits on the lot of cars that are going under the Mecum hammer this week in Indianapolis.

The sellers of the 1972 Ford Mustang Sprint Convertible, as it's listed, are expecting it to fetch between \$75,000 and \$85,000.









## CVMC Member Profile: Linda Alexander

By: Linda Alexander



*October has arrived and with it all of our senses come alive. We feel the change in the weather and perhaps the season's first rain drops. We walk and hear the crunches our feet make on the fallen leaves and perhaps even smell the smoke from a fireplace in the distance. but it is the brilliant colors of the leaves that is so striking – red, orange, and all shades of gold. It is appropriate then that we can tie the beauty of the leaves and season to our club's own "golden couple" who are well worth getting to know. In their own words then, read on.*

*Lynne Rayner*

Hi! I'm Linda Alexander. I am married to Mike who I have known since I was about 12 years old; I was about 13 when he taught me how to play pool. This month we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary! (I was a child bride!!) We have two sons, Jason and Christopher, two grandsons, Cody and Wyatt, and one granddaughter, Savannah. Our other grandchildren are our three cats, Winky, Garth, and Lillie Grace. On July we lost our oldest cat Amy; she had just turned 19 years old.

I retired five years ago from Eye-Q Vision Care after working there for 36 years.

Mike spent 38 years in the military – eight years in the Navy and thirty years in the Air Force. The stint in the Air Force was with the California National Guard in Fresno. He started in the sheet metal shop and then the fuel shop where he became the supervisor. After he had been retired for three years he got a job as a Dealer Trade Driver for Nissan-Hundai in Fresno. He covered the West Coast from Canada to San Diego, plus Arizona and Nevada. He joined a bowling league and did that until strokes forced him to retire from driving and bowling. He now shoots pool in the mornings (Mondays through Fridays) with Gregg Cohorst at the clubhouse where Gregg lives.





Some of my favorite things to do are drive our Mustang, do crafts, play games like Bunco (two groups), go to the Coast, and spend time with friends and the Mustang club! (Love you guys!!)

I have loved cars since I was about 8 years old. The first car I ever bought was a white '64-1/2 coupe in 1970. I would still have that, but when Mike and I got married he was in the US Navy and was being transferred to Hawaii at Pearl Harbor. The military would only ship one vehicle and he had just bought a new 1973 El Camino SS, so guess who had to stay here?!! My brother totaled my Mustang while we were in Hawaii.

The first time I saw a Mustang, a 1965, it was love at first sight. I had bugged Mike since we got married for another Mustang. He was not a big fan of them, but about six years ago he got tired of listening to me, so we went looking for one. He's a big fan now! We have had a 2016 GT, a 2021 GT, and now a 2023 Mach 1, our anniversary gift to each other. (Our club's outing to Exeter with the club was responsible for that one!!)

I found out about CVMC when Mike and I were at the Clovis Missionary Baptist Church Hot Rod Gathering. Lo and behold, here comes Greg Cohorst driving his '65 white Mustang. Except for it being a convertible, it reminded me of my '64-1/2, so I went to look at his car and talk to him. He told me about the club. He wanted me to meet Mary Kokalis, but she wasn't there that night, so the following week we went and he took me over to meet her. The rest is history!

Mike and I have been in the club for a year now and are thrilled we to be in such a great company of fellow Mustang lovers. We get to see some fabulous cars, go to places we haven't been before, and have met some of the nicest people around.

Thank you to my husband for dealing with my love of cars, and thank you all for letting us be a part of this wonderful car club. You are the best!

# Purple People-Eater: The 1970 Mustang Milano

*Ford Motor Company wowed the crowds on the 1970 auto show circuit with this far-out Mustang hatchback concept.*



Source: [macsmotorcitygarage.com](http://macsmotorcitygarage.com)

First displayed at the Chicago Auto Show in February 1970 at the International Amphitheatre, the Mustang Milano was one of a fleet of five Fords specially customized for the car show circuit that year. And while it never reached production, the Milano did foreshadow some significant future Mustang features—including the hatchback roof.

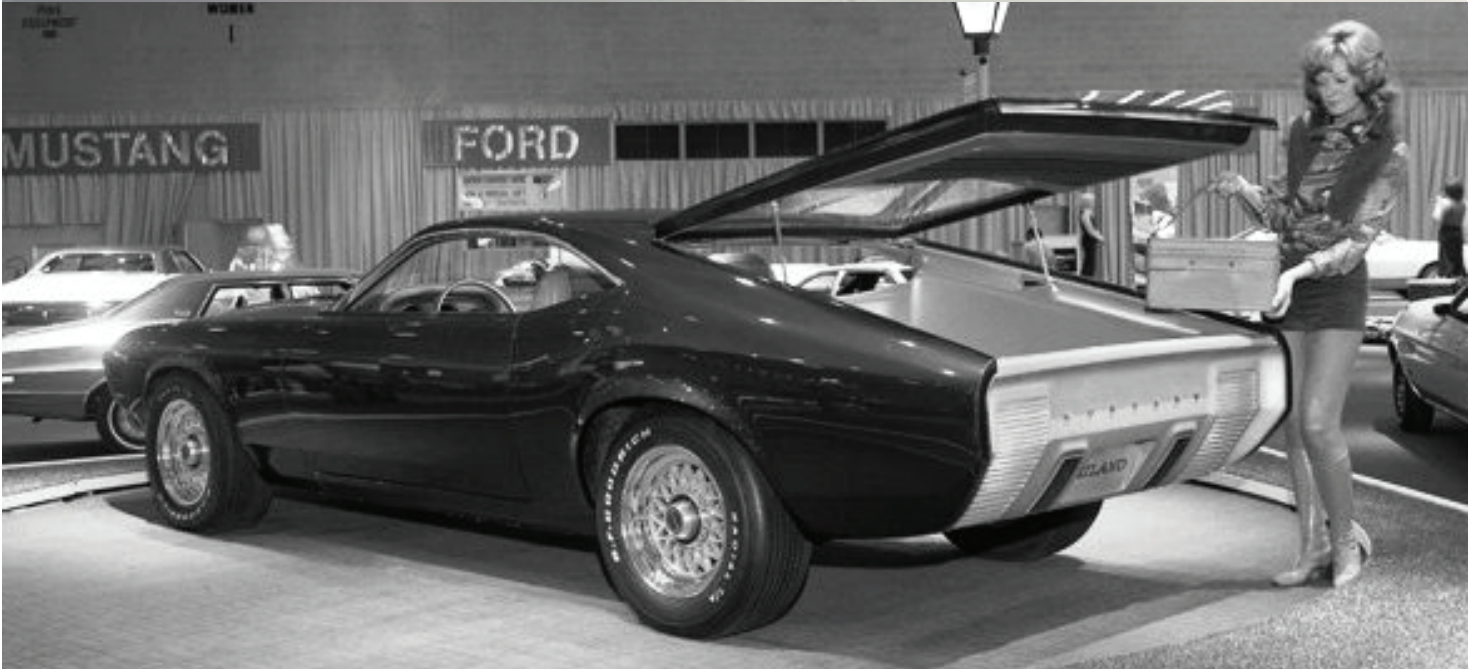
Based on a production 1970 Mustang body shell but with radically different lines, the Milano was just 43 inches tall, seven inches lower than a standard showroom Sportsroof. The low roofline and radically laid-back windshield—67 degrees—created an almost bullet-like overall silhouette.

To our eyes, the squared-off nose bears a strong resemblance to the '69-'70 Shelby Mustang front snout, and to the production '71-'73 Mustang nose as well. Ford press releases called the flamboyant paint color "Ultra Violet," setting it off with a leather interior with high-back bucket seats in bold lavender and contrasting rainbow stripes. A set of matching luggage, also in lavender leather, stowed in the rear compartment.

The Milano's giant tail lamps boasted a novel three-color warning system: Under acceleration the lamps glowed green, turned amber while coasting, and lit up in red like conventional brake lamps when stopping. The cast-aluminum lace wheels with wire-wheel motif remind us of the once-popular Appliance Wheels aftermarket pieces that were introduced around that same time, and they rode on specially constructed Firestone F60x15 tires with raised white letters.

According to the Ford press materials, "The uniquely styled rear deck lid, complete with built in air spoiler, is similar to tailgates on some European station wagons. Hinged at the top, the deck lid and backlite open electrically just above the taillights to provide generous accessibility to the rear luggage compartment." So it seems Ford had the hatchback concept down pat—just not the term "hatchback." Here the rear hatch area is large enough to swallow up two fashion models, not nearly as roomy as the handy but smaller cargo space on the 1974 Mustang II hatchback. We don't know what became of the Milano but as with so many Motor City show cars, it is presumed destroyed.





# Best Used Mustangs To Buy Right Now



If you're a Mustang enthusiast on a budget, you don't have to sacrifice your dream car. In fact, there are so many Mustangs for sale out there, it can be hard to know which offers the best bang for your buck. Whether you're looking for a classic '65 coupe or a modern GT, these cars will give you good value for your money.

## **5. 2015-2017 MUSTANG GT**

The fifth item on the list is the 2015-2017 Mustang GT. These cars are a little more expensive because they're newer, but you get the Gen 2 Coyote engine with 435 hp. The IRS suspension is a massive upgrade in performance, and it's also great for the track. With a few well-chosen mods, you can add even more power to an S550. These cars are usually available in the high teens, but you can find them as cheap as \$16,000 to \$17,000.

## **4. 2007-2009 MUSTANG GT500**

The 2007-2009 Mustang GT500 is my fourth pick. You can get a 2020+ Shelby GT500 for around \$100,000 if it's not in the best condition. However, you can find the 2007 model for only \$20,000 to \$22,000.

2007-2009 Shelby GT500s come with a 5.4-liter 500-horsepower supercharged engine, backed by a TR-6060 six-speed transmission. These features are worth every penny and can be improved even further. By throwing an extra thousand dollars of mods into it, you can increase the horsepower from 500 to 600 easily.

There's always an air of exclusivity that comes with owning a Shelby Mustang. You won't get quite the same performance level as the modern GT500s, but the performance you get for the price makes this car an excellent value.

## **3. 1996-1998 MUSTANG COBRA**

Number three on my list is the 1996-1998 Mustang Cobra. These cars are nowhere near as fast as the Coyotes, but they still have a 4.6-liter V8 engine with a T45 five-speed transmission. These Mustangs are leaner and lighter than their modern counterparts, which makes them a lot more fun to drive. And again, it's a Mustang Cobra, so there's the cool factor of owning one.

You can find a '96-'98 Mustang Cobra in the \$5,000 to \$6,000 range, which is cheaper than getting a supercharger for your Coyote. They're excellent bang-for-the-buck streetcars that can be a really enjoyable project.





## **2. 1967-1970 MUSTANG COUPE**

The 1967-1970 Mustang Coupe is the second on my list. Regarding vintage cars, the classic Mustang Coupe gives you a lot for your money. While Mustang convertibles are expensive, the coupes can still be bought at \$6,000 to \$7,000.

As far as performance goes, the engines from that era aren't as strong compared to today's standards. However, the V8 Mustangs are affordable and easy to upgrade. Also, you get that sweet vintage style and the joy of driving a classic car. It's a great way to get your foot into the classic car market and a good value for your money.



## **1. 2011-2014 MUSTANG GT**

The 2011-2014 Mustang GT is my top pick for a number of reasons. It marks the debut of the Coyote engine, which knocked out an impressive 412 horsepower in its early years (later model years saw that figure upped to 420hp).

You can find a Mustang GT from 2011-2014 for around \$13,000 to \$14,000, which is an amazing price for such a good looking car. A lot of these Mustangs come with modifications already done to them, saving you money you might have spent in the future. These cars have great stock performance and can be modified easily to enhance performance even more. All these reasons make the 2011-2014 Mustang GT the best value.

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Spouse's Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Children's name(s) and birthdate(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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Vehicle Year \* \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Make \* \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Model \* \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Color \* \_\_\_\_\_ Speciality Vehicle? \_\_\_\_\_

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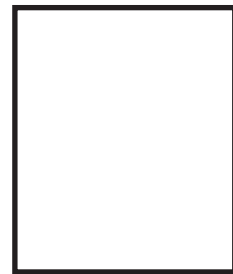
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