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## *Rare 1968 Mustang GT 390 - 1 of 6*



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Mustang  
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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



## 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.

**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.



## Board Members

### CVMC OFFICERS

Brandon Walker • President	288-0450
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Susan Ward • Secretary	288-6352
Diane Tjerrild • Treasurer	696-6553

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Chris McKinny	281-8026
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Susan Conner	824-9625

\* Compliments or complaints should be presented to Members At Large.

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\* Suggestions for activities should be directed to the Activities Committee.

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Robin McCann 709-0830

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CVMC Members	FREE
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with Photo	\$10.00

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CVMC Members	FREE
Issue	\$5.00
Six Months	\$13.00
One Year	\$25.00

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Issue	\$7.00
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## Past Presidents

Brandon Walker	2024-2025
Joseph Colvin	2020-2023
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Ron Deubner	2010
Jim Sanborn	2009
Wanda Hamshar	2008
Michael Metz	2006-2007
Jim Sanborn	2005
Doug Deffenbach	2003-2004
Christina De La Pena	2001-2002
Jim Sanborn	2000
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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!



Greetings to all of you Mustangers!!

Wow 2026 is here way over! Maybe I must be getting old as the time seems to accelerate for me now. Please be thinking of how you can serve our club next year. Every single position is open and we will have nominations open in September & October general meetings for President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, 4 seats for member-at-large, Activities, Membership which are all elected. We also have other places that you can help in appointed positions or committees. We will elect the new board at the November meeting as always. We can use help in all areas and this will give you a say in how CVMC is run. All current members are always invited to our board meetings which usually occur on the Monday prior to our general meeting.

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 your 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!

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 will have a teaser of what is upcoming

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 July 4.

**Monthly club 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.**

We are going to Mendenhall Museum on Saturday June 27. See our calendar for more updates.

I believe that activities, including car shows, day trips, and some overnight trips, are the lifeblood of our club!



**Garo Chekerdeman**  
CVMC - Newsletter Editor

# upcoming events

## JULY 2026

Date	Time	Event Type	Description
3 Fri	5PM - 8PM		<a href="#">Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church</a>
4 Sat	10:00AM - 12:00PM		<a href="#">Club Breakfast/THE TRAIN DEPOT</a>
10 Fri	5PM - 8PM		<a href="#">No Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church</a>
17 Fri	5PM - 8PM		<a href="#">No Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church</a>
24 Fri	5PM - 8PM		<a href="#">Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church</a>
27 Mon	6PM - 8:30PM		<a href="#">Board Meeting Old Spaghetti Factory</a>
30 Thu	5:30PM - 8:00PM		<a href="#">El Pueblito Mexican Restaurant C.V.M.C. General Membership Meeting</a>
31 Fri	5PM - 8PM		<a href="#">Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church</a>

Check online for updates and additions

# happy birthday



## JUNE:

- Jun 2 Ron Coppola
- Jun 8 Sharon Walker
- Jun 16 Stephan Butterfield
- Jun 18 Mary Kokalis
- Jun 21 Peter McCann

## NEW MEETING PLACE / TIME!!!

next general meeting

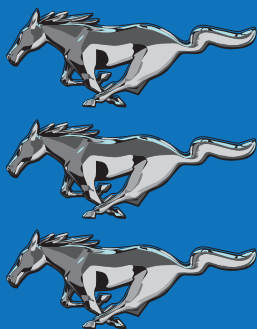
# July 30th, 2026

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# Hertz Wanted \$65K For Its Shelby Mach-Es, Now It Will Take Almost Anything

Only 100 of these Shelby Mach-Es exist, but Hertz keeps slashing prices and buyers still aren't showing up fast enough



***Hertz has cut prices on its Shelby Mach-Es again, and the drop is steep. Mileage across the cars on offer ranges from just 3,275 to over 15,000 miles. Shelby's tuning package adds looks and sound, but no real performance.***

Hertz has a long history of renting out modified cars from Shelby to its customers, and often these vehicles become prized collector's items. That does not appear to be the case with the Shelby-tuned Ford Mustang Mach-Es that it had in its fleet.

The rental giant started offloading a bunch of these special black-and-gold Mustang Mach-Es back in late 2024, asking around \$65,000 for most of them. Fast forward just a couple of months to January 2025, and the prices were slashed to around \$60,000. Hertz, clearly desperate to offload its remaining inventory, has reduced prices by a further \$20,000. Could this be a deal too good to pass up?

A scan of Hertz's current inventory across the States turns up 31 Shelby Mach-Es, with prices spanning a narrow \$40,085 to \$40,999 and mileage stretching from 3,275 to just over 15,000. The cheapest examples sit in California, while a Scottsdale car claims the lowest mileage of the lot at 3,275 for \$40,649. One in New Orleans splits the difference at 8,215 miles for \$40,436. A new Mach-E GT, the donor car for the Shelby treatment, stickers at \$53,395.

## **A Performance Bargain?**

It shouldn't come as much of a surprise that Hertz has slashed prices of these cars so significantly. After all, they are EVs, and current electric cars tend to depreciate very quickly. We suspect the designs of the Shelby models also turn off many prospective buyers, particularly because of the go-fast gold racing stripes and carbon fiber parts, including the hood.

Shelby is believed to have built just 100 examples of the Hertz-exclusive Ford Mustang Mach-E GT, so it does have exclusivity going for it. In addition to the gold stripes and the carbon parts, Shelby added custom black wheels and sourced an exhaust sound system from Borla, aiming to replicate the sound of an internal combustion engine. Sadly, no real performance upgrades were made that could justify the price.

There is also the usual caveat that comes with any ex-rental: someone else got the keys first, and they probably did not treat them gently.



## Rare 1968 Ford Mustang GT 390 Emerges With Special-Order Paint and One-of-Six Configuration

A highly uncommon 1968 Ford Mustang GT 390 finished in a factory special-order color has surfaced for sale, standing out as one of only six examples built with its specific combination of paint, trim and performance equipment.

While Ford produced more than 317,000 Mustangs for the 1968 model year, the majority were far less exclusive than this particular coupe. Records included with the car show it was ordered in Beige Mist, a discontinued color that remained available only through Ford's special-order paint program.

The color had previously appeared in the Mustang lineup during the 1967 model year before being removed from the standard palette. Buyers willing to pay extra, however, could still request the shade through Ford's special-order process in 1968. According to documentation accompanying the vehicle, only six Mustangs were built that year with the same paint and trim combination.

The car's appearance becomes even more distinctive with its black vinyl roof and red interior, creating a striking contrast rarely seen on Mustangs of the era. With all options and specifications considered together, the vehicle could potentially be a one-of-one example.

Beyond its rare presentation, the Mustang also carries one of the more desirable engines offered during the late 1960s muscle car era. Under the hood is Ford's S-code 390-cubic-inch FE V8, the first big-block engine available in the Mustang lineup. Introduced in 1967, the engine elevated the Mustang's performance credentials and helped transform the pony car into a serious muscle machine.

For 1968, output increased to 325 horsepower, though the engine no longer served as the top performance option after the arrival of the 428 Cobra Jet. Even so, the 390-powered Mustang remained a relatively uncommon choice, appearing in fewer than 4% of Mustangs built that year.

The engine in this example is paired with a three-speed automatic transmission. While it remains unclear whether the drivetrain is numbers-matching, the car retains a factory-correct appearance throughout.

The Mustang has undergone at least one restoration and appears to be in excellent condition inside and out. Factory Deluxe interior equipment includes a center console, air conditioning and a remote-operated driver-side mirror. An aftermarket radio has been added, though the remainder of the cabin closely follows original specifications.

The car is currently listed for sale on Bring a Trailer and is located in Gladstone, Oregon. Bidding had reached \$23,000 with several days remaining before the auction closes.



## Rare 1968 Ford Mustang GT 390



# Fun Fact:

The Mustang was ALMOST a Lincoln LS. the 2003 Concept car for the S197 generation Mustang was entirely based off the Jaguar developed DEW98 Platform that sat under the Lincoln LS, Jaguar S-type, and last gen Ford Thunderbird. And even the Production S197 has alot of that Jaguar DNA in it.



# sad Fact:

**FORD BUILT A MID-ENGINE MUSTANG IN 1967. A 289 V8 BEHIND THE SEATS ON A CONVERTIBLE FLOOR PAN. 2,644 POUNDS. BOTH PROTOTYPES WERE DESTROYED.**



# THE SCENE

## Carnegie Museum Car Show

Article By: Susan Conner



CVMC participated in the Carnegie Museum Car Show on June 6 in Hanford. Seven of our cars entered and enjoyed an early morning run to Hanford for a warm (hot?) day displaying our cars and perusing the amazing selection (hundreds) of cars, very old to very new. A bonus was the varied food trucks on site, including (of course) the Superior Dairy trailer for those craving their yummy ice cream. Note: Superior Dairy is undergoing renovation that will most likely be completed by next June, when the car show is scheduled for June 5, 2027. We should calendar this show for next year! Our members Dennis and Susan Conner won a "Best Modern Car" award for their 2025 Mustang GT. Congratulations!





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# THE SCENE

## 2026 Minarets High School Graduation Parade

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**Congrats  
Class of 2026!**



# THE SCENE

## CVMC Receives Veteran's Day Parade Award for Support





# CVMC goes to Zumwalt Meadow in Kings Canyon National Park

On Saturday May 27, 2026, our club went to Kings Canyon National Park and specifically to have a great drive and picnic lunch at Zumwalt Meadow. We stopped along the way for some great pictures and just to appreciate the wonderful scenery that we are so close to just an hour away from Fresno to the entrance gate. Upon getting through the gate I felt a great relief of pressure and tension. It has been over six years since I had gone here and I usually go several times per year.

We had a small group that went on the trip of three Mustangs and six people: Chris B, Stephan B, Joe, Steve P and his friend, and I. We had a very relaxing time here even though everyone else decided to go to Zumwalt Meadow that day. We could not find any parking spaces so we continued east to the end of the road and parked in a turnout. We happen to be lucky as we had a picnic table very close to the river. I almost fell asleep in my chair it was so peaceful and tranquil there.

We also met up with an old member of the club – Manny. We will reveal who Manny is in next month's presidential message. Let us just say he is an old friend.

We will have some more great trips like this so stay tuned for what our Activities Chair, Denise, has in store for us.

Kings Canyon NP is a wonderful place to relax and visit. There are many hikes available at different levels so that everyone can find something that they like.

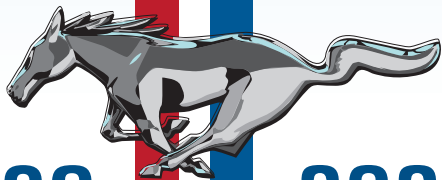


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[ ] New Member \$30 [ ] Renewal \$25 (+\$5/Addtl. Family Member): [ ] Same contact info as last year [ ] New contact info:

PRIMARY MEMBER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current MCA (Mustang Club Of America) member?  Yes  No

MCA (Mustang Club Of America) Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Preferred Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In an effort to maintain the privacy of our members, please select if you prefer to not publish your contact information in our membership lists.

Please do NOT publish.  It is OK to share my information with other members.

**Please select your choice. We WILL NOT sell or share your information with ANYONE outside the club membership.**

SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's name(s) and birthdate(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### 1ST VEHICLE - Please enter your vehicle(s) information.

Vehicle Year \* \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Make \* \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Model \* \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Use back of form for additional vehicles.**

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

*Membership Requirements: Insurance - Each active and honorary membership will be required to carry and produce to the Membership Committee evidence of public liability and property damage insurance as follows: a) In the minimum amount required by California law. B) Or, in individual cases, the amounts recommended by the Membership Committee or the Executive Board. This insurance must cover the car owner and any driver of that member's vehicle. Lack or, cancellation of a member's policy immediately invalidates his/her membership in this club. Operator's License - Each active and honorary member must have a valid vehicle operator's license at all times. Lack of, cancellation of, or expiration of this license immediately invalidates membership.*

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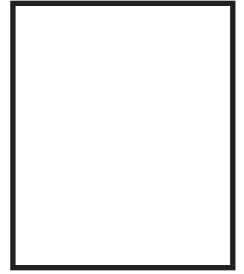
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