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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.

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from the
president



from the
editor

Happy Holidays!

It's hard to believe that we are preparing to wrap up another year. By the time you read this we will have had another election and this may be my last column. Lol

Should I continue as President I look forward to getting us all out there more and having a good time. 2020 was rough on all of us with the Covid lock down and such and although 2021 has been better, we still have a ways to go before things are back to "normal". Through it all we have persevered. I thank God for this club and the family I have discovered here. You all hold a special place in my heart.

Get out there and enjoy the coming holidays. Spend more time with your loved ones and enjoy each other's company. The holidays bring out the best in us and we become the people we want to be all year long. This time of year also reminds us of how important family and friends really are. So grab some eggnog or a spiced cider and fire up the holiday movies and decorations. Gather your loved ones near and lose yourself in the season.

God bless and happy holidays.

Joe Colvin
CVMC Grand Poobah
(for now anyway. Lol)
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Considering last year seemed like time stood still and this year wasn't much better, I did get some projects done. It was mostly watching the complete Yellowstone series 5 times (I think...) and spending a lot of time on YouTube and Google looking up Mustang "stuff".

There were a couple of times where I thought I had reached the end of the world wide web and the next step would have me stepping off of earth.

The pandemic was good, bad, good, bad. Everything was on fire around us. People becoming more and more "entitled" and "opinionated" to the point where I took myself out of society. I truly was waiting for the moment of apes riding horses...

So anyway, I'm off for the next month from the newsletter but I'm sure I'll kinda be working on ideas. If by the end of January you haven't seen me or a newsletter, I either won the lottery or died. Hopefully the lottery because daddy has lots to spend the green on.

I wish all of you a safe holiday season and we'll catch you in '22.

Garo Chekerdemian
CVMC - Newsletter Editor

upcoming events

December 2021

Date	Time	Description
4 Sat	10:00AM ☒	Monthly Club Breakfast/Blossom Trail Cafe
11 Sat	6PM ☒	CVMC Christmas Party & Gift Exchange
25 Sat		Christmas Day

happy birthday

NOVEMBER:

- Nov 7 Michael Rube
- Nov 17 Andrea Jackson
- Nov 17 Tony Kokalis
- Nov 19 Bill Summers
- Nov 21 Flow Smith
- Nov 24 Darian Jackson
- Nov 28 Valerie Ramsey

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Christmas Party & Gift Exchange



December 11th, 2021 at 6pm
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2021 Ford Mustang Is The SEMA 2021 Car Of The Year



By: Brett Foote

Source: fordauthority.com

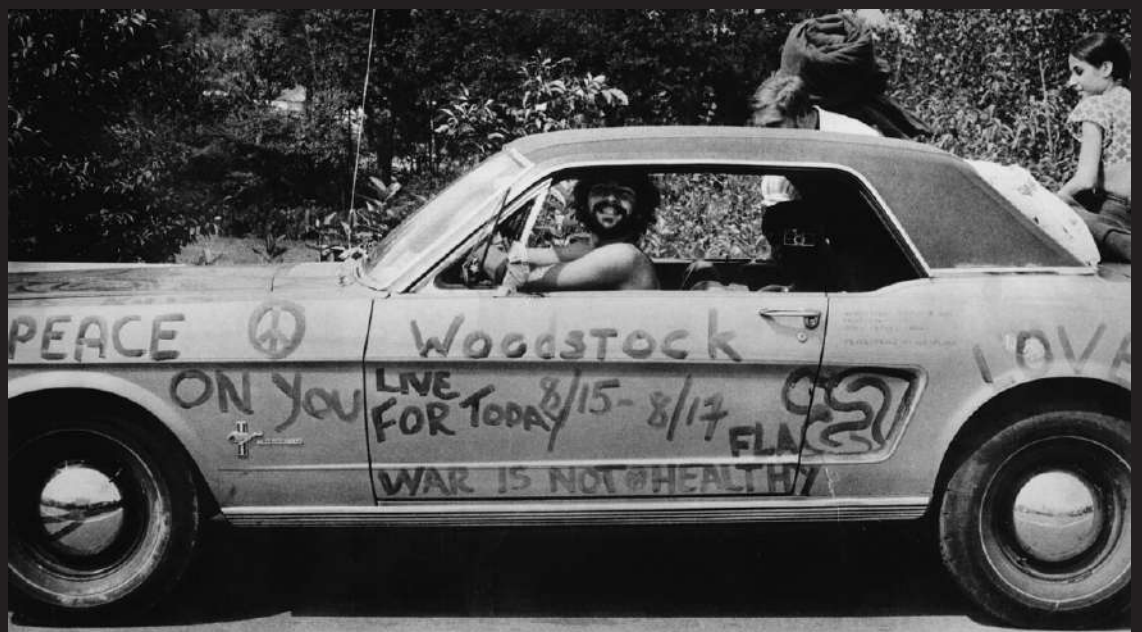
The Ford Mustang has long been a popular vehicle for customization among enthusiasts, essentially since the first pony car rolled off the assembly line decades ago. Each year, numerous custom Mustangs line the halls of the Las Vegas Convention Center for the SEMA Show, and this year is no exception, with builds from All-Star and other outfits, as well as new vintage and modern parts making their debut this week. Thus, it should come as no surprise that the 2021 Ford Mustang has been awarded the SEMA 2021 Car of the Year award, too.

These awards are handed out across five categories, which are chosen by the manufacturers present at the SEMA Show based on which vehicles are the best for customization. The 2021 Ford Mustang joins the 2021 Ford F-150, which was awarded Full-Size Truck of the Year, and the 2021 Ford Bronco, which won 4x4/SUV of the Year at the event. Aftermarket companies have invested heavily in the S550 Mustang over the last several years, developing a host of parts and accessories for the pony car, many of which are on display in Las Vegas this week.

“The SEMA Award celebrates the industry’s unique ability to identify and set trends that influence automotive enthusiasts worldwide,” said Chris Kersting, SEMA President and CEO. “Consumers are able to look to SEMA Award winners for guidance on which vehicles offer the greatest opportunities for customization.”

The 2021 SEMA Show features over 1,000 custom vehicles from dozens of manufacturers and aftermarket companies, which fill the Las Vegas Convention Center’s 1.25 million square feet of space alongside a massive number of new parts. The Mustang, as it historically has, takes up a large chunk of that space thanks to its enduring popularity among enthusiasts.

mustang
flashback
1969



My Favorite Ride: An Indy 500 pace car comes out of the weeds and onto the road



By: Laura Lane
Source: The Herald-Times

The Ford Mustang sat mired in tall weeds behind his aunt and uncle's house 15 years or so before Bennie Smith Jr. finally convinced his cousin to sell him the car.

"The weeds would grow up around it so bad in the summer that you couldn't see it was there," Smith said. "We had to take a tractor and pull it out."

His cousin bought the car, a 1979 Indianapolis 500 pace car, around 1985. There were 10,600 of the cars manufactured, Smith said; this one is No. 4,115.

He remembers being a passenger in the car as a teenager, and also when his cousin parked the Mustang for good. "It sat behind my aunt and uncle's garage about 15 years," he said.

During that time, Smith tried to convince his cousin to sell the car to him. Smith is a fan of Rick Mears, the driver who won the 1979 Indy 500. And he liked the pace car, a lot.

"He just quit driving it, and didn't have nowhere to put it, so he parked it out behind their garage," Smith said. "I tried to buy it from him for years. Then my aunt and uncle sold their house and he had nowhere he could put it."

The cousin called Smith, "and he said, 'Do you want this car?' I gave him \$400 for it."

When they pried the Mustang free back in 2013, Smith realized the magnitude of the project he was taking on. Restoring the car meant totally rebuilding it. breakdown," he said.

"It was pretty rough," he said, describing the Mustang's condition. "I said, 'Oh my goodness.' The frame was solid, but the floor pans were rusted out. The whole car was rusted up pretty good." The 4-cylinder turbo engine was locked up. The pace car decals were long gone.

They used a winch to pull the car into an enclosed trailer. Smith took it home to his garage, where it sat awhile while he saved up money and scoured the nation for parts.

He bought a 1987 Mustang engine from a friend for \$300 and built a 302 out of it.

"He'd got it at a junk yard to put in a dune buggy or something and he needed to get rid of it," Smith said.

Other parts were not so easy to find. "The two hardest things to get were original taillights and a dash shell for it. The shells get brittle as they get older and when I took mine out and put it on sawhorses, I turned around, heard a noise and it had fell in on itself and shattered."

He finally found one, in Georgia, and had it shipped. It was in good shape and cost him \$200. "You can find about anything, but it takes time to search for it," Smith said. "This car was a lot of fun to build, but there were a few headaches."

Once he got started, Smith spent much of three years rebuilding the car, going out to the garage after work and on weekends. He took winters off. Smith did all of the work, even the paint and upholstery. His father and wife helped on occasion.



"I'd go out at the end of March when it started to warm up and keep at it until mid-October. I didn't want to get burned out on it and not finish. I replaced a lot of stuff on that car. It's almost brand new."

His wife, Brenda, kept him company as the project went on, at one point questioning his ability to reassemble the car from the parts strewn around the garage. He assured her he could.

"Dad taught me a lot while I was growing up. He always told me: put it together backwards from the way you took it apart. I was meticulous about it."

He finished the car in August of 2020. His dad, Bennie Smith Sr, was the first passenger. "He was the first one I took for a drive in it, down to Bedford and back."

How did it go? "Nothing fell off, and we didn't have a breakdown," he said.





THE SCENE

2021 Fresno Veterans Day Parade





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Ford Mustang sold out, possibly until new generation

Australia's top-selling sports car may be unavailable to order until its all-new S650 replacement arrives in 2023



By: Callum Hunter
Source: carsales.com.au

Australia's favourite sports car, the Ford Mustang, may have become a victim of its own success, with high demand and production constraints leading to long waits for patient customers and Ford dealers unable to provide delivery times for new orders.

In fact, while Ford Australia won't comment on future products, some dealers have told carsales that no unsold Mustangs are due to arrive Down Under until the seventh-generation model is launched locally.

Given the all-new Ford Mustang, codenamed S650, is widely expected to be released in the US next year, that may not be until 2023.

Last month Ford Australia told carsales its Mustang waiting list was currently stretching well into next year.

"Demand for our segment-leading Mustang continues to be strong," it said in a statement on October 12. "We have limited stock of Mustangs, with waiting periods on most variants into Q1 2022."

However, last week Ford indicated that has now slipped closer to mid-2022, given continued strong demand and production impacts from the global computer chip shortage.

"Supply of Mustang is limited due to ongoing production

constraints caused by COVID-19 and the global semi-conductor shortage," said Ford Australia product communications manager Ben Nightingale.

"Demand remains high and we look forward to welcoming MY22 Mustang in Q2 next year. We have no news regarding next-generation Mustang at this time."

Ford Mustang sales are up 4.4 per cent to October this year in Australia, with almost 2500 sales equating to a huge 55 per cent share of the sub-\$80,000 sports car segment.

But local Mustang registrations plunged from a high of 437 in June to 142 in July and just 45 in August, before rebounding to 215 in September and 269 in October.

Speaking on the condition of anonymity, several Ford dealers told carsales that stock of the fabled muscle car was drying up with just 272 examples set to be produced for our market in November and none in December or January.

They said February should see a much-needed injection of 400 units – presumably all MY22 models – roll off the production line.

However, all of these vehicles – as well as the Mustangs already on their way here – have been spoken for.

The general consensus among the dealers we spoke with

was that customers would face a six- to eight-month wait if they ordered a new Mustang in January (2022).

But many Ford dealers said they have stopped advising potential Mustang customers of waiting times for new orders amid the still-worsening global semi-conductor crisis and subsequent supply shortage.

We managed to track down one particular Mustang GT buyer who placed their order back in May when they were told the car would arrive by Christmas, but is yet to be given a production allocation.

And multiple Ford dealers across Australia indicated there will be no more unallocated Mustangs headed to Australia until the new-generation S650 version arrives either late in 2022 or early 2023.

Following the axing of all mainstream Focus variants, that could see Ford lose its most popular passenger model – and leave the upcoming MY22 Focus ST hot hatch range as the only actual car in Blue Oval showrooms – until the new Mustang arrives.

Of course, Ford is about to reveal an all-new replacement for its top-selling model, the Ranger ute, but first local deliveries won't take place until well into 2022 and supplies of the current model have also slowed from Thailand.

For now, Ford is keeping quiet about its seventh-generation pony car, but the redesigned MY23 Mustang will ride on a new rear-drive platform that's expected to also offer all-wheel drive for the first time, as well as electrified hybrid versions of its existing 2.3-litre turbo four-cylinder and 5.0-litre naturally-aspirated V8 powertrains.

Rumours both here and in the US point to a mid-2022 global reveal in the US, which was seemingly confirmed by global Ford management in February last year via an online job posting for a 'Wind/Road Noise and Air Leakage Plant Vehicle Team (PVT) Engineer'.

Whenever the new Mustang emerges, it's expected to again be produced in both left- and right-hook configurations at Ford's existing Flat Rock Assembly Plant in Michigan – just like the outgoing S550 model launched as the first global Mustang in 2015.

Stay tuned.



Prototype 2000 Mustang SVT Cobra R intake manifold found in a basement

Helped power a Mustang faster and more expensive than a Corvette



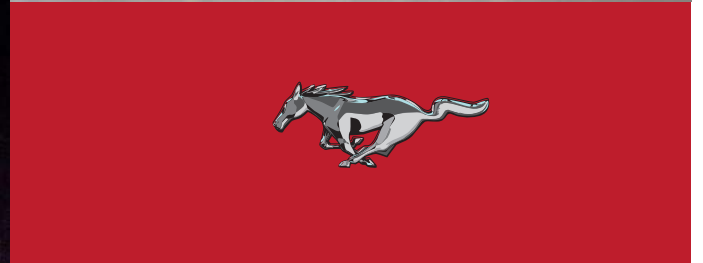
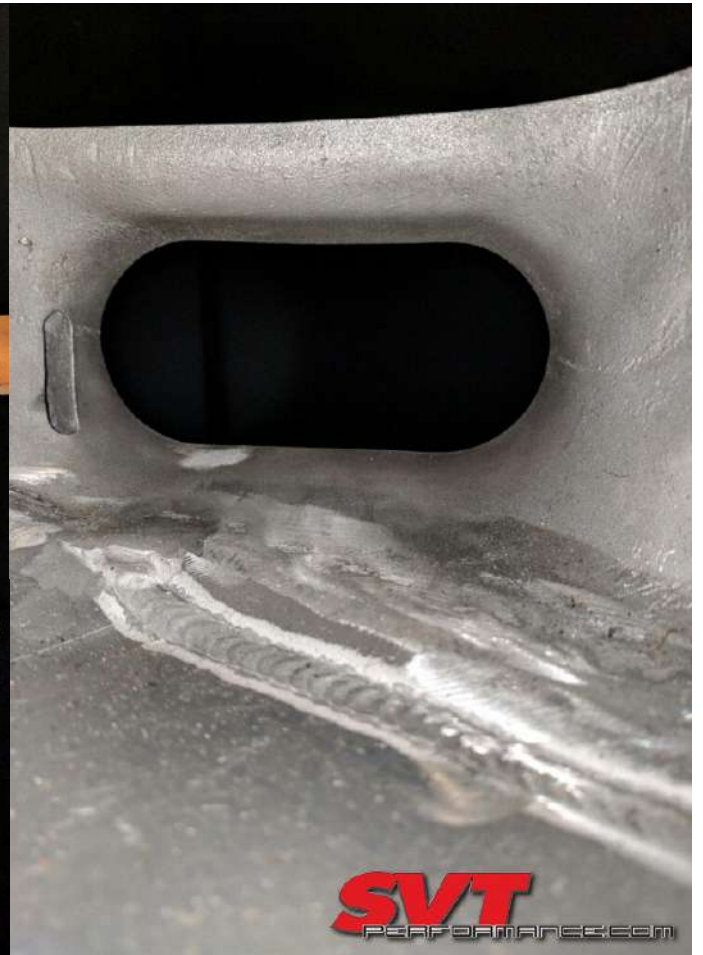
By: Jonathon Ramsey
Source: autoblog.com
Images: svtperformance.com

Before there was the Mustang Shelby GT 500, there was the Mustang SVT Cobra, produced from 1994 to 2004. Three times during that 10-year period, the gearheads at SVT produced a track-rat Cobra R. The last, in 2000, was an ultra-hard-core beast with a 5.4-liter modular V8 cranking out a likely underrated 385 horsepower and 385 pound-feet of torque — this was a year before the Chevy Corvette Z06 showed up with 385 hp and 380 lb-ft. John Coletti, Ford's Special Vehicle Engineering manager at the time, said of this model, "Everything we've done on this car is a notch or several notches above anything we've done before," and, "This 2000 Cobra R pushes the performance envelope far beyond the capabilities of any previous Mustang."

One of this Cobra SVT R's magic tricks was its intake manifold, a top hat standing high enough to require an even bigger power bulge in the hood. A member of the SVT Performance forum came across a prototype manifold, one Ford engineers built in order to test the production unit. Somehow, the component ended up in a box in someone's basement, and that certain someone forgot about it. Just like the grandma who never mentions she has a Lamborghini Countach and a Ferrari 308 in her garage, we're still not sure how such things happen, but happen they do.

Anyway, a note on the side of the intake reads "Extrude honed," a process that squeezes an abrasive material through a channel to leave a smooth surface. Ford would have tried this process out in order to prevent a repeat of what happened on the 1999 Mustang SVT Cobra, when leftover aluminum flash in the headers robbed the engine of up to 54 horsepower. The prototype also shows custom work done on the intake to create a larger plenum with improved airflow.

The 2000 Mustang Cobra SVT R was the fastest Mustang ever at the time, and this intake helped make that possible. Ford only made 300 examples of the coupe, priced them at about \$55,000 (nearly \$88,000 in today's dollars), and sold them all. Among a generation of unloved Mustangs with New Edge styling, the 2000 Cobra SVT R has crossed the six-figure mark at auctions more than once this year. The manifold might not be enough for a museum exhibit, but it deserves a home more impressive than a box in a basement. Head over to the SVT Performance forum to check out more photos.



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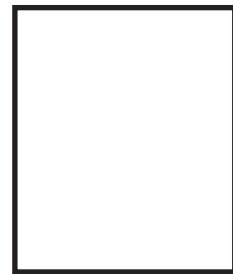
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