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## ***LONG-LOST 1968 Shelby GT500 Finally Found. What's So Special?***



**2025  
Clovis Rodeo  
Parade**

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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.

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**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

EL PUEBLITO MEXICAN RESTAURANT

1437 Tollhouse Road • Clovis, CA (N/E Sunnyside & 3rd)

Dinner: 5:30 PM • Meeting: 6:30 - 8:00 PM





from the  
president



from the  
editor

Greetings to all of you Mustangers!!

We had our Easter potluck/bunny shot event on Saturday, April 12. We had a great turn out over 30 people attending. The brisket from Chef Paul was great! We had lots of members that brought homemade food this year. Thanks to Paul and Lynelle for hosting. We also had a time for beginners to shoot. It was a perfect day too! Later we had: Movie night at EAA showing Need for Speed.

Car show season has now officially started! VP Dave will have some fun events on our calendar for this year! We have several already: Jefferson & Suisun City in May, and more!

We had a birthday party for the anniversary of the Mustang on April 17 at Triangle Burger 3173 W Shaw. Joe made a 'word puzzle' with Mustang imbedded in there 61 times. Susan Ward was the winner! John Briar was 2nd.

The Clovis Rodeo parade on Sat April 26 and more fun things coming up! Our breakfast: The Train Depot, 3045 E Ashlan Ave in Fresno on the first Saturday of each month (all 12 months) from 10:00 to 11:30/12:00 'ish' at / NW corner First St/Ashlan Ave. Next one is Sat May 3. Next Spicy Mayo/movie night is May 10 Grand Prix 1966.

Our own Greg Cohorst is a star....or more accurately his car is the star! He got to see firsthand what it is like to make a TV commercial starring his car for the Chukchansi Casino – you may be able to ask Greg for his autograph! They hired his car for the commercial. Congratulations Greg!

Our upcoming events: June 12 is the Minarets HS graduation for any convertible, we are working on a picnic lunch in town, an ice cream social too, so stay tuned for other upcoming events.

I believe that activities, including car shows, are the lifeblood of our club!

It is hard to be in a bad mood when you get to drive a Mustang! Have fun is our motto for the club!

Happy Mustanging to all of you for 2025!

**Brandon Walker**  
CVMC President

Come on, tell me I'm wrong...



**Garo Chekerdemanian**  
CVMC - Newsletter Editor



# upcoming events

MAY 2025

Date	Time	Event Type	Description
<b>2</b> Fri	5PM - 8PM		<a href="#">Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church</a>
<b>3</b> Sat	9AM - 5:00PM		<a href="#">Cruisin Morro Bay Car Show</a>
	10:00AM - 12:00PM		<a href="#">Club Breakfast/THE TRAIN DEPOT</a>
<b>9</b> Fri	5PM - 8PM		<a href="#">Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church</a>
<b>10</b> Sat			<a href="#">Jefferson car show</a>
	4PM - 5:45PM		<a href="#">NEW DATE!! Spicy Mayo hibachi</a>
	5:30PM - 8:00PM		<a href="#">Movie Night Grand PRIX 1966</a>
<b>16</b> Fri	5PM - 8PM		<a href="#">Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church</a>
<b>17</b> Sat	9AM - 3PM		<a href="#">The biggest Little car show 40th Anniversary.</a>
	9:00AM - 3:00PM		<a href="#">Visalia Downtown Car Show</a>
<b>18</b> Sun	1:30AM - 3:30AM		<a href="#">Me &amp; Ed's Pizza</a>
<b>23</b> Fri	5PM - 8PM		<a href="#">Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church</a>
<b>27</b> Tue	6PM - 8:30PM		<a href="#">NEW DATE! CVMC Board Meeting @ Helen's Gourmet Chinese</a>
<b>29</b> Thu	5:30PM - 8:00PM		<a href="#">El Pueblito Mexican Restaurant C.V.M.C. General Membership Meeting</a>
<b>30</b> Fri	5PM - 8PM		<a href="#">Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church</a>

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



**NEW MEETING PLACE / TIME!!!**

next general meeting

**May 29th, 2025**

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(N/E Sunnyside & 3rd Clovis)

Dinner - 5:30 pm / Meeting - 6:30 - 8:00 pm

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# Who wants to win a prize?

This is an updated version of our split logo. I have made ?????? number of changes, some easy, some not so easy and you may have to do a little research.

**Here's what you gotta do:**

- 1) List the **correct number** of changes.
- 2) List **what the changes** are.

At the next meeting we'll pass out a sheet with your answers and the first three member that are correct, will receive a prize.

**Good Luck!**







# THE SCENE

## Clovis Rodeo Parade

2025



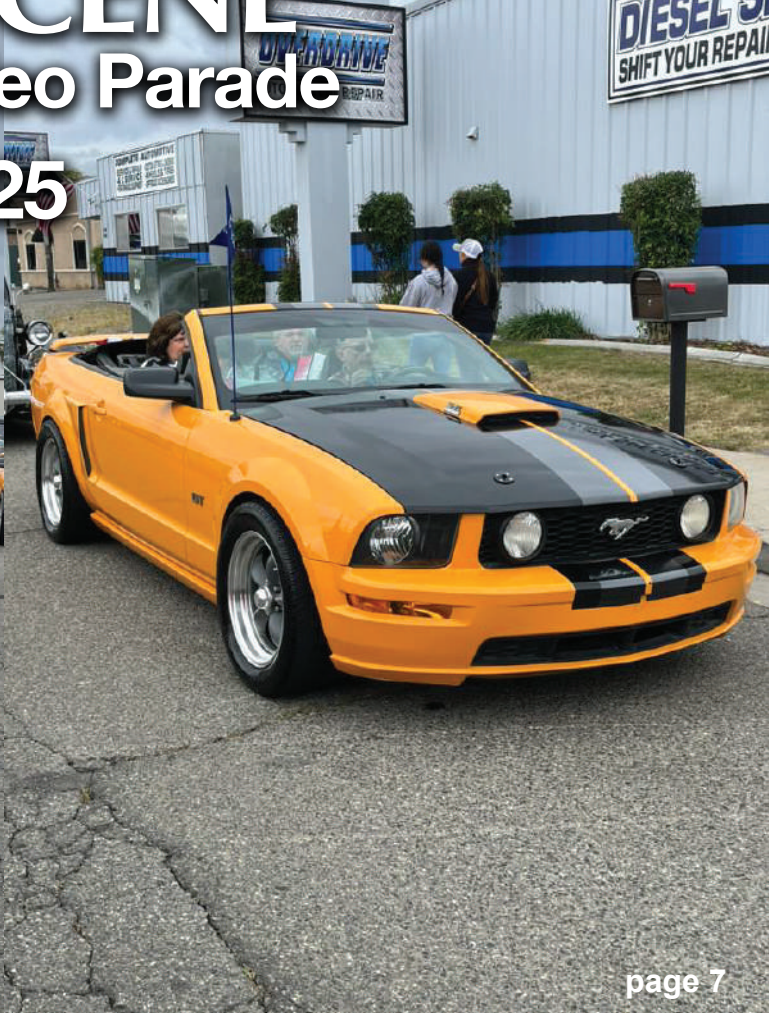




# THE SCENE

## Clovis Rodeo Parade

### 2025





# The Long-Lost 1968 Mustang Shelby GT500 Was Finally Found. What's So Special About It?



By: Elena Luchian Elena Luchian  
Source: [autoevolution.com](http://autoevolution.com)

**This car, a 1968 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500, was featured in a car magazine back in August 1968. Those who drove it pushed it well beyond its limits, took shots of the joy ride, and published the whole story. Years later, the car vanished without a trace. Now, it has been found.**

This never-restored and long-lost 1968 Shelby GT500 comes with the celebrity factor. It was a magazine star, pushed to the max, and photographed from all the right angles. The car came with the 428-cubic-inch (7.0-liter) Police-Interceptor V8. In 1967, the Mustang Shelby came with dual four barrel carburetors. Things changed in 1968, as Ford switched to single-barrel carburetors.

A Ford C6 automatic transmission sent 355 horsepower (360 metric horsepower) and 420 pound-feet (569 Newton meters) of torque to the tarmac through the rear wheels. It did 0 to 60 mph (0 to 97 kph) in 6.9 seconds, ran the quarter mile in 14.9 seconds, and maxed out at 140 mph (225 kph).

Nothing to write home about by today's standards, right? But, hey, those were the 1960s, and the Shelby GT500 was labeled as a performance car for all the right reasons, which were different from the reasons of today.

## **The 1967 and the 1968 model years are easy to tell apart**

With a front end totally redesigned compared to the 1967 Mustang made famous by *Gone with the Wind*, the 1968 model year came exclusively with outboard lights, while customers could choose either inboard or outboard units for the previous model-year Mustang.

To tell the 1967 and the 1968 examples apart, headlights are a useful hint. Early models of the first generation got the Marchal headlights before switching to the Lucas units.

Shelbies rolled off the production line of the Shelby American Factory in Venice, California. Later on, production moved to Ford's Metuchen plant in New Jersey.

## **Built on the same assembly line as the C2 Chevrolet Corvette**

Once completed, the cars were shipped by rail to A.O. Smith Corporation in Ionia, Michigan. The 1968 Shelbies shared the assembly line with most of the C2 Corvettes. They had something in common: they both had noses, hoods, scoops, quarter panel extensions, deck lids, and rear wings made from fiberglass.

But the material wasn't exactly the best choice, so the hood used to bow backward. To get rid of the problem, AO Smith Corporation



which was specifically contracted for the fix shortened the hood by approximately 4 inches instead of the previous unit that stretched all the way to the bumper and used reinforced fiberglass plastic instead of fiberglass.

All cars rode on 15-inch steel wheels. Now, those wheels are wrapped in BFGoodrich tires.

All 1968 model year examples rolled off the production line for only nine months, between November 1967 and July 1968, in the shape of the GT350, the GT500, or the GT500KR, with the latter being manufactured starting in May 1968. Only 1,571 saw the light of day. During those nine months, the AO Smith also manufactured the Mercury Cougar XR-7G.

Each car had a rollbar welded in, had the taillights panels modified, and was assigned a special serial number with a special VIN plate attached to it, with a different pattern than those of the GT350 and the GT500KR, in the Ford factory.

Furthermore, each car got a set of rocker panel stripes, which came in black, white, or blue. This model has the white set, with the "GT500" letters and numbers inscribed on both sides, right next to the front fenders.

For 1968, all the chrome pieces were replaced by simulated wood grain in an attempt to move the model upmarket. Black upholstery, with a fabric seating area and leather bolsters and headrests, was also on the menu.

This 1968 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 has 29,345 miles on the clock, which proves it was pretty much a garage queen, with an average of only 506 miles per each of the 56 years since it drove through the factory gate.

A doctor from Virginia ordered this car new from the Koons Ford dealership in Falls Church, Virginia, in 1968 as a Sunday driver for his wife. It still retains the original dealer's sticker at the back. At the opposite end, there is a crack on the front end. One of the wife's friends reportedly sat there, and that was the aftermath.

One of the viewers of the channel identified the car was featured in Super Stock Magazine in August 1968. The Super Stock team tested the car back then. There is no doubt that it is the exact same car. Everything seems to match, and all the pieces of the puzzle fall into place. The dealership logo on the trunk lid and the front-mounted antenna are two of the evidence pieces.

The car is now for sale, but you will have to ask the Backyard Barn Finds team if you fancy driving this Shelby GT500 home.



# Cobra Logo Trademark Filing Hints At New Ford Mustang Variant



By: Brett Foote

Source: [themustangsource.com](https://themustangsource.com)

Ford Motor Company has filed to trademark a Cobra logo with the UK Intellectual Property Office and the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), Ford Authority has learned.

## The Ford Authority Take

As Ford Authority reported one week ago, The Blue Oval filed to trademark “Cobra” in both the UK and the European Union, and it did so under a broad array of goods and services categories – including not only things like motor vehicles, but also, replica and continuation models, EVs, bodies and parts, games, toys, and advertising. As pony car fans are already well aware, Cobra is known for its ties to a variety of Shelby models, as well as special high-performance variants of the Ford Mustang.

It’s been a while since we last saw a Ford Mustang Cobra model sold new, so it’s certainly possible that The Blue Oval is mulling the idea of bringing it back, as these trademark filings indicate – or perhaps it’s intending to use that same moniker on something else entirely. What we do know is that Ford is mulling one or several new Mustang variants for the near future, in addition to the all-new Dark Horse that debuted alongside the S650 in the 2024 model year.

Back in January, the automaker filed to trademark “Boss” with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), signaling a potential return for another famous model from Mustang history. Shortly thereafter, The Blue Oval also filed to trademark “Dark Horse Boss” with the European Union Intellectual Property Office. It’s also possible that the Shelby GT500 could be making a comeback, as Ford Authority recently spotted a pair of prototypes wearing S550-generation GT500 wheels and other unique features – including a roll cage inside the cabin, though that future variant could be called something different entirely.

IP Office:	UK	EU
Serial number:	UK00004192822	19176475
Application date:	April 22, 2025	April 22, 2025
Nice classification:	12, 28, 35	12, 28, 35
Type of mark:	Figurative	Figurative

Ford Cobra Trademark Filing





# more talk: 2026 Ford Mustang Raptor



By: Austin Irwin

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

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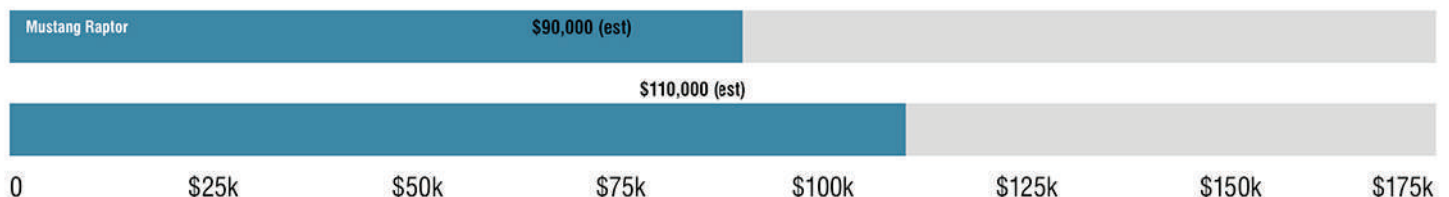
There's a loud stampede coming at us from the other side of that sandy dune. With every rev-match, it pops and crackles. When the wind deflects its roar just right, our ears catch the sound from what's likely a 700-hp 5.2-liter V-8 with a supercharger whining like a mosquito from hell. It's the Ford Mustang Raptor—a horse with Fox Live Dampers for legs and enough suspension travel to let you hustle down Michigan's bumpy I-94 highway without spilling your Vernors. What started with the F-150 Raptor, expanded to the Bronco Raptor—and is awaiting the Ranger—spreads to the only car Ford sells today. It will require a little sacrifice on the part of the Mustang: while it will get all-wheel drive, it will go without a two-speed transfer case and will have no manual option (a reality Mustang Shelby GT500 owners are all too familiar with). That said, when it arrives in 2026, it should have all the necessary tools to be among the quickest Mustangs ever. And it will perform like that wearing mudflaps.

## What's New for 2026?

Leaping over the barrier of what's never been done before, Ford's Mustang Raptor is all-new, though it's certainly lived as a fantasy in the hearts of pony-car (and likely Raptor) fans for a long time. Full details have yet to be revealed but expect more information as we crawl closer to the Mustang Raptor's launch date, which is expected sometime in 2026.

## Pricing and Which One to Buy

The price of the 2026 Ford Mustang Raptor / Raptor R is expected to start around \$90,000 and go up to \$110,000 depending on the trim and options.



We speculate that Ford will follow formula that's similar to the F-150 Raptor's. It could well start with a base version that adds a significant bump in horsepower over the road-going V-8 model followed up by a Raptor R that drinks from a massive trough of torque. Like other Raptors, the starting pricing for the off-road Mustang will be as tall as its knobby tires.

# Ford Mustang GTD Just Smashed Its Own Nürburgring Lap Record



By: Andy Kalmowitz  
Source: jalopnik.com

Last Summer, Ford shocked much of the automotive world when it lapped a Mustang GTD around the Nürburgring Nordschleife in just 6:57:685. Well, apparently, that wasn't quite enough for the Blue Oval, so it decided to head back to Germany to lap the car again after tinkering with it. Because of its work with engineering partner Multimatic, Ford's beast of a Mustang just clocked a 6:52.072 lap time with Dirk Müller (the same driver as the first run) behind the wheel.

Knocking 5.5 seconds off a Nürburgring lap time is no simple task, and that's why Ford and Multimatic made the following changes to the Mustang GTD to squeeze just a little more out of this supercharged 5.2-liter V8 monster. It apparently took some of the lessons it learned after winning the Rolex 24 in Daytona. Here's what they changed, according to a Ford blog post:

- *Revised chassis tuning with increased torsional rigidity*
- *Updated suspension hardware and alignment for even more precise, predictable handling*
- *Aerodynamic tweaks for improved downforce*
- *Powertrain calibration updates*
- *Revised ABS and traction control behavior*
- *New Active Spool Valve development*

## **A dose of freedom**

Ford now owns, by our estimate, the ninth-fastest Nürburgring Nordschleife lap time for a production car, falling just a smidge behind the 6:52:01 lap time set by the Lamborghini Huracán Performante LP640-4. Still, that's nothing to sneeze at — especially for something that started out as a humble Mustang.

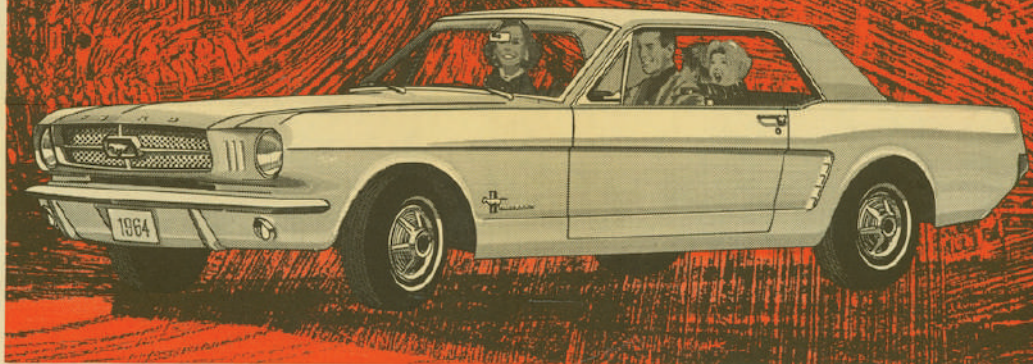
Of course, the GTD is anything but a regular Mustang at this point. Limited to just 1,000 units, the GTD comes with all sorts of suspension, chassis, and aero upgrades — along with a nearly 50/50 weight distribution. It's also powered by a 5.2-liter supercharged V8 that puts out a Ford-estimated 815 horsepower and 664 pound-feet of torque through an eight-speed dual-clutch transmission. Oh, and it'll cost the lucky few who can afford one about \$325,000. So no, it's not exactly a normal Mustang, but there's still a lot of "America, hell yeah!" in this thing.



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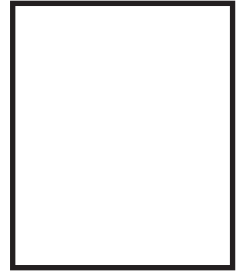
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