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## ***1979 Mustang Daytona***



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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

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!!

We participated in the Clovis Rodeo parade on Sat, April 26. We had a great turn out with more than 10 cars attending.

Car show season has now officially started! VP Dave will have some fun events on our calendar for this year!

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 June 7. Next Spicy Mayo/movie night is June 14 Last American Hero.

**Monthly meetings:**  
**El Pueblito Mexican Restaurant**  
**1437 Tollhouse Road in Clovis.**

**Our dinner time is from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.**  
**Our meeting time is from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.**

**Our upcoming events:** June 12 is the Minarets HS graduation for any convertible. We will have pizza afterward at Big Foot Pizza. We are now working on 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  
**Brandon Walker**  
CVMC President



from the  
editor

Well, we finally got her to fire up. All the neighbors got to hear and smell the exhaust of a 53 year old muscle car.

It was music to our ears...

Big shout out to Jim Sanborn for his carburetor rebuild skills. Wouldn't of happened without his help.

So, plugs, wires, carb and battery are done. Not sure where to start next but there are several small fixes then getting the front suspension done. Probably do something with the power steering pump. Need to also address the brakes.

After all the mechanical comes cosmetic work. Both front seats need work because they lay back like you're at the dentist.

I also have to thank my son for his constant urging to get things done. He has spent a lot of time researching how we can do stuff ourselves to reduce cost. I know he wants to be able to drive it but deep down he's doing it for me. I am a lucky guy...

So, wish us luck and we'll have it at some sort of club gathering this year.



**Garo Chekerdemian**  
CVMC - Newsletter Editor



# upcoming events

JUNE 2025

Date	Time	Event Type	Description
6 Fri	5PM - 8PM		<a href="#">Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church</a>
7 Sat	10:00AM - 12:00PM		<a href="#">Club Breakfast/THE TRAIN DEPOT</a>
8 Sun	1:30PM - 3:30PM		<a href="#">lunch @ Red CAboose Cafe</a>
12 Thu			<a href="#">MINARETS GRADUATION</a>
13 Fri	5PM - 8PM		<a href="#">Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church</a>
14 Sat	4PM - 5:45PM		<a href="#">NEW DATE!! Spicy Mayo hibachi</a>
	6PM - 8PM		<a href="#">Movie Night Last American Hero</a>
20 Fri	5PM - 8PM		<a href="#">Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church</a>
24 Tue	6PM - 8PM		<a href="#">CVMC BOARD MEETING Popolo's Pizza</a>
26 Thu	5:30PM - 8:00PM		<a href="#">El Pueblito Mexican Restaurant C.V.M.C. General Membership Meeting</a>
27 Fri	5PM - 8PM		<a href="#">Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church</a>
29 Sun	10:15AM - 4PM		<a href="#">UPDATE! Lunch at Ducey's and Lil Abner at the Golden Chain Theater.</a>

Check online for updates and additions

# happy birthday

MAY:

May 2 Trudy Marean

May 3 Hilary Vellandi

May 10 Bob Sharp

May 11 Nathan Juarez

May 13 Greg Cohorst

May 22 Linda Alexander

May 26 Lynda Baldwin

May 27 Lynne Rayner



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

next general meeting

**June 26th, 2025**

**EL PUEBLITO MEXICAN RESTAURANT**

1437 Tollhouse Road

(N/E Sunnyside & 3rd Clovis)

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

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# Leaked Memo Claims 2026 Shelby GT500 Is Real and Packing 'Legendary' Engine



By: Brett Foote  
Source: [themustangsource.com](https://themustangsource.com)

If this document is legit, the 2026 Shelby GT500 could debut very soon, potentially packing an updated version of the supercharged 5.2L V8.

It was a mere few months ago that news surfaced indicating that Ford may no longer continue to use the Shelby name on its factory-based models, ending a tradition that dates back to the original first-generation pony car. That report claimed that The Blue Oval was more keen to develop its own nameplate for future higher-performance Mustang variants – in the vein of the Dark Horse – rather than paying Shelby American a licensing fee. Thus, that made it seem like the S550-generation model would be the last, but now, a leaked memo claims that the 2026 Shelby GT500 is on the verge of debuting.

This memo – recently posted on Reddit – looks to be some sort of communication from the United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 600 union to its members, at least, those that work at the Dearborn Engine Plant. It mentions a series of personnel moves that have recently taken place at DEP, which are aimed at helping support a production ramp up for the Maverick and Bronco Sport, but that's not the most interesting tidbit present here.

Rather, the document also states that “an afternoon shift being is added towards the end of 2025 on the Niche assembly line. This volume increase is for the 2026 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500. I can't wait until we start building engines for such an iconic vehicle with an engine that will be named Legend.” Obviously, it's unclear if this memo is in fact legitimate, but it is quite interesting and could potentially signal the impending debut of the 2026 Shelby GT500.

Aside from the prior report that Ford was mulling the idea of ditching the Shelby name, Shelby American also launched its own version of the GT350 recently, seemingly confirming that bit of news. However, it's obviously possible that Ford will forge ahead and continue to make and sell the GT500 on its own, as has been the case for the past few Mustang generations.

Adding fuel to that fire is the fact that DEP currently builds the supercharged 5.2-liter V8 used in the F-150 Raptor R and Mustang GTD – as well as the previous-generation GT500 – meaning that perhaps an updated version named “Legend” is destined for the 2026 Shelby GT500. Of course, this document could be completely fake and fabricated by someone that just wants to spread unsubstantiated rumors, but there is some proof that it could very well be legitimate – meaning that soon, we might just see the return of the range-topping Mustang, after all.



# This Mustang Daytona Was Lost To Time Until Someone Opened The Vault

The Mustang Daytona Concept featured a T-top two years before it appeared on the production Fox Body



By: Brad Anderson  
Source: carscoops.com

- ***Ford's 1979 Mustang concept was built for auto shows and pace car duties.***
- ***Only one of five planned concepts was fully completed by Cars and Concepts.***
- ***After 20 years in the Henry Ford Museum, it spent decades in private hands.***

Most people will have no idea what this is. Believe it or not, it's actually a 1979 Mustang Concept, heavily modified and presented by Ford at various auto shows to demonstrate what the Foxbody platform was capable of. And now, this one-of-one prototype is headed to Mecum Auctions, where it's expected to fetch between \$80,000 and \$100,000.

This unique Mustang was created by Cars and Concepts for Ford, and while the original plan called for five of them, only this one was completed with the full suite of modifications. To make things even more exclusive, it's believed to be the only surviving example in working condition, which should pique the interest of any serious Mustang collector.

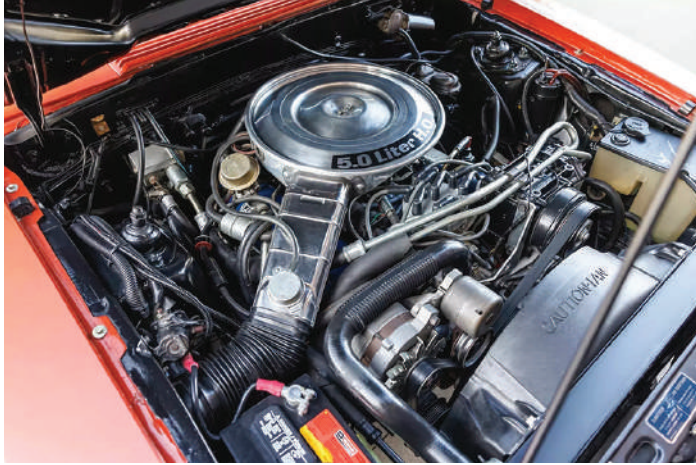
In an effort to turn the Foxbody into something resembling a Daytona, seemingly inspired by the iconic Ferrari 365 GTB/4 Daytona, Cars and Concepts gave it Perspex headlight covers and a T-top roof. That roof design would later appear as a factory option for the Foxbody, but in 1979, this setup made the car a true standout.

According to Mecum Auctions, this very Mustang was featured by Ford at the New York, Chicago, and Detroit Auto Shows in 1979. After making the rounds, it was repurposed as a pace car for several Daytona road course races that same year. Once its public duties were done, the car was tucked away in the Henry Ford Museum for roughly twenty years before eventually landing in private ownership.

In 2005, it received a repaint in Vivid Red Orange, a color that complements its sharp, period-correct styling. Under the hood, the original 5.0-liter naturally aspirated V8 is still in place, paired with a four-speed manual transmission.

It's not just a museum piece, either, as the car won an Award of Distinction at the Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance in 2024, and the interior remains in remarkably clean condition.









# THE SCENE

## Showin' Off









## A side-profile photograph of a white 1965 Ford Mustang coupe. The car is parked on a paved surface. In the background, a large, white, arched structure, likely part of the New York World of Fair, is visible. Numerous colorful flags are flying from tall poles behind the car. A man in a brown suit and a woman in a dark blue dress are standing near the rear of the car, looking at each other. Other people are visible in the background, some standing and some walking. The car has a silver Mustang emblem on the front fender and distinctive five-spoke wheels.

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## A close-up photograph of the front grille of a red Ford Mustang. The central focus is the chrome running horse emblem, which is mounted on a black rectangular background. The grille itself is black with horizontal chrome bars. Above the emblem, a small red oval badge is visible on the red body panel. The image is taken from a low angle, emphasizing the car's front end.

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## **Going Up?**

When the day came, a team of Ford employees disassembled the car at street level and then reassembled it at the top of the building. The process went so smoothly, the task was completed in about an hour.

## **1966 Mustang GT EV**

Few remember that Ford was an early player on the EV scene, its fully electric 1966 Mustang GT arriving just in time for Christmas at the low, low price of just \$4.95. Available exclusively at Ford dealers, the micro-Stang included steerable front wheels, working head- and taillamps, and a simulated V-8 under the hood. Batteries were included.

## **No Money Down!**

Ford took orders for 22,000 Mustangs within a day of its release, and by the end of 1967 Ford had moved more than one million Mustangs out of showrooms and into owners' garages. Price at launch: \$2358.

## **Numerology**

Ford made a big deal about the "1964.5" model-year designation when the car debuted at the 1964 World's Fair, but in reality those cars were actually early 1965 models, and the VINs prove it: the first digit of the vehicle-identification number of those cars (which correlates with the last digit of the model year) is 5, not 4.

## **Der Mustang**

The Mustang would be known as the "T5" in Europe until the 1980s. When it came time to launch the Stang overseas, Ford discovered that a German truck firm had previously been granted the copyright for the name "Mustang." To avoid delays or litigation, Ford simply called it the T5, the internal code-name used during the Mustang's development.

## **Horse Sense**

Although facing left in early sketches, the Mustang silhouette emblem on the grille always runs to the passenger side of the vehicle; on the flanks of a vehicle, the horse is always positioned so it runs toward the front of the car.

## **Empire state of mind**

On the eve of October 20, 1965, Ford put a Mustang convertible on the roof of the Empire State Building. To achieve the feat, engineers in Dearborn devised a system to separate the car into four sections that could fit in the building's 7-foot-tall elevators.

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## **Mid-engined Mustang was a thing.**

Looking to keep Mustang mania running at full gallop, Ford design chief Gene Bordinat and the Special Vehicles Group created the Mach 2 concept in 1967. Placing a 289-cubic-inch Hi-Po V-8 behind the driver and passenger eliminated the rear seats but allowed the Stang to keep its trademark long hood and short deck. According to the Ford archives, the design was briefly considered as a replacement for the Shelby Cobra. Sadly, those dreams were never realized.

## **Cubic Inches**

By the 1968 model year, the number of engine choices for Mustang buyers had grown to five: the 200-cubic-inch and 250 inline sixes, 289 V-8, which was replaced midyear by the 302 V-8, the legendary 390-hp 427 FE, and the 390-hp "police interceptor" 427. But as engine choices grew so did the Mustang, getting larger for '67, for '69, and then again for 1971. It was still desirable, but its innocence was lost.

## **The Mustang II didn't have to suck.**

In 1971, Ghia studios of Italy, in which Ford owned a controlling interest at the time, produced the designs—and, according to Iacocca, a running mule—that would eventually evolve into the 1974 Mustang II. Sadly, very few of the styling ideas previewed by the mule made it to the production car. It would be another decade until the Mustang fully got its groove back.

# Ford Performance Announces NASCAR Xfinity Mustang-Only Tournament



By: Alexandra Purcell  
Source: [fordauthority.com](http://fordauthority.com)

Ford Performance and motorsport go hand-in-hand, and now, The Blue Oval is raising the stakes for select NASCAR Xfinity Series drivers with its new “Drive 4 A Difference Challenge.” The four-race tournament invites drivers of the Ford Mustang Dark Horse race cars to a round of friendly competition as they race against one another for a sizable check that will be donated to a charity of their choice.

The Drive 4 A Difference Challenge is presented by Ford Performance and the Gene Haas Foundation, pitting five Xfinity Series Mustang racers against one another across four races. The Mustangs will compete for a \$50,000 purse, which will be split across five charities hand-selected by each driver.

The challenge kicks off at Charlotte Motor Speedway on May 24th, 2025, before heading to Nashville Superspeedway (May 31st), Mexico City (June 14th, and finishing up at Pocono Raceway (June 21st). The tournament will use the Xfinity Series’ regular points system to determine a winner, including stage points. However, should one of the Ford Performance drivers win a race, their points for that event will be doubled. Whoever has the most total points at the end of the challenge will be declared winner.

Ford Mustang drivers Sheldon Creed, Sam Mayer, Harrison Burton, Ryan Sieg, and Kyle Sieg will compete in the tournament. Creed represents Friends of Jaclyn Foundation, Mayer has picked the Starkey Hearing Foundation, Burton has chosen All Within My Hands, Ryan Sieg will support the Isabella Santos Foundation, and Kyle Sieg has chosen the Motor Racing Outreach.

The charity picked by the driver with the most points will receive \$20,000. Second place gets \$15,000, while the three outstanding charities will each receive \$5,000.

Ford Performance, for its part, is doing its best to promote the Ford Mustang in motorsports, aiming to bring its single-make Mustang Challenge to global markets to drum up interest in the purpose-built Dark Horse R. Gene Haas himself has a deep connection with Ford, too, although he elected to shut the doors of his Cup Series team last year.



# Mustang '69



1969 Mustang Sportsroof 2+2

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Yes

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No

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Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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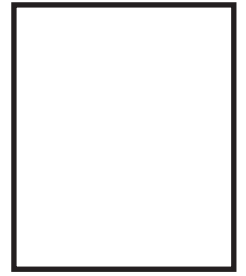
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