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from the president



from the editor

Feeling a little melancholy as I sit down to write my column this month. I hope you are all happy, healthy and safe and surrounded by those you love. We often take these things for granted. Life is short and we miss it because we are too wrapped up in trying to get through the day to stop and enjoy the time. That's too bad. It's also one of the reasons why I love this club so much. There's nothing like taking a nice drive and spending time with my Mustang family. Sharing a meal and a laugh around the table is the best medicine I know for a long hectic week at work. (Well maybe a cold beer too. Lol).

Time is a thief that steals everything from us. Let's take the time to get together with those we love and enjoy the time we have. In the end the only thing we take with us is our experiences and our memories. Make them the best that they can be.

I look forward to sharing a meal and a laugh with you all soon and getting out to enjoy our cars in some beautiful weather before the heat sets in this summer. Take each day as a new challenge to build memories we can cherish forever.

Take time to be happy.

Joe Colvin
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The machine of a dream Such a clean machine With the pistons a pumpin' And the hubcaps all gleam

When I'm holding your wheel
All I hear is your gear
With my hand on your grease gun
Oooh, it's like a disease, son

I'm in love with my car
Got a feel for my automobile
Get a grip on my boy-racer rollbar
Such a thrill when your radials squeal

Told my girl I'd have to forget her Rather buy me a new carburettor So, she made tracks, saying "This is the end now" "Cars don't talk back" "They're just four-wheeled friends, now"

When I'm holding your wheel
All I hear is your gear
When I'm cruisin' in overdrive
Don't have to listen
To no run-of-the-mill talk jive

I'm in love with my car
(In love with my car, in love with my car)
Got a feel for my automobile

I'm in love with my car (In love with my car, in love with my car) String back gloves in my automo-love

> I'm In Love with My Car Song by Queen

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4	5 _{PM} ≥	Ballis Glass Artisan Market	
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5 Sat	10:00 _{AM} 🔤	Monthly Club Breakfast/Blossom Trail Cafe	
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13 Sun	<u> </u>	Fabulous Ford for ever	
18 Fri	5 _{PM} ≥	Clovis Missionary Baptist Church Car Show	
19 Sat	8 _{AM} 🚃	Classic Cars, Coffee and Hearts	
	11 _{AM} 🕾	Joaquin Gardens Drive by Parade/Superior Dairy	
	12:30 _{PM} 🔤	Superior Dairy	
20 Sun		Fathers Day	
21 Mon	6рм - 8рм 🚟	Board meeting @ Old spaghetti factory	
24 Thu	6рм - 8рм 📨	CVMC general meeting at Black Bear Diner	
25 Fri	5 _{РМ} 🐷	Clovis Missionary Baptist Church Car Show	
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Meet Jack, The 16-Year-Old Classic Mustang Owner Who Caught Jay Leno's Attention

They met at a Cars and Coffee event in Malibu.



Who doesn't remember their first car? But not many teenaged, first-time car owners get to give Jay Leno the grand tour of their first ride, and then let Jay take it for a spin. For Jack Mintz and his 1965 Ford Mustang, that's exactly what happened.

Not Many 16-Year-Old Kids Have Cars At Shows

Jay first saw Jack and his Mustang at a Cars and Coffee in Malibu, and was immediately taken with the young man and his red notchback coupe. Having wanted a classic car since he was at a very young age, thanks to his grandparents taking him to car shows and museums, Jack found the Mustang in nearby Los Angeles and talked his parents into the purchase. While his father isn't much of a car guy, his grandfather drove a 1971 Pantera and grandma had a 1968 Camaro — so apparently the car bug skipped a generation in the Mintz family.

The Mustang Was In Pretty Good Shape When Bought

As a 14-year-old, Jack wouldn't be able to get behind the wheel for a couple of years at the time he bought the pony, but that gave him plenty of time to make some modifications. The car was in pretty good shape as a whole, and had a Big Block 6-cylinder engine with a C4 automatic transmission.

Other than the ignition system that Jack re-did himself, professional mechanics made some modifications to make the classic a little more "first-driver friendly." Specifically, at the request of Jack's mom, power steering, air conditioning and new brakes were added.

The Mustang's body was also in very good shape when Jack bought the car, and other than a polish and wax it is very similar to where it is now — just with a new antenna. There was some rust near the upper control panel that almost to the point that he may not have been able to keep the car. Reinforcement plating was welded back into the car to make it sound. Jack said they have invested just over \$12,000 to get the car to where it is now, with most of it going to the repair of the rust, and a rebuilt carburetor. Much of it wasn't exactly necessary, but as the car was being prepared for a new driver, it isn't the best to have manual brakes and steering for a kid getting the feel for driving on the road.

Who Else Can Say, "Jay Leno Drove My First Car"?

While Jay took the Mustang for a spin — actually the first non-family member to drive it — Jack was seen impatiently pacing around the lot by Jay's garage awaiting his return. Of course, Jay returned without incident, and Jack was left with a great story to tell about his first car.

UNSUNG HERO: Why The 1971-73 Mustang Might Be The Best Classic Mustang



When it comes to the classic Ford Mustangs (pre 1974 for the sake of argument) all of the models and body styles have their fans.

For some it's the classic 1964-1/2 that started it all. Or the 1965 Shelby GT350 fastback that shined a new light on the Mustang as a performance car. Then came the iconic Mustangs like the '69 Boss 302 and its larger displacement counterpart the Boss 429, as beloved today as they were when new.

But despite being a significant part of Mustang history, the 1971-73 models—particularly the fastback or "sportsroof" body style is a car that doesn't always get the respect and attention it deserves.

Here are some reasons why these cars might just be the best of the classic Mustangs.

The Look

While its underpinnings didn't differ much from the Mustangs that came before it, the look of the redesigned '71 Mustang was quite different.

The 1971 Mustang was moderately wider and longer than the 1970 model, but its styling made it look even more so, with a long nose and a roofline on the fastback models that sloped all the way to the rear.

With a redesigned Camaro and the newcomer Challenger and 'Cuda on the pony car market, these styling updates aimed to give the Mustang a sleeker, more muscular look and it worked well.

The Performance

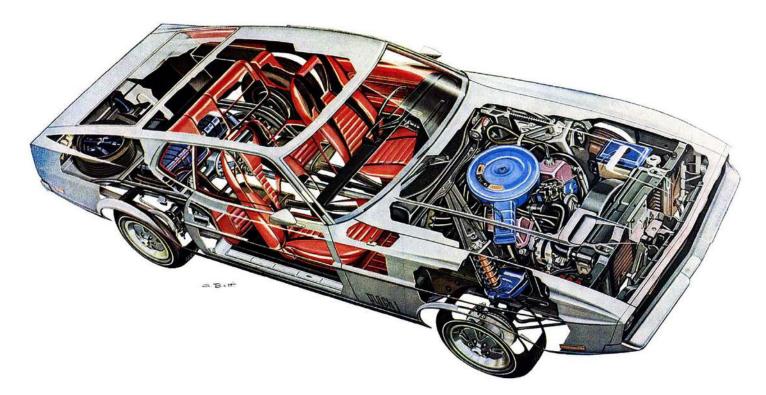
When it comes to performance, the '71-'73 carries over the same basic chassis layout and powertrain choices that made the earlier cars so successful. Engine options were plentiful, ranging from a base 250 cube inline-six to the 302 small block, to the potent 351 Cleveland and the big daddy 429 Cobra Jet.

Even more important today is that the aftermarket for these cars is essentially the same as the older Mustangs, meaning you can find just about anything—whether you are looking to go faster, handle better, get better fuel economy and reliability or anything else.

Bang for the Buck

While the the '71-'73 Mustangs have plenty of fans, you'll find that fastback/sportsroof cars from these years are often quite bit cheaper than the ultra desirable 1970 and earlier Mustang fastbacks.

A quick look around West Coast classified ads suggests you can get a decently restored '71-'73 Mach 1 for around \$30,000, solid drivers for under \$20,000 and running projects for much less than that.









Obviously the rare and desirable factory optioned cars are going to bring big bucks, but the more common models still delver great bang for the buck.

A Movie Star

As an added benefit, this generation of Mustang also cemented its status as an automotive icon after starring in the cult classic 1974 car chase film Gone in 60 Seconds.

Sadly most people will identify "Eleanor" with the GT500 from the 2000 Nick Cage remake Gone in 60 Seconds, but the '73 Mustang from the original is the real deal—and in our opinion one of the greatest movie cars of all time.

And speaking of movies, we can't leave out the fact this generation of Mustang also was immortalized as a Bond car in Diamonds are Forever.

A Character All Its Own

If there's one unfortunate thing about classic Mustangs is that there are just so many of them out there. Classic car meets and cruise nights are full of 1960s Mustangs built in every way imaginable.

The 1971-1973 cars though, are far less common while still delivering all the benefits of classic Mustang owner-ship—and great looks to boot.

Somewhat overlooked in between the beloved Mustangs of the '60s and the controversial Mustang II of the mid '70s, for the reasons above the '71-'73 Mustang might just be the best of the breed.



Earlier this year, we reported on rumors that the next-gen S650 Ford Mustang would launch for the 2023 model year after entering production late in 2022. Now, it appears that those rumors were in fact true. According to Automotive News, Ford suppliers have been informed of this timeline. But they've also reportedly been told that the next-gen Ford Mustang will have an eight year life cycle, up from the previously planned six years.

That eight year target would match the current S550 Ford Mustang, which launched in 2014 as a 2015 model. It also saves FoMoCo money in engineering and development costs, which is critical for a lower-volume vehicle like the Mustang.

According to the report, Ford expects to produce just under 100,000 next-gen Mustangs per year – 77,000 coupes, and 20,000 convertibles. Ford Mustang sales have dipped 12 percent year-to-date to 33,786 units, but the current S550 Mustang has remained the best-selling car in its segment since its introduction. Meanwhile, its main competitor, the Chevrolet Camaro, might wind up being discontinued, according to a recent rumor.

The seventh-generation 2023 Ford Mustang is expected to receive a complete overhaul consisting of a thorough redesign and re-engineering. It will ride on the Ford CD6 platform currently utilized by the 2020 Ford Explorer and 2020 Lincoln Aviator. The platform features a longitudinal powertrain configuration with standard rear-wheel-drive, but the architecture is also capable of all-wheel-drive and electrification.

In terms of powertrains, the 2023 Mustang is expected to be powered by at least two Ford Eco-Boost engines, potentially including the 2.3L Eco-Boost I4 and 3.5L EcoBoost V6, as well as FoMo-Co's 5.0L Coyote V8, and 5.0L Coyote V8 with a hybrid-electric system and all-wheel-drive. Ford's ten-speed automatic transmission and a manual transmission are expected to be offered as well.

Meanwhile, the next-gen Mustang will continue to be produced at the Ford Flat Rock Assembly Plant in Michigan.

Younger Buyers Could Kill The Ford Mustang

By: Martin Bigg Source: carbuzz.com

Ford admits that its ponycar owners are getting older.

Over 50 years after its debut, the Ford Mustang is still America's best-selling muscle car, consistently outselling the Chevrolet Camaro and Dodge Challenger. Even more impressively, the mighty Mustang has held the title of the best-selling sports coupe in the world for six consecutive years.

Over the years, updates to the perennial pony car have kept the Mustang fresh and exciting. But despite Ford's attempts to attract new younger buyers, the opposite is happening. Speaking with Muscle Cars and Trucks, Ford Mustang Marketing Manager Jim Owens revealed that the average Mustang buyer has been getting older over the last decade.

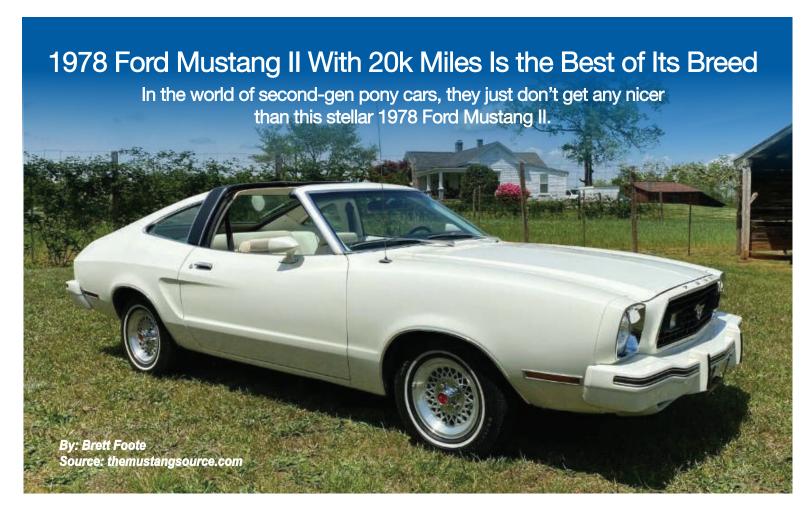
"The demographic is, yeah, they're getting older," said Owens. "The baby boomer generation that remembers the 60s fondly... it isn't substantially getting larger, but it's more about that psychographic, that type of personality that buys the Mustang, and that's not age-dependent." This doesn't mean that younger buyers don't find the Mustang appealing, however, but that it simply isn't practical for people at certain life stages. While the EcoBoost Mustang is relatively affordable, the reality is that most enthusiasts will want the more powerful V8 GT.

With a starting price of \$36,120, splashing out on a Mustang GT is difficult to justify for someone who is at an early stage of their working life or starting a family.

As a result, younger buyers are more likely to want something practical like a sedan or SUV - and Ford is hoping the Mustang Mach-E will fill this role.

"There's a time in your life where a Mustang just isn't that practical for you," said Owens, who likens the Mustang to a life stage vehicle. "Now, a Mach-E can change that. You come into it, then go to what you need for your life, then come back into a Mustang later," he said. Consequently, younger enthusiasts are less likely to experience the Mustang in its traditional form, and that's a shame. Let's hope Ford's strategy doesn't affect the Mustang Coupe's long-term survival.



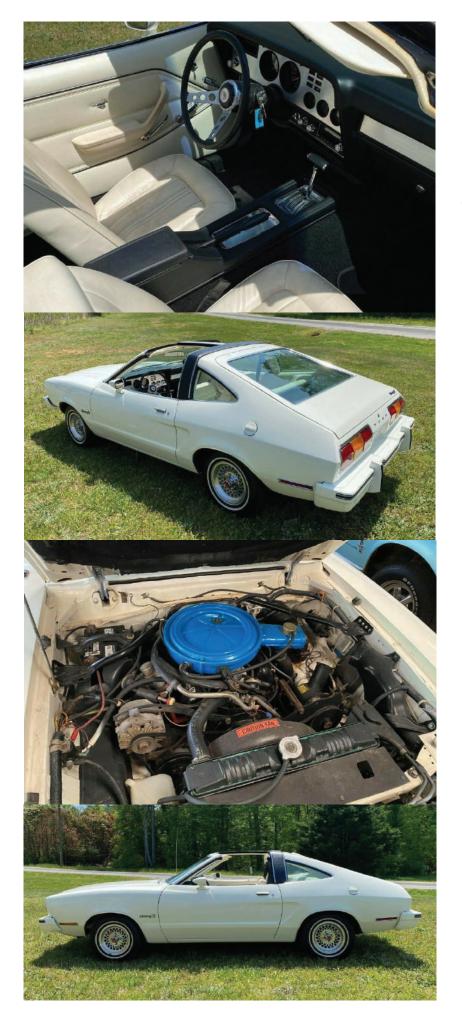


While the Mustang is one of the most beloved automotive models in history, like most great ones, that history isn't completely untarnished. Living through the 1970s and much of the 1980s was tough on any performance car, as smog regulations and a gas crisis robbed them of, well, their performance. Ford's response to this was to create the Mustang II, a car that has its fair share of detractors. But if you're a fan of the breed, this 1978 Ford Mustang II that recently sold on eBay is undoubtedly amazing.

In fact, if you didn't know any better, you might think that the photos of this particular Mustang II are actually from 1978. But that's to be expected from a car that has just 20k miles on the clock and has been lovingly cared for over the last 40+ years. According to the seller, it's almost completely original too, save for a repaint in the '90s.

Otherwise, there really aren't any bones to pick here. The exterior, interior, undercarriage, engine bay, and every nook and cranny look absolutely immaculate. This is as close as we'll ever get to a brand new 1978





Mustang II, though that may not mean a whole lot to collectors or Mustang fans in general. But there are plenty of folks that love these cars, as evidenced by the fact that Ford sold over a million of them in just a few years of production.

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Looks are subjective, of course, and people tend to have strong feelings about the way these cars look. However, there's no arguing about power – this pony's meager 2.8-liter V6 was originally rated to produce a mere 104 horsepower and 140 pound-feet of torque, which in this case is paired to an automatic slushbox for the kind of acceleration that makes merging on modern freeways a challenge. Not to mention snore-inducing.

Regardless, for fans of the Mustang II, you'd be hard-pressed to find a nicer example than this. And clearly, the second-gen pony car made an impression on quite a few folks, because the car attracted 46 bids and wound up selling for just over \$15k. That's a solid price for a Mustang of this vintage, proving that no matter how much hate it gets from the car community, the Mustang II still has its fair share of fans out there in the world.



- Ford's all-new 2022 NASCAR Next Gen Mustang was unveiled today at a media reveal ceremony in Charlotte, North Carolina
- World's best-selling sports car remains Ford's entry in America's most popular form of auto racing
- All-new NASCAR Mustang incorporates much of the same architecture seen in production cars, including rack-and-pinion steering, independent rear suspension, 18-inch tires and a symmetric body
- NASCAR Next Gen Mustang makes its racing debut at the Daytona 500 Feb. 20, 2022

A completely new era in stock car racing is ushered in today as Ford unveils its all-new 2022 NASCAR Next Gen Mustang to the public in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Next Gen Mustang will compete in the NASCAR Cup Series starting next season.

The new car, which has been under development for two years, is completely different from its predecessor – redesigned from the ground up. Unlike past versions, with the exterior being the only noticeable change, this model is built for the future, featuring flexibility for technological advances such as a hybrid or electric power-train.

The new race car more closely mirrors its Mustang production counterpart, which maintains its title as world's best-selling sports car.

"A lot of work has been done behind the scenes to make sure this Next Gen Mustang remains relevant to our customers," said Mark Rushbrook, global director, Ford Performance Motorsports. "As the automotive industry continues to change, we'll have the ability to keep up in the racing world without having to go through a complete overhaul or redesign of the car. This is something we've been waiting for and we're glad the time has finally arrived."

Changes include rack-and-pinion steering, independent rear suspension and 18-inch tires with aluminum forged wheels. The all-new body features a wider stance, while a symmetric exterior shell, tail and smaller greenhouse area closely resemble the production Mustang.

"This car is true to the Mustang brand and we have to thank the Ford design team for working hand-in-hand with our aerodynamic engineers to ensure it is competitive on the track, while maintaining unique Mustang styling," said Rushbrook. "That requires a lot of give-and-take on both sides, but with the new smaller greenhouse area and shorter rear deck, we were able to do a lot of things to make sure there's no mistaking this is a Mustang."

Development of the new car took place both in Ford's Dearborn design center and at the Ford Performance Technical Center in Concord, North Carolina, where Ford's NASCAR scale model and aero teams are located. Extensive development continues on full-motion simulators at the technical center, where both racing and production car work takes place.

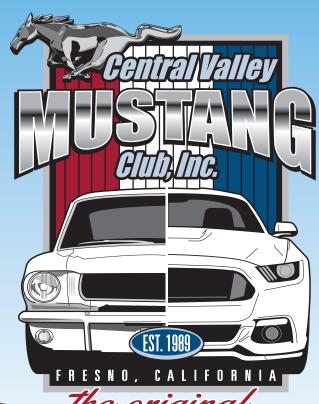
"Mustang is an iconic brand for Ford and when I saw the Next Gen Mustang in person for the first time I was pumped," said Team Penske driver Joey Logano, the 2018 NASCAR Cup Series champion. "The aggressive look of the nose and the changes to the greenhouse and tail make the car more authentic to the street Mustang than ever before. I know the fans are going to love the Next Gen Mustang and I can't wait to get it on the track."

Mustang came to the NASCAR Cup Series in 2019 and has won at least 10 races each of its first two years, including a season-high 18 victories in 2020 that helped Ford win the manufacturers' championship.

The NASCAR Next Gen Mustang makes its competition debut on Feb. 20, 2022, at Daytona International Speedway for the 64th annual Daytona 500.



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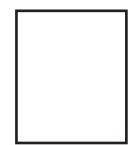
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