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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

Greetings to all of you Mustangers!!

Our CVMC family loves to do drive and eat! I believe that activities are the life blood of our club. We have events for many tastes so you can find something that you like!

We have breakfast on the first Saturday every month at The Train Depot at 10:00 to 11:30 am.

The How Rod gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church Fri Sep 5/12/19/26.

Sep 6 dinner at Pete's 5:30 pm CA 41/49 then off to Glacier Point at 7 pm. Boys of Summer concert at Englemann Celars, tickets are \$35.52 each for Fri Sep 12

Now the movies at EAA hanger are returning on Sat Sep 13 6 pm with Two Lane Blacktop with a dinner before at 4:30pm Me-n-Ed's Pizza at NW corner of West/Herdon Aves.

Dinner at the Fresno Greek Festival Sat Sep 20 4:30 pm. Lunch and game day on Sunday Sep 21st at the Red Caboose 1:30 to 3:30pm.

Sep 27 Three Rivers scenic drive and eat. Meeting at Victory Grill 1 pm on Cedar between Ashlan and Dakota.

Our club picnic on October 18 at the Beckley's again. Paul's brisket and our member pot luck items!

Our VP, Dave Ward, has picked several car shows for us to attend as a club. Stay tuned to our calendar of events for updates.

We have some things coming up – a high school homecoming, Veteran's Day parade, a trip to Hilmar Cheese Factory and Poinsettia farm, our Christmas party, and more so stay tuned for more info.

Happy Mustanging to all of you!
It is hard to be in a bad mood when you get to drive a Mustang!!

Brandon
Brandon Walker
CVMC President



from the editor

Apologies for the delay of the August issue. Not saying that life is kicking my a\$\$, but it's got some hands...

I feel like...



I'm already tired tomorrow

Garo Chekerdeman
CVMC - Newsletter Editor

upcoming events

SEPTEMBER 2025

Date	Time	Event Type	Description
5 Fri	5PM - 8PM		Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church
6 Sat	10:00AM - 12:00PM		Club Breakfast/THE TRAIN DEPOT
	4PM - 9PM		Run to Glacier Point
12 Fri	5PM - 8PM		Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church
	6PM - 10PM		Engelmann Cellars, Boys of Summer, Eagles Tribute Band
13 Sat	4:30PM - 5:45PM		Me N Ed's
	6:00PM - 8:00PM		MOVIE NIGHT Two-Lane Blacktop
19 Fri	5PM - 8PM		Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church
20 Sat	7AM - 2PM		Miramonte Car Show
	4:30PM		GreekFest!
21 Sun	1:30PM - 3PM		Sunday Lunch at The Red Caboose
22 Mon	6PM - 8:30PM		CVMC Board Meeting @ old spaghetti factory
25 Thu	5:30PM - 8:00PM		El Pueblito Mexican Restaurant C.V.M.C. General Membership Meeting
26 Fri	5PM - 8PM		Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church
27 Sat	10AM - 3PM		Soberstock Car Show
	11:00AM - 4PM		TIME CHANGE! Three Rivers Run

Check online for updates and additions

happy birthday

AUGUST:

- Aug 3 John Briar
- Aug 4 Jim Sanborn
- Aug 6 Robert Whitley
- Aug 14 David Tomamichel
- Aug 16 Dave Marean
- Aug 20 Arnaj Grewal



NEW MEETING PLACE / TIME!!!

next general meeting
September 25th, 2025

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

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The Ford Mustang Is Getting The Theme Park Treatment

A one-of-a-kind immersive experience celebrates Mustang history with 4D rides, classic cars, and interactive exhibits



By: Michael Gauthier
Source: carscoops.com

- *Ford has announced a new event called ‘American Icon: A Mustang Immersive Experience’.*
- *The exhibit kicks off in Los Angeles next month and celebrates all things Mustang.*
- *Attendees will explore “multi-sensory immersive environments” and take a “4D thrill ride.”*

The Mustang holds a special place in the hearts of enthusiasts and the automaker is celebrating the iconic pony car with a new immersive experience. Ford was coy on specifics, but revealed American Icon: A Mustang Immersive Experience was created by the same minds behind Titanic: An Immersive Voyage and Jurassic World: The Experience.

Despite sounding like a Mustang-focused museum exhibit, Ford said visitors will “step inside” history and “feel the nervous energy of the Dearborn design studio in 1963.” The company also promised attendees will feel the V8 rumble in their bones and “walk through the cultural moments that the Mustang didn’t just influence, but helped create.”

While Ford said a lot without saying much of anything, the website for the experience revealed fans will explore “multi-sensory immersive environments” as well as take an “adrenaline-pumping 4D thrill ride.” The companies also promised “legendary Mustangs from film and culture” and this will apparently include Steve McQueen’s Mustang GT from Bullit as well as the white convertible from Goldfinger.

The website went on to explain this is a “walkthrough experience across multiple spaces, featuring a combination of projection content, vehicle displays, and interactive activations.” In total, visitors can expect to spend 60 to 90 minutes checking out the exhibits.

American Icon: A Mustang Immersive Experience opens in Los Angeles on November 8 and runs through February. Ticket prices vary, but start at \$25.50 and climb to \$34 on weekends. That sounds a little pricey as tickets to the 2025 Los Angeles Auto Show range from \$14 to \$21 before service fees.

Shelby American Unveils 2026 Wide Body Super Snake-R, a Bold, Track Centric Sports Car with Coil Suspension and 850+ HP



Shelby American, a wholly owned subsidiary of Carroll Shelby International Inc. (CSBI:PK), today introduced its first Shelby Super Snake-R model, a limited edition sports car based on the Ford Mustang Dark Horse. Unveiled during Collector Car Week in Monterey, Calif., the 850+ horsepower 2026 model sports car is designed for maximum track performance with a sophisticated coil-over independent suspension, widened stance, larger tires, aerodynamic carbon fiber parts, cooling upgrades and many other enhancements.

“The Shelby Super Snake's roots come from a rich motorsport history as the first Shelby Super Snake in 1967 was built for high speed runs on the racetrack,” said Joe Conway, CEO of Shelby American. “However, the 'R' model designation has never been applied to a Shelby Super Snake. We can build a small number of the 2026 model car at a much higher level of performance, which earned it the special 'R' badge.”

Shelby American starts with the 500 horsepower Ford Mustang Dark Horse fastback and supercharges the 5.0L V8, giving the 850+ dependable horsepower. It is available with a Tremec TR-3160 manual 6-speed or 10 speed automatic transmission.

“The 2026 Shelby Super Snake-R was optimized at every level using the best components available to create a dominating track star,” said Gary Patterson, President of Shelby American. “We're unlocking the reliable 5.0 liter Coyote's great potential by supercharging it, making well over 850 horsepower in a vehicle effortlessly maintained at any Ford dealership. Serious enthusiasts can drive a powerful sports car that is easy to keep in peak running condition.”

While horsepower attracts great attention, it is the fully adjustable coil over suspension, wider stance, flowing metallic bodywork and Shelby specific chassis stiffening system that really sets the new car apart.

“The 2026 Shelby Super Snake-R simply has the best handling prowess that we've ever offered in the history of the car,” said Vince LaViolette, Shelby American Vice President of Operations and Senior Designer. “From the fully adjustable coil overs to replacing rubber bushings with metal spherical bearings and a harness strut bar that ties together the rear shock towers, this advanced suspension is very impressive. We tuck everything underneath a gorgeous wide body package that allows us to fit massive tires on the car to maximize traction.”

The results speak volumes.

According to LaViolette, “The new suspension is a real game changer. The R is far more solid, more connected and more poised than any other Super Snake we've built. And it is so adjustable that an experienced driver can easily tailor it to their taste. If you are ready to be a track king, your car has arrived.”

The Shelby Super Snake-R is a combination of many upgrades designed to create a complete package. The company liberally used carbon fiber and lightweight magnesium alloy for the limited edition car. Despite adding approximately 40 percent more power, a much more advanced suspension, lighter brake components, massive 335-35-20 Michelin tires and metallic wide body fenders, the Shelby Super Snake-R weighs 4,004 pounds, only 116 more than the Ford Mustang Dark Horse base car.

“We were obsessive in our efforts to reduce weight and improve the car’s balance,” said LaViolette. “From our proprietary hood to the splitter and other key components, we used carbon fiber components to minimize weight and redirect the wind for better cooling. The power to weight ratio of the Shelby Super Snake-R is staggering.”

This is Shelby American's third car based on the new S650 Ford Mustang platform. Shelby American has spent the past two years designing its R model. A bold optional graphics package alerts others on the track of the car's rapid approach, just before it overtakes them.

“We carefully listened to our customers, who asked us for an R version of the Super Snake with greater capabilities, and delivered using proven components like the 5.0 V8,” said Patterson. “The 2026 widebody R is the most aggressive Shelby Super Snake ever offered.”

The car will start at \$224,995***, including the base Ford Mustang Dark horse. The Shelby Super Snake is offered through Shelby authorized distributors in the United States. A limited number may be built by select Shelby mod shops and distributors internationally. Individuals interested in a Shelby vehicle can contact Shelby American directly; a sales representative will connect them to the authorized Shelby distributor of their choice.

Each vehicle from Shelby American is documented in the official Shelby Registry. The cars come with a 3 year/36,000-mile warranty; the powertrain warranty from Ford remains intact.



Ford Mustang Highest Ranked Sports Car In 2025 U.S. APEAL Study



By: Brett Foote
Source: fordauthority.com

Among the many studies it puts out each year, J.D. Power's U.S. Automotive Performance, Execution and Layout (APEAL) Study is specifically designed to measure owner satisfaction with new-vehicle design and performance. In that realm, Ford and Lincoln have both posted mixed results in recent years, and that was also the case with the recently-released 2025 version of the APEAL Study. However, there was some good news in that same study for The Blue Oval, as the Ford Mustang managed to top the sports car category this time around.

The Ford Mustang wound up as the top-ranked sports car in the 2025 J.D. Power U.S. APEAL Study, with the Mini Cooper falling behind it in second place. Those two models were alone in regard to which received awards in this specific category, which isn't hugely surprising given the fact that sports cars, in general, just aren't quite as common as they used to be.

As for brands, Ford wound up with a score of 838 out of 1,000 possible points, which is a seven-point improvement versus 2024, but also still slightly below the mass market average of 840. The automaker's luxury arm – Lincoln – scored 870 points, compared to 874 last year, ranking it below the segment average of 881, but it still ranked fifth among all premium brands.

J.D. Power's APEAL Study asks vehicle owners to consider 37 different attributes, including the sense of comfort they feel when hopping in those vehicles and the excitement they garner from the driving experience itself. Those responses are then aggregated to compute an overall APEAL Index score, and this time around, is based on responses from 92,964 owners of new 2025 model-year vehicles who were surveyed after 90 days of ownership. Interestingly, the 2025 APEAL Study's overall satisfaction of 851 is the highest since the study was last redesigned in 2020, signaling that owners are more excited about their new rides than ever.

"Manufacturers have made significant advancements that continue to redefine the vehicle ownership experience and have become more adept at translating innovation into meaningful customer engagement," said Frank Hanley, senior director of auto benchmarking at J.D. Power. "However, the study finds that owners of new models have lower levels of satisfaction with vehicle setup and startup – as well as infotainment systems – compared with owners of carryover models. This suggests that increasing technology and menu complexity remain persistent challenges for the industry."

Ford Mustang Coupe's Future Will Remain Gasoline Powered: Report

It was just a few years ago when a full transition to all-electric power seemed inevitable, but a lot has changed since then. Today, automakers have scaled back electrification plans in a big way, all to adjust for weaker than expected demand for such vehicles. As for the iconic Ford Mustang, it has always seemed to be destined to hang on to traditional ICE powertrains longer than most vehicles – a notion supported by comments from Blue Oval CEO Jim Farley himself – and it seems like nothing has changed on that front, either.

According to Automotive News, the Ford Mustang won't be going all-electric anytime soon, as The Blue Oval will “be building gasoline pony cars well into the next decade.” The report notes that the Mustang is slated to undergo a refresh in late 2026, followed by a redesign anticipated for 2029. Previously, FoMoCo was mulling the idea of transitioning to an EV-only pony car as part of that latter action, but now, that's no longer the case.

What's particularly interesting about this report is the fact that back in May 2024, Farley said that “we will never make an all-electric Mustang. I look at other users of pure-electric power such as Formula E, and even companies like Rimac, and I just don't think that would be right for Mustang. Great for other Fords – look at the worldwide success of Transit – but not for Mustang.” It is possible that the decision to nix an EV next-gen pony car was made prior to these comments, however.

Regardless, we do know that the Ford Mustang will be getting some sort of partial electrification, hybrid powertrain before 2030, based on the automaker's plans to add a hybrid option to every model in its Ford Blue lineup by 2030. We were previously promised a V8 hybrid-powered pony car way back in January 2017 for the 2020 model year, but that still hasn't come to fruition.



'69 Mustang Gets Ripped Into A Carbon Monster With Zero Original Panels

All models will send power through the rear wheels thanks
to a Tremec six-speed manual



By: Brad Anderson
Source: carscoops.com

- **All-new carbon fiber body widens the stance of this custom 1969 Ford Mustang.**
- **Underneath the skin is a Roadster Shop chassis with Fox coilover suspension.**
- **Buyers can choose from three powerful V8 engines paired with a manual gearbox.**

Surging interest in classic restomods has led to the creation of several carbon fiber-bodied 1965 Ford Mustangs in recent years. While this particular example could be dismissed as yet another original pony car adorned in carbon fiber, it's a little different. You see, this is believed to be the world's first 1969 Mustang undergoing a carbon fiber overhaul.

The project is being pieced together by Trick Rides ahead of its scheduled unveiling at November's SEMA Show in Las Vegas. Every panel has been crafted from pre-preg carbon fiber, meaning nothing from the original shell remains. That freedom has allowed the team to flare the bodywork significantly, giving the car a more imposing stance. Evidently, this car has not been designed to appeal to Mustang traditionalists.

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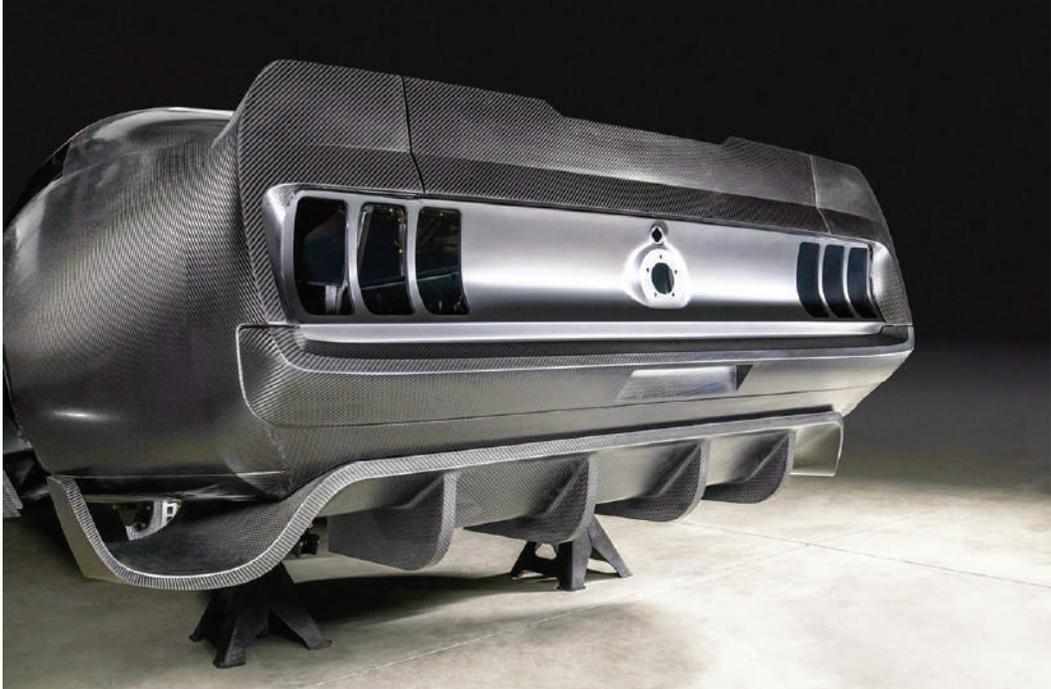
Among the more striking changes made are the fitment of massively wide new rear wheel arches, complete with large air intake ducts. The muscle car also rocks a pronounced carbon fiber front splitter, new side skirts, a gigantic bulge on the hood, and a wild diffuser at the rear.

Underpinning the special car, known as 'Scorched', is a chassis from Roadster Shop that includes independent front suspension and a parallel four-link rear with oversized sway bars. It also rocks Fox coilovers and sits on Baer six-piston front and four-piston rear brake calipers, clamping down on 14-inch rotors. A set of Forgieline three-piece wheels clad in Continental ExtremeContact Force tires has also been fitted.

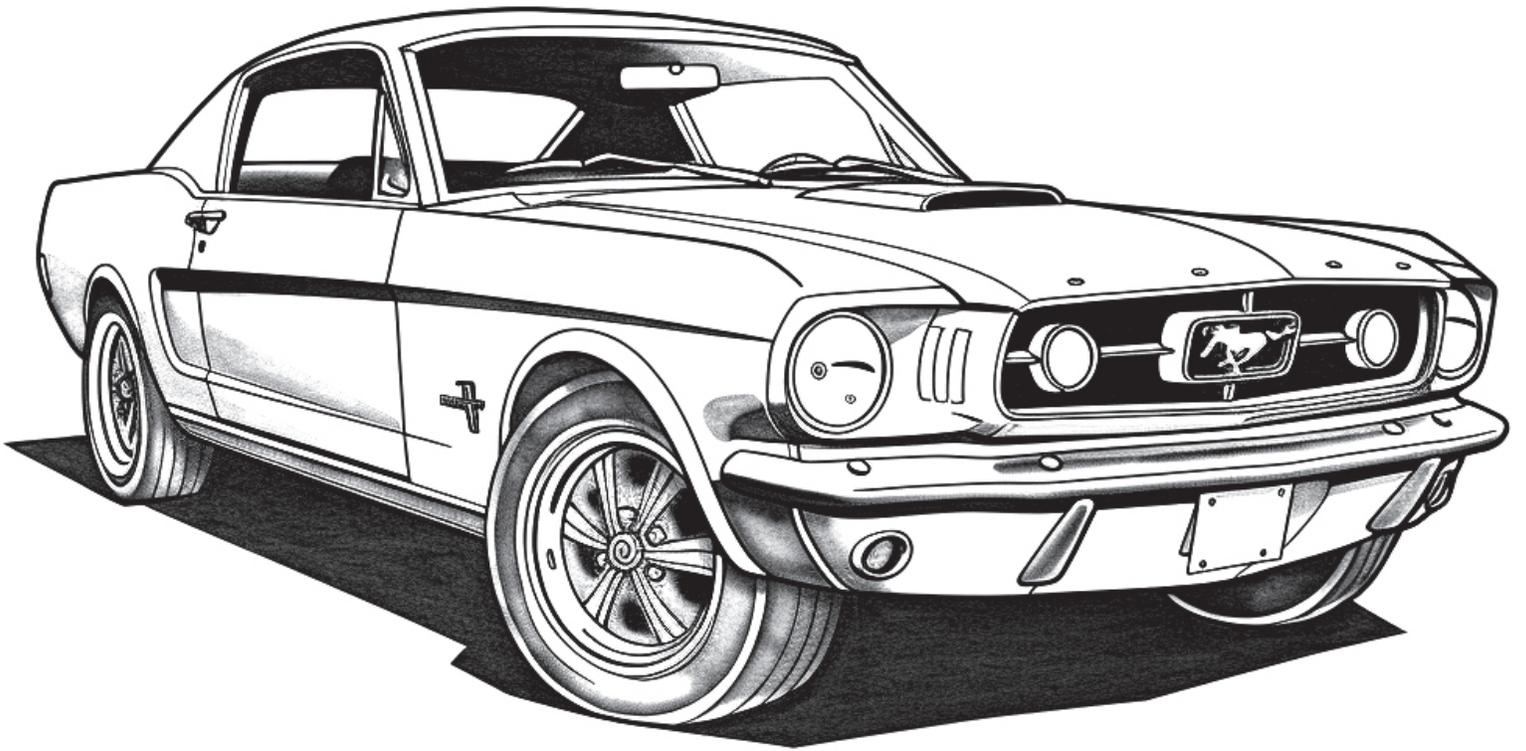
Firepower Options

Trick Rides intends to produce several of these wild creations and says owners will be able to choose between a supercharged 5.0-liter Coyote V8, a 429 cubic-inch 'Boss Nine' V8, or a 427 cubic-inch V8 from Ford Performance. All engines will be paired to a Tremec T-56 six-speed manual transmission as standard, driving the rear wheels.

There's no word on how much this wild Mustang will cost, but interested buyers should probably be prepared to part ways with the going rate for a modern supercar. Consider yourself warned.



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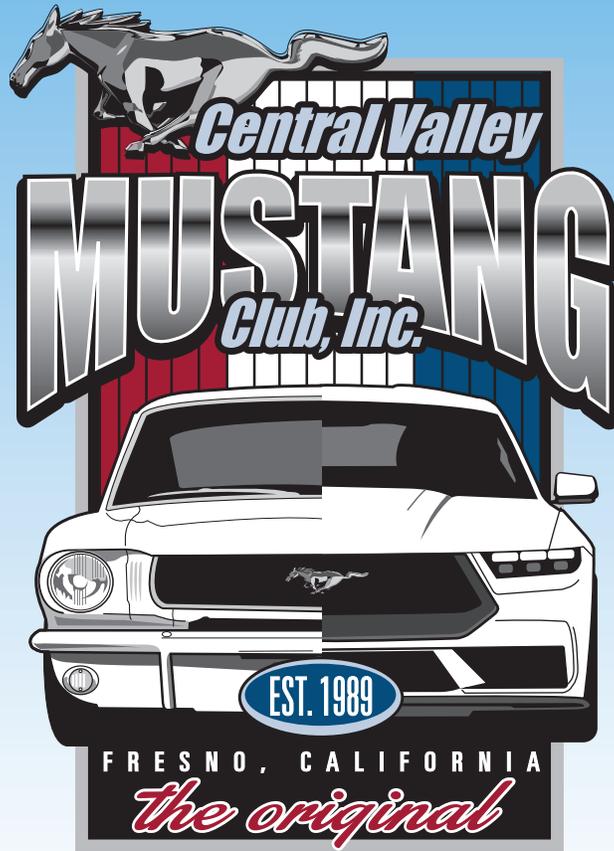


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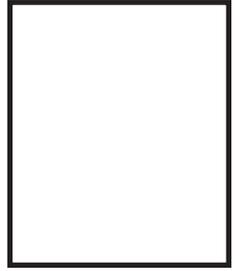
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