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Turbine-Powered 1967 Mustang Dragster



**9 Mustang Model
Years That Struggle
With Reliability
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Last Thursday of Each Month

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Club Info

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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.

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Greetings to all of you Mustangers!!

We are off to a great year as a club with lots of activities suited to a large cross section of our membership. We have as a club mission to have fun! This year should deliver for all of you! It is hard to believe that we have finished a third of 2026 already!

Our club breakfast on the first Saturday of each month, and our club monthly meeting time and place usually the last Thursday of the month Jan to Oct (and the third Thursday for Nov).

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 June 6.

Monthly club meetings next one is May 28: 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.

We went as a club to the breakfast on April 4 then to the Sanger Depot Museum where we had a fun time. Someone unearthed a HS picture of Mary K which made the rounds on our facebook page. April 17 we had a celebration for the 61st birthday for the Mustang at Triangle Drive In with a new twist on a quiz from Steve Presser. This had a lot more trivia questions about which Mustangs appeared in movies, and some more club history.

On the 18th we had a club drive to the Petersen Museum in LA with a vault tour too! We had dinner at a German restaurant that night. Sunday April 19th we started out with breakfast at Denny's then split into two groups; Joe and I went to Paramount Studios tour for the day and Denise & her mom went to La Brea Tar Pits & Museum. We had planned to have dinner in Bakersfield at Cracker Barrel, but we missed each other by about 15 minutes. We had our April board meeting in the Elbow Room which everyone loved. Any club member is invited to any of our board meetings. See what you are missing out on!

I just want to make it clear what the role of the four members at large are: If you as a member have a question, concern, compliment, or complaint please take it to any of the four MALs. Chris McKinney, Cathy Stacy, Diana Buranen, and Susan Conner. You

may request a private conversation with any one of them. They are you direct representation on the board. They can bring up an issue on your behalf and keep it anonymous, or you may elect to have your name attached to it. This year they have a new role of being part of the calling committee. Each member has been assigned to the calling team so you will be getting calls from your calling team!

I believe that activities, including car shows, day trips, and some overnight trips, 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 2026!

Brandon Walker
CVMC President!



As some of you know ad for those that are "newer" to the group, my primary job is a graphic designer for a printing company that deals mainly with the ag industry. This year it has absolutely exploded whethe it's the US, Mexico, Chile or Peru.

There have been MANY long days and along with some health issues, I've run out of steam as of late.

I'm trying to get back on track with the newsletter and just wanted to say thank you for your patience and support.

Garo Chekerdeman
CVMC - Newsletter Editor

upcoming events

JUNE 2026

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
12 Fri	5PM - 8PM		Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church
19 Fri	5PM - 8PM		Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church
22 Mon	6PM - 8PM		Board Meeting Red lobster
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			Mendenhall Museum of Gasoline Pumps and Petroliana and Solvang

Check online for updates and additions

happy birthday



APRIL:

- Apr 8 Etta Hobbs
- Apr 19 Lucas Kokalis
- Apr 21 Patricia McKinney
- Apr 30 Ryan Medlock

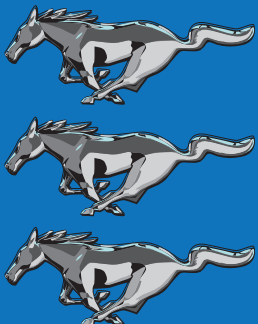
MAY:

- May 2 Trudy Marean
- May 3 Hilary Vellandi
- May 10 Al Ramirez
- May 10 Bob Sharp
- May 13 Greg Cohorst
- May 22 Linda Alexander
- May 26 Lynda Baldwin
- May 27 Lynne Rayner

NEW MEETING PLACE / TIME!!!

next general meeting
June 25th, 2026

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'Sudden Death' 1975 Ford Mustang II Heading To 2026 Ford Nationals



By Brett Foote
Source: fordauthority.com

The 2026 Ford Carlisle Nationals - which takes place June 5th-7th - will once again play host to a massive celebration of all things Blue Oval, featuring over 3,000 different Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, and European FoMoCo models, along with an array of special displays, parts, tools, memorabilia, collectibles, and much more. Many of those special displays are intended to celebrate various Ford-related milestones, and they'll also play host to some cool rides - including this rather famous 1975 Ford Mustang II.

This Ford Mustang II was originally built by Jack Roush of Roush Performance fame for Detroit area street racer Joe Rugeirello, and it has held quite a few names over the years - including "Sudden Death", "Jaws", and "Livvie." After debuting back in the late 1970s, this Ford Mustang II wound up being featured in a number of magazines over the years, and was restored back in 2016. The spare no-expenses sort of build features a massive 505 cubic-inch powerplant that was once strapped with a pair of turbos, coupled with an array of go-fast wizardry.

Notably, Roush is turning 50 years old in 2026, meaning that the upcoming Ford Carlisle Nationals is the perfect venue to celebrate that occasion. Roush has churned out a slew of Ford-based models and high-performance parts over the years, and many of them will be on display in Building T at this year's event. Additionally, the Ford Nationals will play host to a Roush vehicle parade on Friday, while the showfield will feature special Roush vehicle classes.

Just this past January, Jack Roush was awarded with his second Bill France Award of Excellence, making him the only person in history to sang that honor more than once. The Bill France Award of Excellence is bestowed upon individuals who have made significant contributions to NASCAR, and is the sport's most prestigious honor.



9 Mustang Model Years That Struggle With Reliability Issues

From fragile intake manifolds to troublesome transmissions, these Mustangs developed reputations for mechanical headaches.



By: Verdad Gallardo

Source: themustangsource.com

1. 2000 Ford Mustang

The 2000 Mustang is often cited as one of the most troublesome model years in the car's long history. Many examples suffered from intake manifold cracking, engine misfires, and cooling system leaks. The plastic intake manifolds used on some 4.6-liter engines were particularly prone to failure, often leading to overheating if left unaddressed. While replacement parts eventually solved the problem, the issue affected enough cars to leave a lasting mark on the model year's reputation.

2. 2021 Ford Mustang

Even modern Mustangs haven't been immune to reliability complaints. The 2021 model year generated numerous reports involving electrical systems and transmission behavior. Problems ranged from infotainment glitches to inconsistent automatic transmission performance, highlighting the increasing complexity of modern performance cars.

3. 2005 Ford Mustang

The 2005 Mustang marked one of the most important redesigns in the car's history. Inspired by classic styling cues, the new generation quickly became a sales success. However, early production cars suffered from fuel system issues, transmission hesitation, and electrical faults. First-year redesigns often reveal hidden engineering problems, and the 2005 Mustang was no exception.

4. 2015 Ford Mustang

The 2015 Mustang represented one of the biggest engineering changes the car had ever undergone. Along with the new chassis came turbocharged EcoBoost engines, new electronics, and the independent rear suspension setup. Owners reported manual transmission issues, infotainment problems, and interior build quality concerns during the first production year. Many of these issues were addressed in later S550 models.

5. 2016 Ford Mustang

The S550 platform introduced independent rear suspension for the first time in Mustang history, improving handling but also bringing new complications. Some 2016 cars generated complaints involving automatic transmission shifting behavior, suspension noise, and electronic glitches tied to infotainment and dashboard systems.

6. 2011 Ford Mustang

The 2011 Mustang debuted the modern 5.0-liter “Coyote” V8, dramatically increasing performance. While the engine itself proved strong over time, some early examples developed engine ticking noises and clutch problems. Owners also reported occasional electrical faults and drivetrain complaints, typical of a model year introducing an all-new powertrain.

7. 2010 Ford Mustang

The 2010 model introduced a major exterior refresh but retained the previous powertrain lineup. Owners reported a variety of issues ranging from engine ticking noises to transmission concerns. While many cars proved dependable long term, early complaints highlighted inconsistencies in build quality during this transitional year.

8. 2006 Ford Mustang

The retro-styled S197 Mustang launched in 2005, but the following year still experienced lingering problems. Some owners reported manual transmission issues, including clutch wear and shifting difficulties. Electrical glitches and interior component failures were also frequent complaints, suggesting the platform still needed refinement after its debut.

9. 2001 Ford Mustang

The 2001 Mustang continued to use the 4.6-liter modular V8, but some cars suffered from intake manifold failures. The plastic composite manifolds used on many engines could crack near the thermostat housing, causing coolant leaks and overheating. While replacement manifolds eventually addressed the issue, failures were common enough that many owners had to replace the component prematurely.





THE SCENE

Clovis Rodeo Parade





Aria's 16th Birthday Surprise

On March 21st CVMC performed a special birthday delivery surprise for a sweet 16 party. Aria had no idea we were coming and everyone was surprised when we rolled up on the birthday party and lined up the Mustangs. After a little PR and such the club headed out to share some good food. Ponies gotta eat.



Turbine-Powered 1967 Mustang Dragster Is One Seriously Cool Project

This 1967 Mustang was purchased new as a bare body and transformed into a 300 mph quarter-mile turbine-powered beast.



By: Brett Foote
Source: themustangsource.com

These days, the online car auction circuit is one ripe with choices, providing us with some bargains, as well as the chance to own seriously rare and expensive machinery, too. Then there are the countless unique and even oddball vehicles to choose from, ex-racing machines, and even things like vintage memorabilia and furniture made from automotive parts. Then there's this – a turbine-powered 1967 Mustang drag racer that's easily one of the more unique projects we've seen in some time.

This 1967 Mustang recently hit the virtual block at Bring a Trailer as a non-running but incredibly cool and promising project for someone in the market, and it has a very interesting history, to boot. A fellow named Ted Trischle purchased the pony car brand new as a bare unibody, and then proceeded to transform it into a quarter-mile demon with loads of custom details. That much is evident from the red exterior, which features this car's nickname prominently – Krispy Kritter.

Out back, one can't help but notice this car's centerpiece – a Westinghouse J34 turbine that reportedly came from a McDonnell F2H Banshee once enlisted in the U.S. Navy itself. It's surrounded by custom fiberglass bodywork, flanked by a pair of drag chutes to slow it down, and held up by a custom suspension setup and rear end. The 1967 Mustang rolls on a set of slotted aluminum wheels wrapped with Goodyear tires, which are probably in need of replacement given their age.

In any event, it'll take a brave soul to propel this beast down the drag strip, as is evident when one peeks inside the cabin. There, the passenger seat has been replaced by the turbine, which protrudes into the cabin and takes up residence next to the driver. They're at least surrounded by a roll cage and held in place by a harness, but the fuel tank is also sitting nearby. Notably, the throttle controls are believed to have come from a boat.

Pop the hood, and one will find the other end of the turbine, which is in somewhat unknown condition – it's also unclear when it last ran, in fact, though the car does come with instructions on how to operate the unique power-plant. When it was going down the track, this combo was apparently good enough to exceed the 300mph mark in the quarter-mile, which is blazing fast for its era, and in today's world, too.

It'll obviously take some work to get this historic 1967 Mustang dragster back up, running, and flying down the track, but it's certainly a project worth taking on. After all, how many real-deal, vintage jet-powered pony cars are there in the world?





THE SCENE

Paramount Studio

STAGE 18
Constructed 1941

Produced On This Stage

ROAD TO RIO	1947
SUNSET BOULEVARD	1950
SHANE	1953
REAR WINDOW	1954
BONANZA	1959 - 1971
THE MAN WHO SHOT LIBERTY VALANCE	1962
THE GRADUATE	1967
COMING TO AMERICA	1980
GHOST	1990
STAR TREK: DEEP SPACE NINE	1993 - 1999
VANILLA SKY	2001
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 3	2006

Recent Productions

AMERICAN HORROR STORY	2011
SCHOOL OF ROCK	2016 - 2019

STAGE 20
Constructed 1935

Produced On This Stage

MY THREE SONS	1960 - 1972
THAT GIRL	1966 - 1971
LAVERNE & SHIRLEY	1976 - 1983
WEBSTER	1983 - 1987
DEAD AGAIN	1991
ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES	1993
STAR TREK: VOYAGER	1995 - 2001
PRIMAL FEAR	1996
WE WERE SOLDIERS	2002
YES, DEAR	2000 - 2006
FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL	2008
THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO	2011

Recent Productions

INSTANT MOM	2013 - 2015
THIS IS US	2017 - 2022
THE ROOKIE	2022 - PRESENT





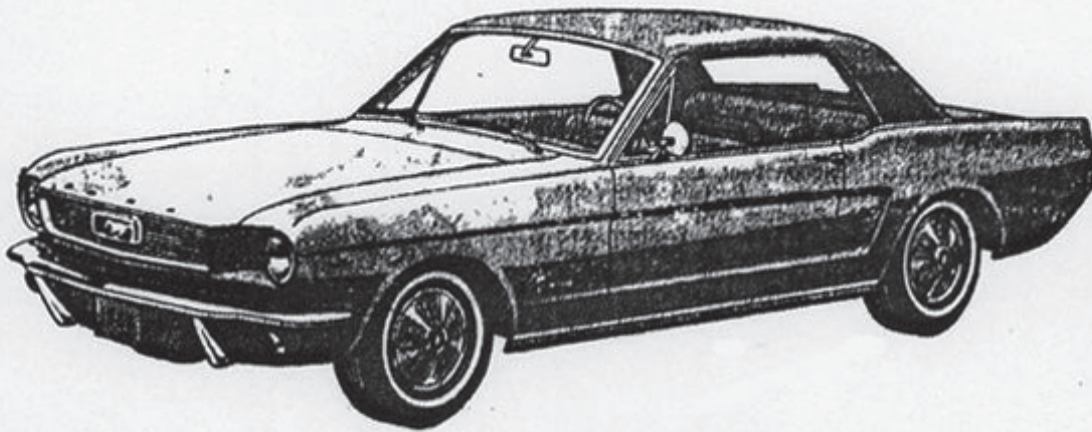
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Road Trip: The Petersen Museum



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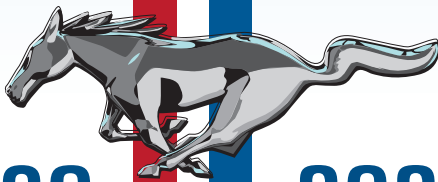
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Birthdate: _____

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Vehicle Color * _____ Speciality Vehicle? _____

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