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Last Thursday of Each Month

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from the
president



from the
editor

Happy New Year!
Welcome to 2022.

Will it be better? Worse? The same? Only time will tell. I do know that each new year is an opportunity for new adventures and I look forward to getting out with the club and having a great year.

We have many events planned already for this year. I look forward to having more driving events so we can get out and enjoy our cars and each other's company. And for the first time in many years, we have a Mustang Club of America show on the west coast.

As a representative club it would be nice to see a good showing of our membership. That's also a show where you will see cars that don't show up at other events. It should be a good time.

Check huntcal for upcoming events and join the fun.

Let's get out there and have a great time.

Joe
CVMC Grand Poohbah
joe@cvmustang.org

Is it just me or does it seem like every few years we're filled with anxiety like new parents to be?

Recently the 2024 Mustang was caught on the streets running around testing in public in HEAVY camo. Superman wouldn't be able to see through the camo and see what is coming out in the new rendition of the pony.

As you can imagine, the Internet is coming out with more and more "renderings" of what the car will look like in the final version and boy, there are some imaginative folks out there. Personally, looking at recent styling of new Fords, I've got concerns (for the Mustang).

We'll see what comes out but I wouldn't wish the pressure of giving the green light at Ford and say yup, that's the design of the New Mustang on my worst enemy.

Garo Chekerdemanian
CVMC - Newsletter Editor



upcoming events

FEBRUARY 2022

Date	Time	Description
5 Sat	8 ^{AM} - 10:30 ^{AM} ☑	Cars at the Pointe
	10:00 ^{AM} ☑	Monthly Club Breakfast/Blossom Trail Cafe
12 Sat	6 ^{PM} ☑	CVMC Valentines Dinner
19 Sat	☑	Vegas Trip
21 Mon	6 ^{PM} - 8 ^{PM} ☑	Board meeting @Luna'a in Clovis
24 Thu	7 ^{PM}	C.V.M.C. General Membership Monthly Meeting
26 Sat	☑	Blossom Trail

Check online for updates and additions

happy birthday

JANUARY:

Jan 4 Keith Carson
 Jan 7 Laura Gardner
 Jan 7 Tish Davis
 Jan 8 Chris Butterfield
 Jan 10 Kest Cousins
 Jan 13 Russell Koop
 Jan 16 Crystal Pistol
 Jan 18 Jaime Pulmano
 Jan 20 James Stewart
 Jan 21 Wanda Hamshar
 Jan 26 Chris McKinney
 Jan 27 Dan Clingenpeel



next general meeting
 November 18th, 2021

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 (Northwest Corner of Shaw / Marty)

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Rare 1968 Ford Mustang GT500KR Is A 1-Of-1 Shelby



By: John Puckett
Source: motorious.com

This aggressive pony car is about to cross the auction block.

1968 was an amazing year for the, now famous, Ford Mustang and its various Shelby brethren such as the GT500. Carroll Shelby had previously been tasked with turning the mule that was the 1964/65 Mustang into a potent racing pony. This challenger produced such cars as this 1968 Shelby GT500 KR Convertible which takes the classic pony car look and adds a bit of the Shelby roadster style which the company had previously become famous for. Fortunately, that was combined with the power and engine tweaking that the Shelby American team did their best to create an amazing vehicle. The only downside to these cars is the general scarcity and lack of availability for most buyers. Luckily we have a possible solution to that issue.

Under the hood of this glorious hot rod is the legendary 428 ci Cobra-jet V8 which pushes out somewhere in the realm of 335 horsepower. Of course, no Shelby car would be complete without a fun, fast, and highly efficient automatic transmission which allows for smooth transferring of speed and linear power progression. It should be noted that while advertised as having 335 horsepower it is estimated that the real number is closer to 400, although this should be taken with a grain of salt because dynos exist and you don't need an estimate when you can see for yourself.

This example has been the subject of long term ownership, and has been owned by a Mustang and Shelby collector. It is a 1 of 1 Shelby convertible, according to a Marti Report, finished in the correct Wimbledon White with Black power top, and correct saddle bucket interior. It was restored over 40 years ago, and remains in excellent condition today.

This vehicle and many more are for sale at the GPK Auction and Car Show featuring several classes of top custom cars and '32 Fords. Also, see SEMA's first East Coast appearance. To learn more about the auction and the show visit <http://gp-kauctions.net>





Dearborn Stamping Plant Employee Retires After Nearly 70 Years On Job

These days, it's normal to see people "job hop," or at the very least, find a new company to work for every couple of years. But there are still some dedicated, loyal workers out there in the world, including 89-year-old Willie Fulton, who recently retired from the Ford Dearborn Stamping Plant after 68 years with Ford Motor Company. As one might imagine, Fulton was the automaker's longest-serving employee, having originally started his career there a year before the Thunderbird made its debut.

Fulton's first position at The Blue Oval was as a core fitter at the Dearborn Iron Foundry at the age of 21 on July 15th, 1953. A couple of years later, he moved over to the Dearborn Assembly Plant before heading back to the foundry in 1960. Fulton then spent some time working at Michigan Casting – now known as the Ford Flat Rock Assembly Plant – before landing at the Dearborn Stamping plant, where he has remained since 1982.

Fulton credits his longevity to Ford's shift to automated production processes, but it's still obviously incredibly impressive that he's been able to make it this long. "A lot of guys didn't hold up," he said. "I was lucky to be able to work 68 and a half years. A lot of guys, their bodies couldn't take it. I'm almost 90 years old and I'm still in pretty good shape because of the change they made to automation. The lifting and the bending and that – automation helped 100 percent."

Prior to his retirement, Fulton was responsible for ensuring Ford F-150 box floor pans made at the Dearborn Stamping Plant were properly aligned before they headed over to the Ford Dearborn Truck Plant for assembly. In his long career, he developed a reputation for perfection and a dedication to his craft. "Regardless of his age, he did not miss much at all," said Gary Tuttle Jr., team leader, zone one assembly. "He would see things that nobody else could see and always made sure things were exactly where they were supposed to be and if they weren't – I heard about it as soon as he knew about it."

Amazingly enough, Fulton had no plans to retire until a recent bout with pneumonia, which prompted him to find something else to do with his time. "I'm going to find something to do," he said. "I have to keep moving. I can't be sitting around the house. Keeping busy keeps your mind sharp. Every day I was working, I had something different to think about." Fulton is currently looking for a new hobby to occupy his time, which already includes playing around with model trains.

THE SCENE

2021 Christmas Party



2024 Ford Mustang prototype caught in new spy photos

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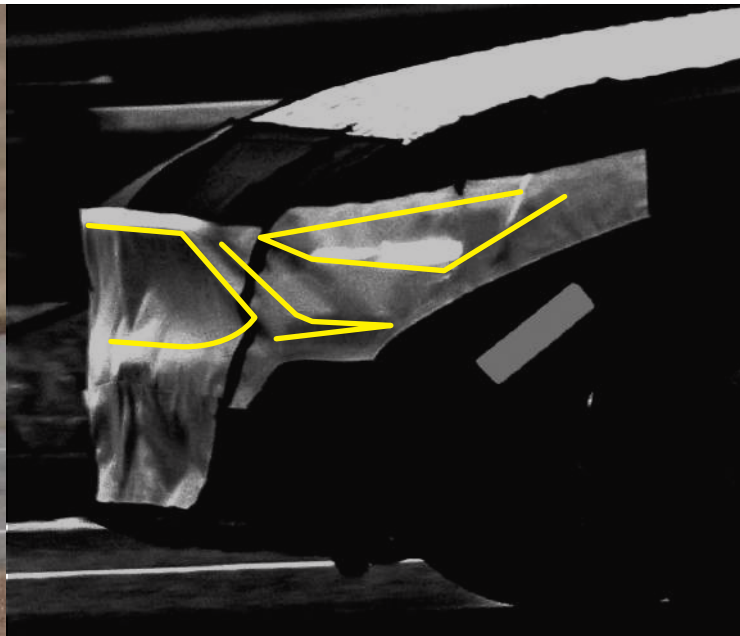
A next-generation Ford Mustang prototype was spotted testing on the company's development center this week, giving us our first look at what should be the S650 generation of Ford's iconic pony car.

The current Mustang debuted late in 2014 as a 2015 model and was refreshed for the 2018 model year. Special models have come and gone (RIP, GT350 and Bullitt), with the GT500 currently ruling the Mustang roost. The introduction of a high-output supercharged Shelby has recently been a good sign that development on a particular Mustang chapter is coming to a close. Since the GT500 has been here for a couple model years, that's a strong indicator that we're due for an overhaul. It was originally rumored to come as soon as the 2023 model year, but given the apparent state of completion of this prototype, we're betting it's at least another year away.

The camo on this prototype is extensive, but we can see the lines of a long-hood, 2+2 coupe lurking under all that vinyl and fabric. The large front-end cut out suggests the next-gen Mustang still needs to breathe plenty of air, which would mean it's very likely powered (at least in part) by an internal-combustion engine. This doesn't rule out hybridization, of course, or even an all-electric variant, but we're taking this as a sign that gasoline will be the primary fuel for volume-oriented Mustangs for at least the foreseeable future.

Previous rumors have suggested further downsizing of the Mustang's engine lineup and the potential introduction of both all-wheel drive and electrified models. Hybrids utilizing the 2.3-liter turbocharged four-cylinder found in the base car and EcoBoost high performance models, along with one based on what appears to be a variant of the Coyote V8 have been suggested, and we know for a fact that Ford's 10-speed automatic, which is already utilized in the current Mustang, was engineered for hybrid applications such as the 2021 Ford F-150 PowerBoost.





'Yellowstone' Star Kevin Costner Tells Incredible Story About Buying Iconic Mustang From 'Bull Durham'



"You decide if it was a good trade!" Yellowstone star Kevin Costner says with a smile as he shows off the Bull Durham Mustang he proudly owns.

If you've been keeping up with Kevin Costner's most recent HearHere sit-downs with us, then you've seen the gorgeous classic car sitting in the background as he chats. Sharp fans of Costner's will recognize this iconic sportster immediately: it's none other than the Bull Durham Mustang!

Specifically it's a green 1968 Shelby Mustang GT350 convertible, and it's an absolute beaut'. In the latest clip from their interview series, Costner tells the story of how he came into possession of the legendary Hollywood muscle himself.

"#KevinCostner@modernwest almost walked away from a chance to buy his car from #BullDurham but ponied up to purchase this iconic #Mustang," his travel app company HearHere posts to their Twitter Friday.

"If you had the chance to buy any #iconiccar from a movie, which one would you choose?" they ask. Well, we know the answer for the Yellowstone star – because he bought it!

"My most famous car is the one that's sitting right behind me: the Bull Durham car," Costner reveals, grinning. "I bought it just after shooting that movie."

"It cost \$14,000 for the production to buy, \$3,000 for them to fix up," he recalls. Did Costner purchase it for the total \$17,000, then? Nope!

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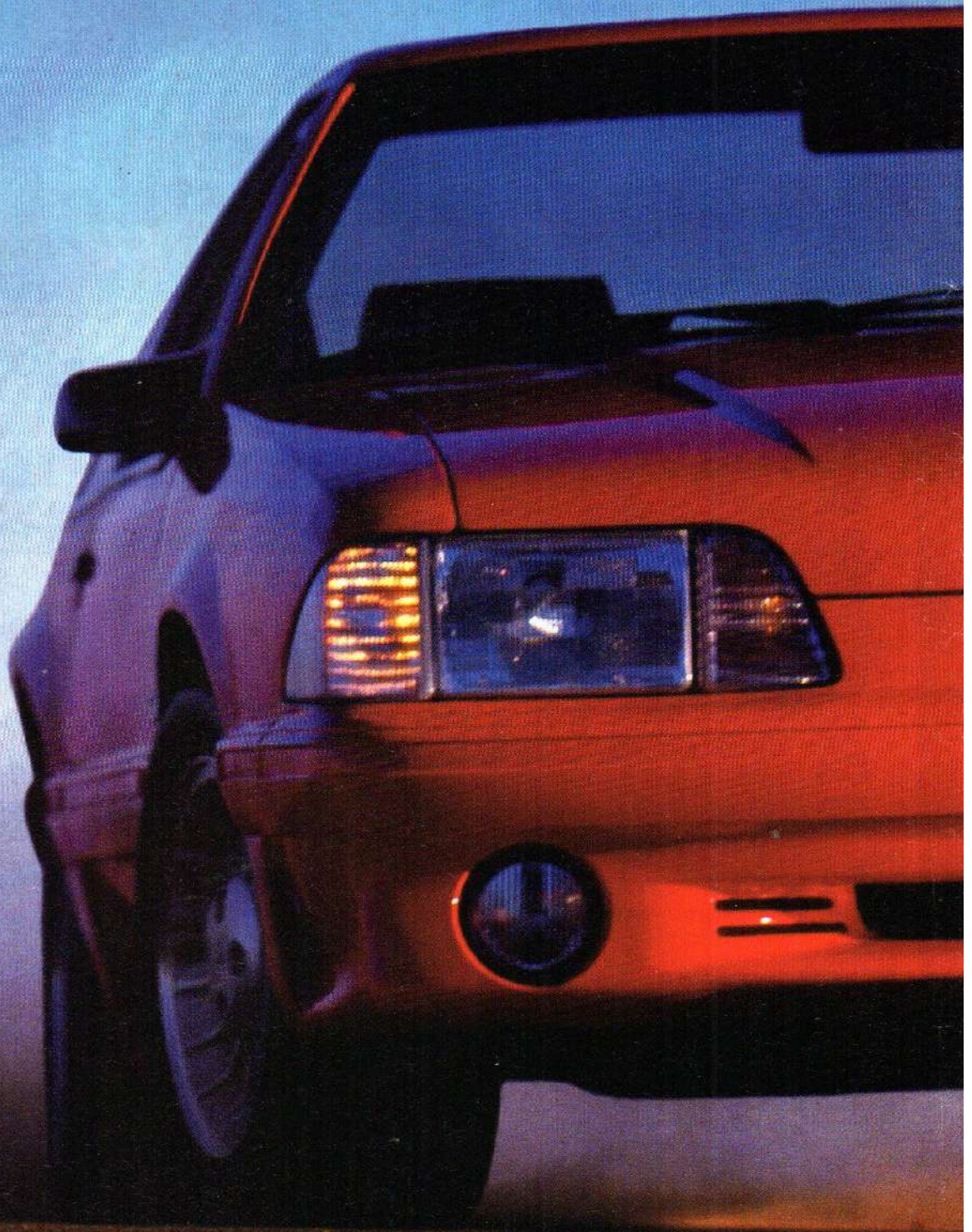
"I almost walked away from it, but then came to my senses," he smiles of the somewhat-off deal. "I don't know...You decide if it was a good trade! I'll let the public think about that one," he laughs with a wave.

Kevin Costner was certainly famous enough to finagle a better "trade" at the time he starred in Bull Durham if he wanted it. The film, which released in 1998, was another smash hit for the icon, earning well over its budget and cementing the Field of Dreams legend as the tour-de-force sports movie lead.

In fact, Bull Durham's baseball-centric tale was named the #1 Greatest Sports Movie of all time by Sports Illustrated. So if you're going to keep a car from a film, this one's a damn good bet!

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Massive Ford Collection Includes Rare Mustangs And Shelby Cobras

It's one of the most extensive private Ford collections in the world.



By: Anton Andres
Source: motor1.com

If you had the chance to build up your own, single-make collection, what brand would you choose? For Gary Thomas, the marque he went with was Ford. Not only that, his focus is on the high-performance models from the past, and a few ones from not too long ago. The Petersen Automotive Museum also calls Thomas' selection "one of the, if not the, best Shelby car collection in the world".

Thomas' assortment of Ford and Shelby models is so extensive, Petersen needed to break it all down in a three-part series. So if you have about 40 minutes to spare today, these videos are worth a watch. And if you think it's all about Mustangs, it's not. There is also a good mix of other fast Fords in this video. That said, the entire collection is not featured, but that's because there are about 200 cars under Thomas' roof.

According to Thomas, it took him about 40 years to amass all the cars he has at the moment. The Texan also has a load of spares neatly organized in his warehouse, along with other Ford-related memorabilia. Not only that, some of the cars have a story to tell. One of those cars with an interesting background is a black 1968 Shelby GT500KR.

The GT500KR is a rare beast, but Thomas' example is made extra special because of three autographs. These come from Carroll Shelby, Lee Iacocca, and Chuck Cantwell. Without those three persons, the legend of Shelby, the GT350, and the Mustang wouldn't exist. With those big names signed on the car, it is one of the most valuable cars in the collection.

But aside from the Shelbys and the Mustangs, Thomas also spoke fondly of his black Sunbeam Tiger. The British roadster is a stark contrast to the cars in the line-up, but there is a Blue Oval and Carroll Shelby connection. The Tiger was designed in part with Shelby, with the latter fitting a Ford 260 cubic inch (4.3-liter) V8 in a Sunbeam Alpine. After that, Shelby stuck a V8 in the AC Ace, and the rest is history.

Thomas also has a wide selection of Ford models from 1932 to the 1950s. There are street rods versions of the '32 Fords, along with standard versions of the car. He also has several 1939 Fords, a '42 Tractor, and SVT models from the early '90s.



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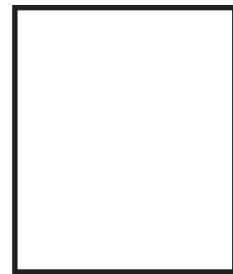
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