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**PRESS**

***ROAD TRIP!***  
***CVMC Hits The Coast***  
***at Mendocino***



**850-HP!**  
**Tribute**  
**Shelby Cobra**

## CLUB INFORMATION:



Central Valley Mustang Club, Inc.  
P.O. Box 9864 • Fresno, CA 93794  
Website: <http://www.cvmustang.org>

**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.

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**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.

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Jim Sanborn	1996
Ron Deubner	1995
Paul Beckley	1994
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Paul Beckley	1989-1992

## PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS



Finally some relief is in sight. The temps are going to drop just in time for some fun events. One of the events I would really like to call your attention to is coming up next month on the 7th and 14th.

We need as many folks to come out and display your cars at the Clovis farmers market. I really think we can get some great exposure for the club and really try to spike our membership numbers. I want to thank Bob Vaughan for getting this put together for us.

Another upcoming event is our 23 anniversary BBQ on Oct 6th. I cannot believe it has been that long ago when I scared the (insert adjective here) out of a bunch of folks at red lights all across Fresno and Clovis. I asked for some information from you the folks about some events or activities for the day and have heard not a peep.

I would really like to get your input for this event so we can make it a great day for all. Remember it is a party to celebrate you the member and the club for lasting than almost anything in our culture today. Think about it. Can you name many things that are around now that was around 23 years ago? I think you will be hard pressed to find anything that fits that bill.

The activities committee has been working overtime setting things up over the past few weeks. I really enjoyed not only Bravo Farms, but also Chubby's and especially the Underground Gardens. I have lived here in Fresno for 23 years and have never been to either place.

That is one of the best things about this club is that we can tap into other peoples experience and knowledge but we can share the experience with each other and our families as well. What a great group of people we have in this club. I cannot wait to see what the next 23 years brings.

So get your calendars out folks and start writing down all of the trips and activities and come on out and enjoy the food, fun and extended club family that we have here.

**REMEMBER, FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS DRIVE PLASTIC CARS!!**



*Paul Beckley - President*

## FROM THE EDITOR



I am tired of the heat and working on cars in the heat. Is it just me or does the weather always go to an extreme when repairs are needed?

I thought I'd tackle the job of doing the brakes on our Expedition. It's really not a difficult job if you have the right tools. Did you catch that? The right tools. Thank goodness for my new pal on YouTube that showed me exactly what I needed to get the job done. What the hell did we do before the internet?

Next came the pony and losing the front tire. OK, no big deal right? That is until you have to deal with, how should I say... no, I won't say it. I still scratch my head wondering how it takes a total of 4 1/2 hours to get one, one tire from across town and installed on a rim. Did I say ONE tire?



Not one to be left out of the fun, then the ever famous Mach 1 decides to blow a radiator hose. After getting that situated (in the front yard of my son's girlfriend's house) now the brakes have become an issue, oh, and let's not forget the transmission issues.

All this sounds like no big deal, but when it's 100 degrees and PLUS for almost 20 days, one (me) begins to loose their wonderful disposition. I can officially say I'm tired of working on cars. The only thing nice about all this is that I can feel a sense of accomplishment and that all three cars are Fords. Should it be any other way...?

As always, thanks for all your support!

**Garo Chekerdeman - Editor**

# ROAD TRIP: Mendocino

By: Mary Kokalis

The end of July, several Mustangs from CVMC took off with their drivers for Brandon's annual Hwy 101 trip to Fort Bragg and Mendocino, if you have never gone on this trip, you are missing a very curvy and beautiful drive.

The first part of the drive from Fresno to Fort Bragg is not so curvy, but it is breath taking scenery. We left Fresno on Friday evening and had a great dinner at the Black Bear Diner in Modesto and then headed on to the crazy freeway to Pleasanton, lots of crazy drivers and they weren't even the ones driving our Mustangs.

We had 9 Mustangs and 18 people along for the fun ride. After breakfast we took off up the freeway to Fort Bragg, lots of stops for many different reasons, but the scenery was beautiful.

We saw a lot of Mustangs on Hwy 1, as they were out driving the curves and enjoying the feeling of the horse power along the curvy road. We had lunch at a golf course restaurant overlooking the beautiful ocean and enjoyed the friendship of our Mustang Family.

Carroll and Becky had some brake problems on their car, so in true CVMC style, Lanny and several of the men figured out the trouble, Brandon & Carroll found a shop, bought the part, came back and we were back on the road again.

Checked into our 50's style motel, brought back lots of memories of my youth and trips on Rt 66, a trip I think should be in the future for

an event, we found a small coffee shop still open at 9 PM in Fort Bragg, a quaint, lazy and early to bed town and had our midnight dinner.

On Sunday we had breakfast, some of the members had to start home, the rest of us took off on Hwy 1, on a very curvy road, talk about curvy, did I say curvy, hummmmm, several of the woman had nausea, problems, so we stopped at a quaint little store, that had all kinds of interesting items, Bob Vaughan liked their DIBS ice cream and shared his with us.

After a little rest, we all started back to Fort Bragg down a different straighter road, rested a while and had dinner at a very nice restrurant with a view of the ocean and a beautiful sunset. After dinner we rested before starting our trek home on Monday.

We had a great breakfast at the Rail Road Café and then some started home and Brandon went shopping for a neat shirt and a great book on Fort Bragg and then the rest of us took off for home.....Long drive around Clear lake and we all made it home safe, tired and sleepy.

Hopefully Brandon plans his trip back to Fort Bragg next year so we can make the drive all the way up to the Mile of Redwoods, I am making my plans to be signed up for the trip



# ***ROAD TRIP: Mendocino***



***Beautiful ride down  
the coast***

***Wine anyone?***



***The gang having a  
great time***



***Perfect road for a Mustang***



## Greek Spinach-Pasta Salad with Feta and Beans



- Prep: 10 min
- Cook Time: 10 min
- Serving: 6 Servings

### Ingredients

- 1 6-ounce package fresh baby spinach
- 1 15-ounce can Great Northern beans, rinsed and drained
- 4 ounce crumbled feta cheese
- 1/4 cup dried tomatoes (not oil-packed), snipped
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon finely shredded lemon peel
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon snipped fresh oregano
- 1 tablespoon snipped fresh lemon thyme or thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 12 ounces dried cavatappi or farfalle pasta
- Shaved Parmesan or Pecorino Romano cheese to top

### Directions

1. Place the spinach, beans, cheese, tomatoes, green onions, garlic, lemon peel and juice, 3 tablespoons oil, oregano, thyme, salt, and pepper in a large salad bowl, and toss to combine.
2. Prepare the pasta according to package directions, drain and then drizzle with the remaining 1 tablespoon of oil. Toss to coat and then transfer the pasta to the salad bowl.
3. Sprinkle the salad with additional salt and pepper to taste, toss once more and then serve topped with shaved Parmesan.

## funnies

From Vic and Wanda

### "the things kids say"

My husband bought a convertible this summer. It's neat driving around with the top down, but sometimes I just don't want the whole windblown look, and we bicker about it. Well, one day when I picking up our 6 year old from camp, I head him tell his counselor, "that's our new car, my daddy's trying to get my mom to drive topless, but she only likes to that sometimes"

### "Phone funnies"

The young boy was texting his Mother:

Boy: Mom, where are you?

Mom: Getting gas, just left Target, I'll be home in 10 minutes!

Boy: You took me to Target with you.

Mom: Oops.....

### we're not even asking Mike...



### Get Well Wishes: Bobby Anderson

I just talked to Bob and Jean, they are in Vancouver, Washington with their oldest son Bobby. As some of you know, Bobby was in a motorcycle accident on July 24th, a cab to a diesel truck ran over him and his motorcycle, he was truly blessed in that it only ran over his leg and that is all that was injured. He has a long road to his leg being fixed, lots of skin grafts, surgeries and rehab before he will be up and back on the road to a an easy life. Bob and Jean have been up there with Bobby since they found out about the accident, he is in a rehab right now, but could be back in the hospital for more surgeries. Please keep Bob, Jean and Bobby in your prayers, they do not know for sure how long they will needed up there. I call and check on them once in a while to keep Bob and Jean in touch with our club and what is going on. We miss them and are looking forward to when they can return to Fresno. They said hello to everyone and they will be home with us soon.

-Mary



# Pony Tales

Chris McKinney attended the June meeting, a rare event, and everyone was so glad to see her.

Karen, Josh and Christian Diaz took a trip to Japan in July to visit her son, Gavino, and his family.

The 4th of July party at Brandon Walker's was a lot of fun, especially because it wasn't 112 degrees out, like last year. Lots of good food and good company. At sundown everyone moved out to the street with their chairs to watch the fireworks set off at Buchanan High School. Thanks for your hospitality, Brandon!

Stacy Lairson says: Jimmy Sanborn went to New Orleans for a Lutheran youth congregational meeting. Stacy says he went with a great group, and is part of the Million Book Pledge. He is an avid reader so this means a lot to him.

Fourteen CVMC families took a drive to Chukchansi Gold Casino on July 15th for lunch and to make a periodic donation. It was a really good turnout. They actually set aside spaces for us to park together and gave us our own room in the Diner.

Bob Vaughan is recovering from surgery to fuse disks in his neck. Complete recovery will take about a year, but he says he can feel the difference already, though still has discomfort.

Sue Atkisson is retired now, since Del Monte is closing their plant. Poor Rich has to deal with her full time now. (Ouch, put down that stick, Sue!)

The news is out now that Cindy DeLaPena is engaged. Congratulations! We are happy for you.

Jim Sanborn is taking it easy and recovering from surgery for a detached retina.

At the height of our heat wave, Gary and Amy Shipman found themselves without a functioning air conditioner. Parts had to be shipped, so they were about two weeks with nothing but a barely helpful portable room air conditioner, and the whole house fan. On top of that, there was a gas leak from the water heater. PG&E came to take care of it, but didn't solve the problem. They have to find a plumber for the repairs.

We heard a rumor that Lanny Vaught has a supercharger. Can that be right? And what's the story about him and his zombie legs?

Erin Dotson and her hubby are happy to have finally moved into their new home. She says It's 2-story and 4 bedrooms so there's plenty of room for us to grow!

Don and Etta spent their vacation running around town trying

to get ready for a whole house remodel - new flooring, taking the popcorn stuff off the ceilings, painting, a new front door, and getting new tile in the showers and counters of both bathrooms.

Ken Sellick says: I am at 11-1/2 years on a 12-year transplant. I fly back to Missouri on August 7th and they will do some testing. If they will help me, I have to live within six hours of the hospital, so I would have to move there. If they will help, I will go by myself.

What's that rumbling roar coming from the back of Ron and Nancy's new Mustang?

Mike Metz, a big fan of John Wayne, has many ringtones of John Wayne lines from his movies. Ask him to hear the ones from True Grit. They were a big hit at the board meeting.

Speaking of Mike, he and Rosemary were texting back and forth during the meeting and he found out about "Tim", who was the subject of laughter the whole meeting.

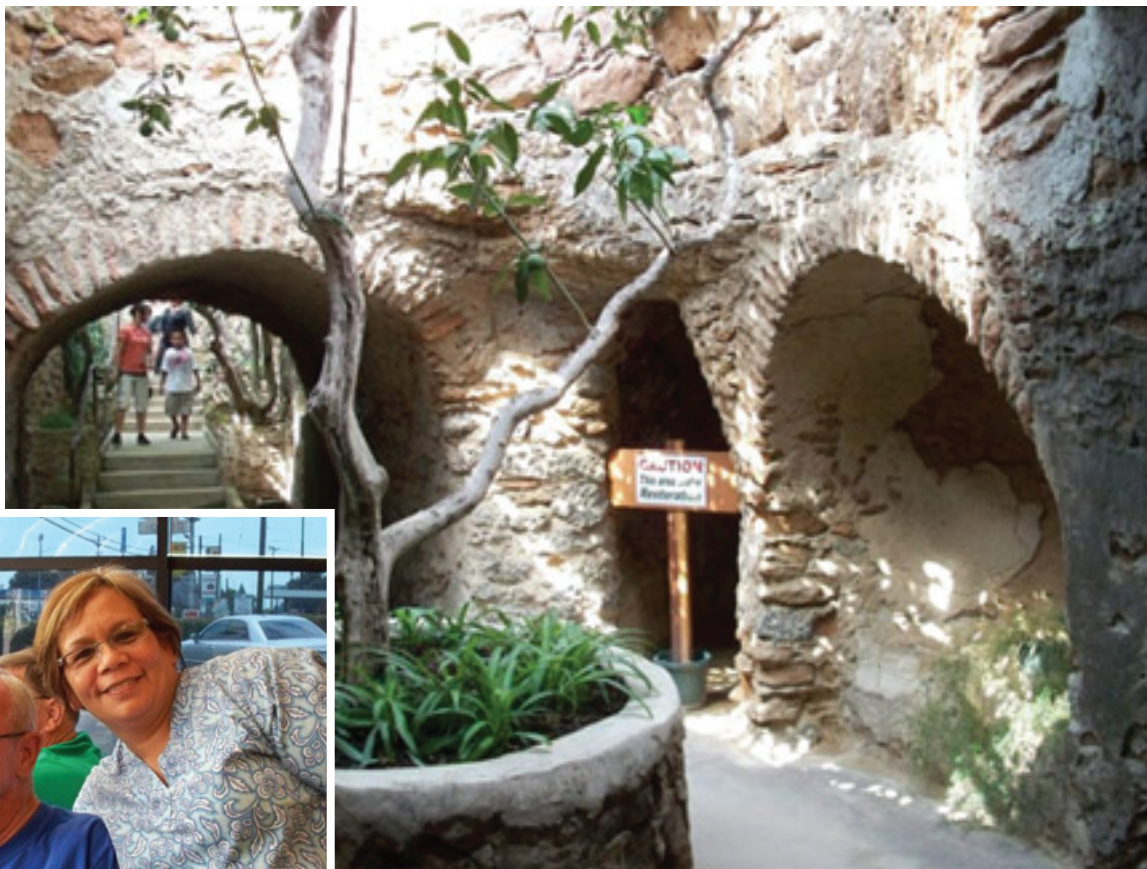


## September BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - *Fred Grove*
- 5 - *Amie McCook*
- 11 - *Nancy Sharmer*
- 13 - *Cynthia Harvat*
- 16 - *Shelby Presser*
- 19 - *Connie DeLaPena*
- 19 - *Bryan Smith*
- 21 - *Charles McKinney*
- 21 - *Brandon Walker*
- 22 - *Lucille Hall*
- 25 - *Jimmy Sanborn*
- 27 - *Mary Whitley*

# *CVMC Does Forestiere Undergrounds Gardens*

By: Nancy Sharmer



On Sunday, August 12th, 27 family members of CVMC gathered at the old Mervyn's at 12:30 PM to line up to drive to Al's Café on W. Olive at 1:00 PM. They had set aside a long area by the window for us, and our waitress, Sandy, was great. You know we are not always the easiest group to wait on, but she did it with humor and efficiency. If you have never eaten there, I recommend a visit.

Our tour at the underground gardens was scheduled for 3:30 PM and we were not able to stretch our lunch out long enough to go directly there, so we split up and did various things until we met again at the gardens. It was a hot and humid day (104), and even sprinkled a little bit.

The gardens were originally purchased by Baldassare Forestiere, a Sicilian immigrant, about 1906 to grow oranges, but the ground was so hard (hardpan) that it was impossible, so he decided to hand excavate an underground retreat for himself to live in, based on the ancient catacombs, and later expanded with plans to have a lodge where others could stay to get away from the summer heat. He experimented with oranges and other fruit trees and vines, planting them underground and having them grow up through "skylights" in the rock ceilings. In the winter and rainy season he would cover the skylights with glass. He died in 1946 at age 67.

As we walked down through the tunnels, it got a little cooler the farther down we went. At the lowest point, the temperature was in the 70s. There are lots of arches and tunnel ways that lead from room to room.

At one point he had excavated enough to have 50 rooms, an area large enough to reach where Highway 99 is now, but after his death, some of the property was sold and filled in. It is currently owned by his brother's son and his children, and all the tour fees help to pay for the tour guides and maintain the property.

It was surprising the number of Fresno people who have lived here for years that had never been there. It's a California Registered Historical Landmark, and now there are 27 of us who can say that we've been there.



***Pebble Beach: Ford unveils  
Shelby Cobra with a monster  
850-horsepower engine***

***The one-of-a-kind 2013 Ford  
Shelby GT500 Cobra  
is a tribute to car designer  
Carroll Shelby***

***By W.J. Hennigan  
Source: latimes.com***



Not far from the eye-catching vintage sports cars and immense luxury rides making up the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance car show, the auto company that bears the name of industry icon Carroll Shelby unleashed a monster.

Well, unleashed a Cobra, to be precise.

Shelby American Inc. and Ford Motor Co. unveiled a one-of-a-kind 2013 Ford Shelby GT500 Cobra that kicks out a staggering 850-horsepower at Monterey Motorsports Reunion at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca.

Decked out in the guardsman blue paint with Wimbledon white racing stripes that graced so many of the Cobra roadsters built in the 1960s, the new car is a tribute to Carroll Shelby, who died in May at the age of 89.

"Carroll Shelby changed the performance world forever," Shelby American President John Luft said in a statement. "And while he was proud of Shelby American's achievements, Carroll was far more interested in the next car we build. You will find the spirit and influence of Carroll Shelby in every future vehicle we build as found in the rear wide-body kit and hood that has been integrated into the 2013 Shelby GT500 Cobra."

Already stocked with a rowdy 662-horsepower engine, the 2013 Shelby GT500 Cobra got a boost from a Ford Racing 4.0-liter Whipple supercharger. For traction, the car features 13-inch-wide rear wheels.

Times Auto Critic David Undercoffler plans to drive it in October and write a review.



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of every month!



## ***CONGRATULATIONS!***

*Club member Phil Moreland took not one, but two trophies at the Dinuba Main Street Show on June 9th. The awards for Merchants Choice and Second Place went to his yellow '66 GT350 clone.*

*Congratulations and great job Phil.*

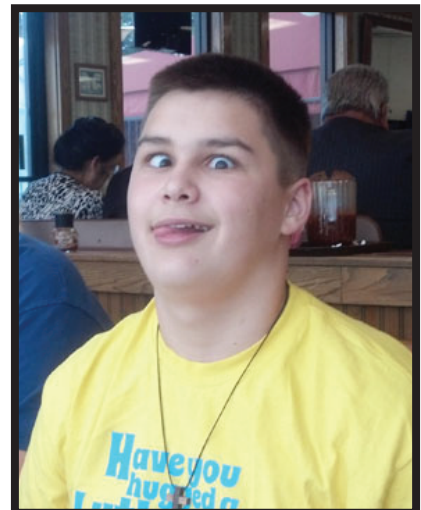
## ***Crazy Times!***

***Yes FORD does mean first on race day, right Carroll?***



***Rippee's '13 Gotta Have It Green "MartianExpress"***

***See what to much homework does?***



## Ford drops suit against counterfeiters and trademark infringers

By Zach Bowman  
Source: [autoblog.com](http://autoblog.com)



Ford has dropped a lawsuit against 13 individuals accused of selling counterfeit products with the automaker's trademarks, according to The Detroit News. The company originally wanted to acquire names, addresses, telephone numbers, bank account numbers and emails from sites like eBay and PayPal without informing the accused, but a federal magistrate judge in Detroit initially denied the request, ordering the sites instead to notify its users.

Ford appealed, saying notification would allow defendants time to destroy evidence and possibly flee before Ford and its lawyers could obtain their identities. The judge eventually relented, allowing Ford access to names and addresses but blocking other personal information. Ford withdrew the suit last week anyway.

The Detroit News reports a 2007 U.S. Chamber of Commerce study indicated that Ford loses around \$1 billion per year to counterfeit auto parts. The report spurred the manufacturer to pursue offenders more vigorously. Counterfeit parts drag in \$12 billion per year world wide, with \$3 billion of that figure coming from the U.S. alone.

## Mustang Crazies

yes please...



NOOOOOO!!!!



## 2013 Mustang Boss 302 added to Forza 4's August Car Pack

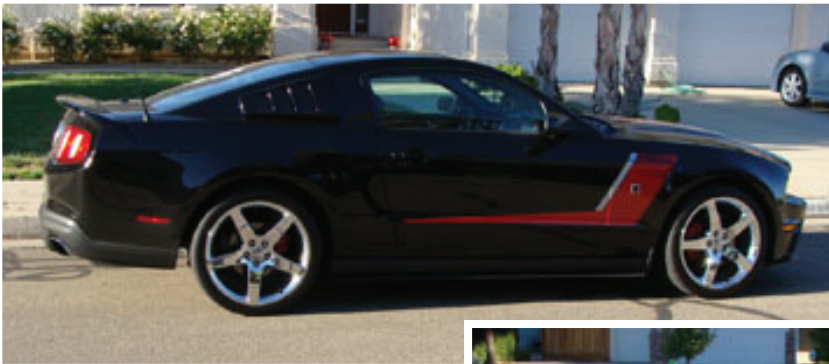
Source: [mustangdaily.com](http://mustangdaily.com)



We have a fondness for the Forza Motorsport franchise, not only for its realistic driving physics but for the incredible selection of cars and racetracks. If we did have one complaint, though, it's that there's a shortage of Ford Mustangs, particularly late model ones. In the latest variant of the game, Forza 4, there is a decent amount of classic Mustangs including the '65 Coupe, '70 Boss 429 and '71 Mach 1, and thankfully all of the Cobra R variants ('93, '95 and '00) are included as well.

As far as modern Mustangs go, however, users can only select from a 2005 Mustang GT or the 2010 Shelby GT500. Considering the aftermarket's involvement in the Mustang and how many street and race variants there are, we consider it a travesty that more of Ford's pony car aren't included in the game.

Forza Motorsport has rectified the situation somewhat, though, in their latest downloadable car pack for August that includes the 2013 Ford Mustang Boss 302. The car pack comes out on August 7th and is available for 560 MS points. You can watch the trailer below, which we'd like to point out has the Boss 302 leading the Camaro ZL1 for most of the footage including both cars.



## **CONGRATULATIONS** ***Fred Grove***



*Got this from Bob Vaughan*

*Garro,  
Hot off the press! Fred Grove  
just pulled up at my house with  
his 2012 Roush RS3 5.0 Coyote  
engine 6 speed! Thought it  
would be great for the newsletter.  
One hot mama!!!*

*BV*



**WONDER WOMAN**  
***and her SOCKS***  
***at Mendicino 2012.***

# *Celebrity Mustang Owners*

## **These Stars Love their Mustang Pony Cars**

*By Jonathan Lamas, About.com Guide*

Celebrities, past and present, love their Mustangs. Just ask Jay Leno, Patrick Dempsey, or Funkmaster Flex, all proud owners of a Ford Mustang.

In a celebrity driven world in which BMWs, Mercedes-Benzs, Hummers, and Cadillac Escalades all seem to rule the roost, it's great to see these folks haven't lost sight of pony-car pride.

### **1. Jay Leno/1965 Shelby Mustang 350 GT**

Jay Leno, the king of late night, is known for his collection of cars. In fact, he reportedly drives a different one to work each day. In his collection is a 1965 Shelby Mustang GT 350. Talk about a true car collector. Jay has all the bases covered.

### **2. President Bill Clinton/1967 Mustang Convertible**

President Bill Clinton, 1993-2001, owned a 1967 Ford Mustang Convertible before he entered office. Clinton said he found it hard to leave the car behind in Arkansas when he moved into the White House.

### **3. Charlie Sheen/1966 Ford Mustang GT & 1968 Shelby Mustang**

In addition to acting on the big and small screen, veteran actor Charlie Sheen has also been the owner of several Mustangs. One Mustang, a Classic 1966 GT, is on display at Galpin Auto Sports in Van Nuys, Calif. Another, a 1968 Shelby, was featured in the movie "Money Talks".

### **4. Patrick Dempsey/1965 Ford Mustang Coupe**

Dempsey loves his Mustangs. In fact, he races a specially-built Mustang FR500C in the Grand-Am Road Racing KONI series. And when he's not racing on the track, he's the proud owner of this Mustang, featured at the 2007 SEMA Show.

### **5. Jim Morrison/1967 Nightmist Blue Shelby GT 500**

Reportedly this is the only car "The Lizard King" ever owned. He is rumored to have wrapped the car around a telephone pole in West Hollywood, Calif. The car, given to him as a gift from Electra Records, was never to be seen again. Several researchers have tried tracking down the car over the years with no such luck.

### **6. Kelly Clarkson/2007 Mustang GT**

Clarkson, the spokesperson for the Warriors in Pink initiative, is a Mustang owner. In a recent video "Go", she prominently featured a red/white striped GT500. She is also rumored to have sold her 'Galpinized' hot pink Mustang, customized at Galpin Auto Sports, because adult film star Alana Evan owned one exactly like it.

### **7. Funkmaster Flex/Two 2006 Mustang GTs**

In a music world full of Hummers and Caddys, this super star opts for Pony power. Both of his Mustangs, daily drivers, feature sport blowers, aftermarket exhausts, modified sound systems, and custom body & paintwork courtesy of Lou and the crew at Valanca Auto Concepts in Bronx, NY.

### **8. Tim Allen/1968 Shelby GT 500 KR**

Tim loves his Mustangs. Just watch him compete in a burnout contest with Jay Leno. According to sources, Tim has a \$50,000 hyper-customized Mustang which does 0 to 60 mph in 4.9 seconds, reaches the quarter mile in 12.4 sec. and can achieve a top speed of 184 mph.

### **9. Sammy Hagar/1967 Shelby GT 500 & GCM-R 001 Mustang**

He can't drive 55, and as the former owner of a 1967 Shelby GT500, it's easy to see why. He's also the owner of the first GCM-R Mustang; one of 100 custom built by Gateway Classic Mustang.

### **10. Bob Seger/1969 Shelby GT 350**

Seger is know for his love of 1960s and '70s muscle cars. He reportedly has fond memories of cruising down Detroit streets such as Woodward Ave. during his youth; in a muscle-car of course.

### **11. Eminem/1999 Ford Mustang Convertible**

According to reports, he bought a brand new 1999 Mustang Convertible with his first royalty check after becoming a worldwide super star. Unfortunately, he sold it to a 12-year old girl in 2002.

# SPY PHOTOS: 2015 Mustang

Source: [www.mustang6g.com](http://www.mustang6g.com)

The next generation 2015 Mustang has been spied again and the latest pics might be a first look at part of its center stack. The mule's interior is very raw, but a very non-Mustang center stack control set-up is screwed into place.

The mule is also outfitted with a new steering wheel, taken from the 2013 Ford Fusion. The new wheel allows for more infotainment and connectivity options, which means that when its wired to a fresh, modernized interface such as the unit inside this mule, the Mustang will likely take a step forward in the user-interface department. The screen is on the smaller side, given the trend toward larger displays, but this model is also outfitted with a conventional button array, so something like an upgraded MyFordTouch interface may bring with it a bigger LCD.

The 6500 RPM redline coincidentally matches the redline of the 2013 Focus ST. This could indicate that the mule we're looking at is testing with a 2.0L Ecoboost 4 cylinder turbo direct injection engine. The Focus ST makes 247hp / 250 lb-ft torque.

The exterior shots show a mule without any sort of grille-work, giving us a peek a bit further back toward the powerplant. We've looked for obvious signs of turbocharging, but as far as we can tell, we don't see a smoking gun for the Ecoboost here. Ecoboost is rumored to be in the next Mustang's product plans, but word is that it will be the 2.0-liter unit, and not anything upsized like the 3.5-liter V6 Ecoboost engine.

There are also more photos of the Mustang mule's undercarriage, revealing the next gen's Independent Rear Suspension in detail.

Don't pay attention to the exterior styling as that's just a current Mustang body on the next generation chassis for testing purposes.



## Shelby American CEO John Luft: “We Have A Product Plan Through 2020”

*Written by: Scott Evans  
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Just ahead of the unveiling of the Ford Shelby GT500 Cobra tribute car at the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, I chatted up Shelby American CEO John Luft. We talked about the new 2013 Shelby GT500 Super Snake and the company's future without Carroll Shelby at the helm.

To say that Carroll isn't still at the helm isn't entirely accurate, though, and he won't just be there in spirit. Luft tells me that before Carroll passed, the two sat down and developed a “playbook” for the next few years, detailing future products and projects. Luft, who's been with the company over a decade, “used to spend four days a week with Carroll,” will carry out the plan.

Step one, of course, is the updated GT500 Super Snake, now available with 750 or 850+ horsepower. With Ford's new Launch Control software and super-sticky Michelin Pilot Super Sport tires, Luft says this car will be able to put the power down where the old Super Snake never could. Launching at the same time is the updated GT350 (shown at right), which gets a styling makeover and a larger color palette. Luft also announced that a modified version of the Super Snake will debut at the 2013 Detroit auto show, though he'd say only that it would build on the performance of the 850+ horsepower model mentioned above.

Moving forward, the “playbook” has several pillars. The first plays on a number of upcoming anniversaries. He noted specifically the 50th anniversaries of the Daytona Coupe and the 427 Cobra, so it's likely we'll see homages to those cars in 2015. I can't help but think the 50th anniversary of the Le Mans-winning GT40 will be marked as well. Luft tells me that the turn-key car business is slowly recovering, but still isn't anywhere near where it was before the 2008 economic crash.

As it's long been, the Shelby brand is more than just turn-key cars. As Luft told me in a 2010 interview, the company has diversified its operations to include parts, a speed shop, and of course, licensing. The parts business has expanded to include Shelby-branded wheels, body kits and performance parts. Parts include Shelby-branded exhaust systems, a Ford Racing/Shelby-branded Mustang supercharger kit, and track and drag performance and handling packages. The speed shop, formed in 2010, is fully operational and is regularly tuning customer cars, and not just Ford products but other makes as well.

Of course, there's still a relationship with Ford to cultivate as well. According to Luft, Shelby used to say “when I go horizontal, I want

to be with Ford.” To that end, Carroll spent many of his final years mending fences and reestablishing a connection with Ford Motor Company. The culmination was the 2007 Ford Shelby GT500, followed-up by the 2010 model and the new 2013 model, which Luft tells me Shelby spent five hours lapping Sebring in during its final development. With the relationship restored, Luft assured me that Ford and Shelby American are already working together on the upcoming 50th anniversary of the Mustang, though he wouldn't say any more than that.

While Shelby may be best known for his Mustangs, he worked with very different cars as well. In fact, he rather enjoyed it. “I got so much shit for building those little hot rods – Chargers, GLHs, and all that. I got so much crap in the press, saying ‘Shelby's lost it, he's crazy.’ I had more fun doing that,” Shelby told Motor Trend in a previous interview. “It doesn't bother me very much if the press kicks the shit out of me, because I'm probably going back and build some more pocket rockets with Ford.”

To that end, Luft tells me that he and Carroll discussed branching out to other Ford products, throwing out the Focus and Fusion in particular. “Ford's EcoBoost is absolutely it,” Luft said. Carroll would agree. After all, he's been a fan of turbocharging for a long time. “I've been telling you guys, low displacement and turbocharging is the future,” Shelby told Hot Rod editors after a GLH trounced an original GT350 on a racetrack in the early '80s. So while we don't expect the Shelby F-150 Super Snake to ever see production, a new, EcoBoost-powered “pocket rocket” with Shelby tuning certainly isn't out of the question.

Whatever the venture, Luft says the company will be a bit more conservative than it was back in the '60s. Back then, Luft says Shelby was operating on the absolute bleeding edge of the industry. Today, the company is making strategic decisions about the brand's future rather than just winging it the way Carroll did. It's unlikely, then, that we'll see another game-changer like the original Cobra, but there will be Shelby-tuned cars for years to come.







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