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Boss 302 Was
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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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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

Greetings to all of you Mustangers!!

Welcome to Spring! This is the start of car show season. So get ready to get you cars all cleaned up and ready to show!

We had a special birthday celebration actually two for the Mustang: One was with the San Jose Mustang Club on Sun April 14. We had several members go to this. We had our club meet at Triangle Drive Inn on Wednesday night April 17. We had a great turn out for this. Maddie, Joe's grand daughter won the Mustang scrambled word contest written by Charlene!

We have a club breakfast on the first Saturday of each month at Blossom Trail Café, Academy/Belmont Aves at 10:00 am.

We have several people going to Jefferson Elementary car show on May 11, then an MCA show in Suisun City May 18, plus many local ones. Our VP, Dave Ward, has picked several car shows for us to attend as a club. We also go to the second Saturday movie night with dinner before. I believe that activities, including car shows, are the lifeblood of our club!

We are doing the Minarets HS Mustangs graduation again this year on Tuesday June 11.

It is hard to be in a bad mood when you get to drive a Mustang!

Happy Mustanging to all of you!

Brandon Walker
CVMC President



from the
editor

Now these were the good old days of innovation with no limit ahead and no worries of where the charging station was. Also, not being able to go through a car wash for fear of killing the entire car because the battery on the belly got wet.

Garo Chekerdemanian
CVMC - Newsletter Editor

Did you know American Rodding Magazine named the Tasca 5050 Mustang as the 1965 Performance Car of the Year?

It's was all about power and innovation! The Tasca Mustang boasted a massive 505HP engine, a 289 stroked to 325 cubic inches, featuring a modified intake manifold and a double 4V-carb. Plus, it was equipped with an all-aluminium Shelby transmission. This beast was truly ahead of its time!



upcoming events

MAY 2024

Date	Time	Event Type	Description
3 Fri	5PM - 8PM	Hot Rod	Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church
	6:00PM - 7:30PM	Car Show	Morro Bay Car Show
4 Sat	9:00AM - 2:00PM	Car Show	Oakhurst Car Show
	9:00AM - 5:00PM	Car Show	Morro Bay Car Show
	10:00AM - 12:00PM	Breakfast	Monthly club breakfast Club Breakfast/Blossom Trail Cafe
10 Fri	5PM - 8PM	Hot Rod	Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church
11 Sat	7:15AM - 3PM	Car Show	Jefferson Car Show
17 Fri	5PM - 8PM	Hot Rod	Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church
18 Sat		Car Show	The biggest Little car show
24 Fri	5PM - 8PM	Hot Rod	Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church
28 Tue	6PM - 8:30PM	Meeting	CVMC Board Meeting @ Marie Calendar's
30 Thu	7PM - 8PM	Meeting	C.V.M.C. General Membership Monthly Meeting
31 Fri	5PM - 8PM	Hot Rod	Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church

Check online for updates and additions

happy birthday

APRIL

Apr 3 Steffon Hicklin
Apr 8 Etta Hobbs
Apr 17 Ford Mustang
Apr 19 Lucas Kokalis
Apr 21 Patricia McKinney
Apr 27 Donald Evans
Apr 27 Isabella Garza
Apr 30 Ryan Medlock



next general meeting
May 30th, 2024

BLACK BEAR DINER
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(Northwest Corner of Shaw / Marty)

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Events Calendar
Photo Gallery
Newsletters
Merchandise



A total of 1,965 cars will get the retro-themed package, but only for the GT Premium trim.

The Ford Mustang is officially 60 years old. The automaker is hosting a special event in Charlotte, North Carolina to celebrate. It's also releasing a new trim called the 60th Anniversary Package.

For the record, this is only an appearance package. But to Ford's credit, it's a pretty sharp upfit that stands out without being too subtle or in-your-face. The wheels are likely the first items you'll notice. They're 20 inchers in a simple five-spoke pattern that draws heavily from 1965 designs. It's a refreshing change in an era filled with complex "snowflake" wheel designs. Of course, there's more to this package than a shiny set of wheels.

See those 5.0 badges and stripes down low on the sides? Those are based on designs from the 1965 model, as is the GT badge on the trunk. Up front, you'll find a unique grille that incorporates a retro mesh design, while the nostrils get silver accents to help them stand out. The smoked headlights from the Mustang Nite Pony package are added, a stark contrast to the extra-shiny side mirror caps. Sadly, they aren't actual chrome. But but the bright silver mimics that classic look. That is, unless you opt for a white Mustang, in which case the mirrors are body color.

Speaking of colors, the 60th Anniversary Package is only available with the aforementioned white, Race Red, or Vapor Blue. You can have the side stripe in red or silver, and on the inside, interior color options are gray, red, or black. You'll find a special serialized 60th Anniversary badge on the instrument panel, too.

Under the skin, everything is the same as you'd find on a new Mustang GT. The 5.0-liter V-8 makes 480 horsepower, driving the rear wheels with either a six-speed manual or a 10-speed automatic. If you want the package on an EcoBoost or even a standard GT, you're out of luck. It's only available in GT Premium trim. At least you can choose between a convertible or a fixed roof.



THE ONE THAT STARTED IT ALL
 The first Mustang made its national debut on April 17, 1964 - a Friday. Priced low at under \$2,500 (\$20,700 in today's money) by Sunday 22,000 had been sold and Ford dealers were left scrambling for as many copies of this crisply glamorous compact as they could get their hands on. By the end of 1966, Ford had sold 1.4 million and the "Pony" car category had been created. Competitors came, went and came back from the dead again, then failed a second time but the Mustang never missed a beat and is still #1...

The first Mustang produced at Ford Motor Company's San Jose plant in 1964



"Born to stand out: A 1979 limited edition Mustang rolls off the assembly line at Ford's Dearborn Assembly Plant."



Not related to the Anniversary Package comes news of a new Heritage gauge cluster for all 2024 Mustangs. Ford sent us images showing the cluster in action, rocking two retro dials for speed and engine RPM that look straight out of 1967. For those who already have a seventh-generation Mustang, it will be available through an over-the-air update.

Ford will only build 1,965 Mustangs with the 60th Anniversary Package, for reasons that should be obvious. Pricing will be announced towards the end of the year when it reaches dealerships as a 2025 model.





THE SCENE

2024 Clovis Rodeo Parade



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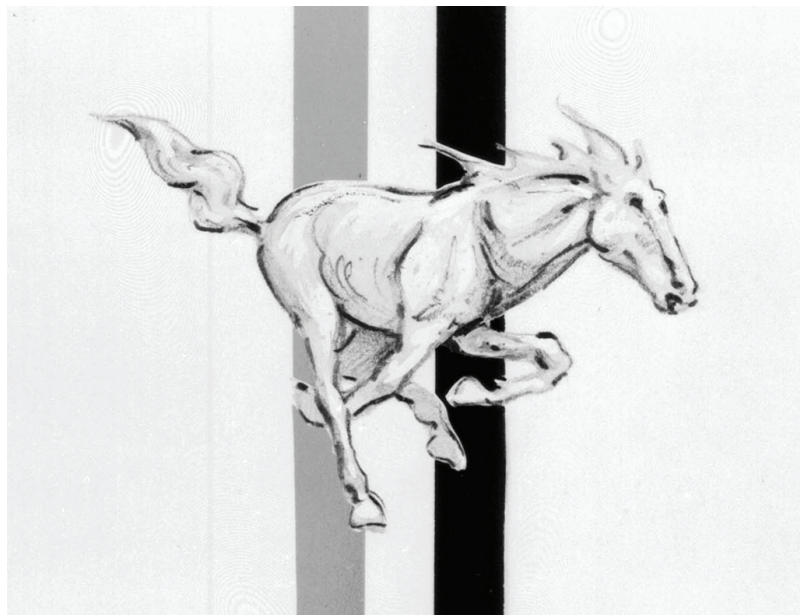


AIR MUSEUM



Opinion: The Ford Mustang Is the Center of the Enthusiast Universe

Sixty years later, the Mustang has won.



It's been 60 years since the world was first introduced to the Ford Mustang at the 1964 New York World's Fair. In the time since, the pony car has come to dominate the segment it birthed, selling well over 10 million copies in more than 100 countries across the globe. It's also considered to be the global best-selling sports car of the last decade, despite the fact that the Mustang was never intended to be a pure sports car in the first place. Or maybe that's exactly why the Mustang has continued to dominate.

It was a first-generation Mustang that woke up the passion within me almost 20 years ago. As my father finished fueling his truck on a summer afternoon in 2005, a 1966 Mustang coupe pulled into the station behind us. It was a blue metallic car with the lowly 200 cubic-inch inline-six and an automatic transmission, but those not-so-desirable features meant nothing to me. The shape was captivating, drawing the eyes of everyone present. It was the first time I realized that a car could act as a statement about yourself and your desires. It was over for me right then and there. Now, I have a Mustang of my own. My daily driver for the last few years has been a New Edge GT.

Similar emotional situations have played out all over the world since the very first Mustang arrived on that New York show floor. It's a car that continues to attract first-time drivers and octogenarians alike, with fervent passion from owners on either end of the spectrum. No Chevrolet Corvette or Porsche 911 can be described as such. Direct competitors like the Camaro and the Challenger have tried time and again to dethrone the Mustang, but only the Ford is still kicking in 2024. Few machines have that sort of cultural staying power generation after generation.

It's not hard to understand what is so appealing about the Pony Car recipe. It all starts with the style, which has been the Mustang's priority from the start. Then-Ford Styling Director Gene Bordinat was uncompromising on the design work for the first-generation car, refusing to let the engineers muck up the shape in the pursuit of performance. The resulting engineering work wasn't revolutionary, borrowing mundane bits and bobs from other FoMoCo offerings. The car was unashamedly about style over substance. Yet, we're still so enamored with that first effort that the last three generations of Mustang have been modernized knock-offs. It was that compromised pursuit (and a revolutionary options list) that allowed Ford to sell a Mustang to everyone, whether you were simply looking for a pretty face or a high-performance car.

By: Lucas Bell

Source: roadandtrack.com

Those built-in shortcomings also allowed for hot rodders to build businesses around improving the fast-selling Ford. Upgraded suspensions and engine power adders became a staple of the Pony Car world, putting some actual go behind all of the Mustang's show. The Mustang platform still remains one of the most customized and modernized platforms. Thanks to a tradition of sharing parts across models, repairing a Mustang is unconscionably cheap compared to something from Germany or Italy, with parts in stock at just about every auto parts store across the United States. And while the new cars aren't the cheapest things around, you can find a Mustang for sale for almost any amount of cash that you might have. You simply don't need a large budget to live out the AJ Foyt or Parnelli Jones fantasy. It also doesn't hurt that the Mustang battles on every continent where racing takes place weekend after weekend.

There are cars that drive better than the Mustang, and there are certainly cheaper options to run and insure. But there is no other car that is quite like it. The Mustang wasn't born to be a world-beating sports car, but it has somehow managed to outsell all of the more focused machines. The fact that the Mustang is fairly normal is one of its best traits. Owning one is a rite of passage for enthusiasts and normies alike. It's a friend that's always been there for us car-obsessed crazies, and it doesn't appear to be going anywhere any time soon. Here's to 60 more years of the definitive enthusiast machine.



This 1969 Mustang Boss 302 Was A Dodge Double Agent

Chrysler bought the high-revving Mustang to help it develop its Dodge Challenger T/A and Plymouth AAR Cuda rivals

DODGE



By: Chris Chilton

Source: carscoops.com

Though some car fans flit from brand to brand, many know what they like and stick with it. So a classic Dodge obsessive probably isn't going to be interested in making room for a Ford Mustang in his garage. But here's one Mustang with a very unique Chrysler connection that might persuade Dodge and Plymouth fans to go blue.

On the face of it, it's just a nicely restored 1969 Boss 302, a desirable car, but not much different to many of the other 649 examples born wearing Bright Yellow paint – the Boss's most popular color – that year.

What makes it more interesting though, and relevant to Dodge lovers, is that this 302 being auctioned by Mecum in May, was bought new by Chrysler in 1969 to help it develop its own rival products, the Dodge Challenger T/A and Plymouth AAR Cuda.

Ford had won the inaugural Trans Am road race championship in 1966 and again in 1967, but Chevy claimed victory in 1968 with its hardcore Camaro Z/28, whose custom short-stroke V8 was specially designed to fit under the series' 305 cu-in (5.0 liter) capacity limit. Ford then answered with the Boss 302, another rev-happy small-block pony car that was purpose-built to win on a road course.

Though Chrysler did field a Dodge Dart and Plymouth Barracuda in Trans Am in 1966, it skipped the rest of the decade's races but planned a big comeback for 1970 with that year's new Challenger and Barracuda. And to make sure it knew what it was up against, it needed to get its hands on some of the opposition's hardware.

This 302 was purchased in May 1969 from Ed Schmid Ford in Ferndale, Michigan, and the paperwork clearly states 'Chrysler Corporation' meaning there was no attempt made to disguise where the car was going.

Though development on the Dodge and Plymouth Trans am racers and their road car counterparts would have been well underway before the Chrysler guys got their hands on the Boss, being able to drive the Mustang would certainly help them refine certain characteristics of the Challenger and Cuda's staggered tire setup and the road cars' triple-carb, six-pack 340 cubic-inch (5.6 liter) V8, which was cut down to 305 cubes for competition.

The Cuda's excellent 5.8-second zero to 60 mph (97 km/h) time was around a second faster than a Boss 302's, but unfortunately, the Plymouth and Dodge weren't fast enough where it counted: they failed to win a single race in 1970, finishing the season last and second-last.

But that was long enough ago to forget about old grudges and this Boss 302's quirky backstory would make it an interesting addition to a rich Mopar nut's sprawling collection.

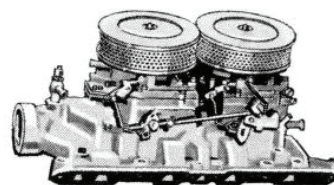
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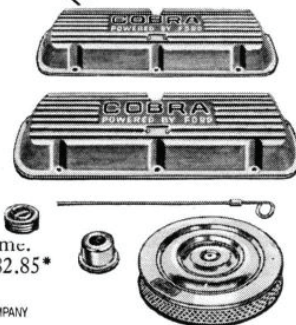


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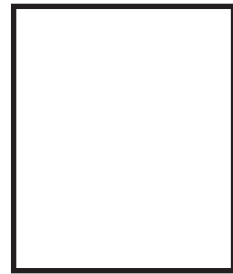
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