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Website: <http://www.cvmustang.org>

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Dave Rose	1993
Paul Beckley	1989-1992

PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS



I have been saying it for a while now, but (now) I truly am thankful for the temperatures finally getting down to a fall like feel. Perfect timing for the club picnic, what a GREAT time we had. I would like to thank the chef for all of your grilling expertise, from burgers, and dogs but also the appetizer sausage was quite the hit.

So, if you missed it try to make sure you put it on your calendar for next year. Also, make a note to remind a certain someone to bring the food. The camp circle was a blast and I would love to have that at every event we go to. What a great group of folks. And speaking of GREAT FOLKS, we had a sighting of another "club unicorn".

For those who were there they got to meet a truly terrific couple by the name of Bonnie & Dave Rose. They were such a sight for sore eyes and personally for me, brought me back to when I first started this club and the family that we have become.

Seeing them at the picnic was like seeing a long lost relative and for a moment time stood still as we reminisced about old times and were able to catch up on the last decade plus. Thank you for being there and please don't be strangers.

Boy after this month of Presidential debates, I sure am glad that we have only one month between nominations and election. WHEW! No mudslinging will be allowed here for our new nominee's. So as you read this today we will be accepting nominations at this meeting for your new board for the coming year.

So make sure you attend the meeting so you don't get nominated for something you don't want to do, and have input by nominating folks you want to see earn your vote next month. On that note, our meeting will be the Thursday after Thanksgiving and we will be voting at that time.

If you cannot attend that meeting and want you vote heard, make sure to ask for a proxy vote.

We just got back from Doug's Exeter trip, and I was impressed. I am so thankful that we have a group of folks willing to put forward some ideas for events we can do as a club/family. This year we have broadened our event base out from the Fresno area restaurants to now include other local interesting places and their restaurants.

We have to eat, right? If you have other ideas of places that you and your family think was interesting and want to share that with us, I am sure we can put together a trip so we can enjoy it too.

We have a few more events planned through the end of the year that we will go over at the meeting. So please plan on attending some of the upcoming events which include the Veteran's day parade, Melodrama in Oakhurst, Hilmar cheese factory, car display at the convention center, not to mention the Christmas party.

Unfortunately and fortunately I will not be able to attend some of them as it looks like finally it looks like I will be having a long awaited surgery on my back to relieve this insane pain from one of the two disks that were damaged almost three years ago at work.

As it stands now I will be having surgery on November 13th. Hopefully it will relieve the majority of the pain not to mention the weakness in my left leg that has plagued me for almost three years.

I am hoping I will be able to attend the November meeting and am going to do my best to get there even if I have to be transported by one of the folks that have already offered to drive me. As I am able, I will get to all of the events that I can within a few weeks to months of recovery.

That will let me off the hook, but not all of you. So please get to these events as I have found that most of them provide at least some good fun, good food, and most of all so good comic relief in these really trying times we are in right now in this country.

Paul Beckley - President

FROM THE EDITOR



The end of October is here and I'm not really sure where the year has gone. A year ago this time, I talked to Nancy Sharmar about taking over the newsletter due to her "retirement" after 12 years of service. I'll admit that at times I was second guessing my decision.

I want to thank everyone who has contributed and helped with the newsletter this year but specifically Nancy. I have always been able to count on her to get me ANYTHING at times when I was desperate. Also, a big thanks to the big guy at the top left of the page. We've had many texts and emails late at night.

I hope you guys have enjoyed it as it has been a goal to get you folks something fun to look at once a month.

I'll be working on making 2013 a better year with the newsletter and working out some bugs (mainly me knowing how to look at a calendar), and having it online by the Monday night before the meeting.

Smoke 'em if you got 'em!

Garo Chekerdeman - Editor

Italian Sausage Soup

Submitted By: Nancy Sharmer



Lighten up a hearty sausage soup recipe with turkey Italian sausage and add flavor with canned tomatoes, fresh basil and Parmesan cheese.

• Yield: 4 servings (serving size: 1 1/3 cups soup, 1 1/2 teaspoons cheese, and 1 1/2 teaspoons basil)

Ingredients

- 8 ounces hot or sweet turkey Italian sausage
- 2 cups fat-free, less-sodium chicken broth
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can diced tomatoes with basil, garlic, and oregano
- 1/2 cup uncooked small shell pasta
- 2 cups bagged baby spinach leaves
- 2 tablespoons grated fresh Parmesan or Romano cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil

Preparation

Heat a large saucepan over medium heat. Remove casings from sausage. Add sausage to pan, and cook about 5 minutes or until browned, stirring to crumble. Drain; return to pan.

Add broth, tomatoes, and pasta to pan, and bring to a boil over high heat. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 10 minutes or until pasta is done. Remove from heat; stir in spinach until wilted. Sprinkle each serving with cheese and basil.



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Central Valley Mustang Club Upcoming Events

October 25

Monthly meeting at Yosemite Falls Cafe (in the back room) NE Cedar @ Dakota Aves 6:00 Dinner/ 7:00 Meeting. We will nominate the following offices for 2013: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four (4) Members-at-large. If you would like to participate in running your club, now is your chance! We will hold our election at the November meeting.

October 27

Club dinner at Speedy Zaptos Mexican Restaurant 5225 N Blackstone Ave (between Shaw & Barstow Aves), Fresno at 6 pm.

November 4

Our club is going to the melodrama *Its a Dark and Stormy Night* in Oakhurst. We will meet at the north launch point (Friant Rd/Fresno St). We are leaving at 12:30 pm for the 2 pm show. Cost is \$12/ (\$10 Seniors 55+) in cash only. Pay Mary and she will buy all the tickets. For more info call Mary 229-3219.

November 11

Our club is participating in Fresno's annual Veterans Day parade & lunch afterward at Silver Dollar Hofbrau. More info TBD.

November 18

Our club is participating in Fresno's annual Car show at the convention center. We will leave from Mervyn's SE Blackstone @ Ashlan. More info Mary 229-3219.

November 29 - Election Meeting

Monthly meeting at Yosemite Falls Cafe (in the back room) NE Cedar @ Dakota Aves 6:00 Dinner/ 7:00 Meeting. We will vote for the following offices for 2013: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four (4) Members-at-large. If you would like to participate in running your club, now is your chance!

November 17

Our club is going to the Hilmar cheese factory in Merced County & the poinsettia farm as well. We will leave from Herndon/GoldenState at ? More info TBD.



Madera VFW Stand Down

By: Linda Higham



On October 12, Tom and I met Pete Logoluso at the new facility housing the Madera VFW. This was an official "Stand-Down" for those who have served in the armed forces. This event provided a day of rest for the Men and Women. A pancake breakfast and a bar-b-cue lunch. For those that wanted it, there were sleeping bags, duffle bags, new clothing (shirts, jackets, underclothing); personal care items, Some received warm gloves. It was a day that I will always remember with a greater appreciation of what they have given for us to stay at home and warm. God Bless the American Military and may the United States always show them the respect that they have so long deserved.

I think that what got me the most was when a gentleman gave Tom a hand-made lap robe and told him "Thank You for your Service. Those returning from Viet Nam should have been given the same welcome 45 years ago that those returning from combat today have been blessed with.

We talked about donating "coffee" to the Vet Center in Fresno. Any coffee that you bring to the next meeting will truly be appreciated. We will be more than happy to deliver the coffee, or we will provide you with the address so that a committee of your choosing can deliver it. All (or most) of the coffee provided is available to any Vet that walks in off the street and wants one.

I am providing a few of the pictures that were taken. As you will notice, the Presentation of Colors was provided by the American Indians who have also served.

FYI: They are hoping to have a car show sometime next year at this new location. I hope that all of you will consider coming for that event.



CVMC 23rd Anniversary



The gang just chillin' on a great day



Plenty of food!



Paul and Lanny are winners



Who got the closest?



CVMC 23rd Anniversary



We even had the classics out



WOW! Alan estimated we had \$534,000 worth of cars at the picnic

Lined up and lookin' good



Brandon and Alan showing muscle



Water balloon toss is about to get wild



Alexia and Carla enjoying the weather

CVMC 23rd Anniversary



Jo-el and Karen have a lot to give away



Anna and Alan both won aprons in the raffle. So who's gonna be the cook at home?



Wanda visits with Bonnie and Dave Rose



"Old timers" Paul, Garo and Mike



Peggy Hits the Firebaugh Homecoming Parade

At the Firebaugh Homecoming game, I got to drive my best-friend's daughter Madison (homecoming queen candidate) around the football field. My car was the talk of the town that night! All the attendants wanted to ride in my car!!!



First Place for Car Club at Kerman Parade

Chamber lists Parade winners

The Kerman Chamber of Commerce lists the following Harvest Festival Parade winners:

Float Commercial First place: Round Table Pizza, Float Community Group First Place: Gold Rush Gunslingers; Second Place: Relay for Life; Third Place Kerman Heat Baseball

Community Group, Sr.: First Place Kerman FFA; Second Place: Fowler Fall Queen; Third Place Kerman Lions Club

Community Group Jr.: First Place Kerman Girl Scouts #2260; Second Place The Dojo-Karage; Third Place Sun Empire Elementary

Novelty, Sr.: First Place Caporales de Fresno; Second Place Joe Frost; Third Place Juanita's Delicious Ice Cream

Novelty, Jr.: Rasco Express; Second Place Kerman-Kannami "Friendship Across the Sea"

Military Color Guard: First Place California Cadet Corp of Kerman; Second Place VFW post 8470; Third Place American Legion post 355

Letter Squad, Sr. First Place: Kerman High School Band

Drum Major, Sr: First Place Kerman High School Band

Drum Major, Jr: First Place Kerman Middle School Band

Marching High School Band: First Place Kerman Middle School Band

Flag Team, Sr.: First Place Kerman High School Band

Cheer Team, Jr.: First



Parade Sweepstakes Trophy entry Gold Rush Gunslingers

Place Valley Prep Cheer; Second Place CVC Allstars Cheer Cheer Team, Peewee:

First Place Madison Cheer Decorated Truck-Open:

First Place Kerman Youth Football, Kerman High Football & Cheer, Kerman High Baseball; Second Place Kerman Youth Cheer

Decorated Car-Open: First Place Scroptimist International of Kerman

Horseless Auto 1900-1929: First Place Jesse Lara; Second Place Louis & Darlene Roup

Classic Auto 1950 to Present: First Place Eli Munoz Late Modified Auto 1950-Present: First Place Scott & Jill Dooty

Auto Club: First Place Central Valley Mustangs Military Vehicle: first Place VFW post 8470; Second

Place American Legion post 355; Third Place American Legion post 355

Plain Western, Sr.: First Place Samanta Husband

Plain Western, Jr: First Place Georgia Valadez; Second Place Katie Lopez

Working Western, Sr. first Place Julian Sevantes

Fancy dress Western, Jr. First Place Miranda Caster

Costume, Sr. First Place Kristyn Westerson

Costume, Jr. First Place Kailan Martinez

Charro First Place Caporales de Fresno

Horse/Mule drawn Vehicle: First Place Phil Aram Judges Choice Horse Trophy: Georgia Valadez

Chairman's Theme Prize Jack's Butane Sweepstakes Trophy Gold Rush Gunslingers

Biola Raisin Day set for

Oct. 19-21

Biola Raisin Day celebrates the town's 100th anniversary and the local raisin harvest with a fun weekend of events.

Country music duo Whisky Row kicks off the celebration with a concert and dance on Friday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Biola Chamber Pavilion. The evening will feature the coronation of the Biola Raisin Day queen and princess.

Then the largest, two-block parade in the Central Valley returns to

"G" Street on Saturday, Oct. 20, at 10 a.m., rain or shine.

A classic car show follows the parade.

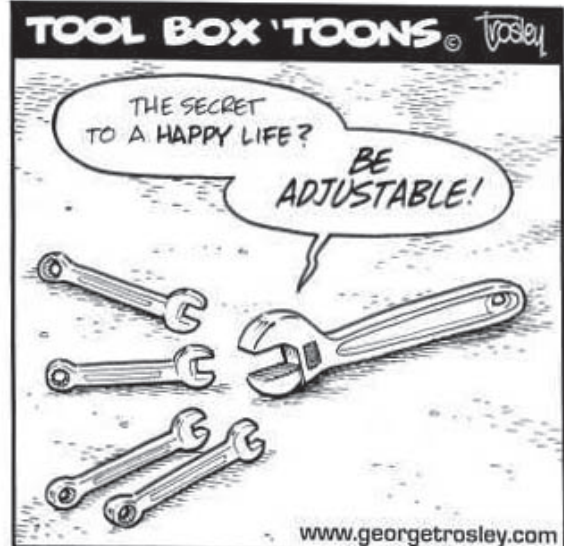
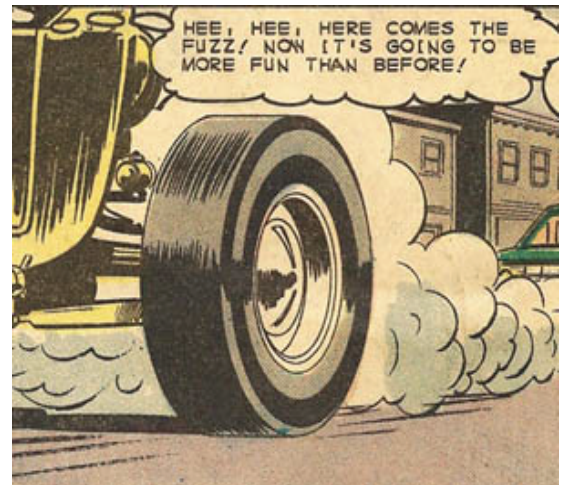
A blessing of the Raisin Harvest nondenominational service and mariachi music will be featured on Sunday Oct. 21, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Biola Chamber Pavilion.

Akids' carnival by Johnston Amusements and food and craft booths are open throughout the weekend. Admission is free.

Friday night's dance tickets are \$10 per individual or \$15 per couple with proceeds to benefit new sidewalks in Biola.

For information, call (559) 375-3883 or visit the website at biolachamberofcommerce.com

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The 2014.5 Ford Mustang: Everything We Know

By: Raphael Orlove

Source: jalopnik.com

Submitted By: Dennis Harvat



Recently, two Mustang owners claim they got to see the 2014.5 Mustang in the flesh at a consumer clinic. They've leaked everything they know about the upcoming car and a lot of what you've heard so far may be wrong.

Many are expecting the next Mustang to be a major departure for the brand. It will be the car's 50th anniversary when it debuts, and if Ford's past few designs are anything to go by, the car will look futuristic and European. The new Ford Fusion looks like an Aston, and many expect the next 'Stang to look like the Evos concept. Of course, when we livesketched with Ford's head designer J. Mays, he let nothing out about the car.

We've gone over all the past renders and heard rumors of independent rear suspension and a number of other major tweaks, but they don't all hold up, according to the two owners who rated the car at a recent consumer clinic.

Exterior

Before anything else, we have the looks. Jalopnik reader Slacks put this rendering together based on how those two people on AllFordMustangs.com described the as-yet-unrevealed car. It is the best rendering of the next Mustang that we've seen. Slacks based his design on this excellent rendering by Josh Byrnes for CarScoop.

They remembered a longer nose, thin and straight headlights, and an open grill with a central chrome strip. They saw this rendering and said the side molding was "spot on." They also described the length of the rear side windows, and a shorter rear.

They said that the back end was the best part of the car, with deeply louvered taillights all in red. It's supposed to be the standout feature of the new car, and here's the surprising description in their own words.

There was three segments in each of the tail lights. (Traditional Mustang). Except each segment was louvered over the next. I reached in and grabbed one of the louvers. They are three dimensional and you can put your fingers inside the louvers (pretty deep). I had my fingers inside the louver and my thumb outside the louver and my palm was wrapped around the curved part. The outside of the louvers are rounded and have the appearance of the middle section of a plastic water bottle. The inside of the louvers are flat. The entire light is red, with no white at all.

These were probably the coolest tail lights I have ever seen. They also said the recent popular and very Aston-like Car and Driver rendering was completely wrong. Yeah, I don't know why folks are stuck on that photo. It looked nothing like that.

The size of the car has been a big question, but the car at the clinic was reportedly almost exactly the same as the current car. I didn't appreciate any size difference. We did evaluate the interiors, and I didn't feel it was any bigger inside, for sure. We have heard rumors that the car could be 200 to 300 pounds lighter than the current car. That would mean a curb weight of around 3,300-3,400 pounds for the V8 and 3,200-3,300 pounds for the V6.

Interior

There have also been some spyshots of the interior, and the two who saw the car have said they're completely wrong.

The [...] photo you posted is nothing like the interior I saw. The steering wheel had a large circle in the center with a Ford emblem in the center of it. The steering wheel looked really cool. The buttons on it were mounted higher on the wheel and not on the sides, like on mine.

Also, the rectangle door over the cupholders is now gone. Just two holes in the plastic behind the shifter. The buttons and nav screen were bigger and not configured like your photo either. The biggest thing I remember is the hard black plastic parts have not changed. However, it appears the plastic is now padded as it was not as hard as my cars is.

Powertrain

The past two generations of the Mustang have been seriously impressive with their powertrains. The current V6 gets 300 horsepower and 30 mpg, and the current V8 is just awesome. Only one 2014.5 car was present, but the stat sheet had three options: a V8, and EcoBoost, and a four cylinder.



They listed the V8 on the stat sheet and EcoBoost was listed. We did not get to actually see the engines. One of the questions the computer asked was, "would you buy the V8 over the 4 cylinder for \$8000 more?" That does not mean that is what is going to happen. It was just one of the questions asked.

The second person to see the car remembered three engine options as well.

The questions about the Mustang included 3 engine options, one of which was the 5.0. We did not look under the hoods. We've basically already had the turbocharged Mustang confirmed, which would mean a turbo-four (SVO maybe>), a V8 for sure, and possibly an EcoBoost V6.

Independent Rear Suspension

Other than special editions and tuner cars, Mustangs have always had live axles. That's great for drag racing, but can prove troublesome in bumpy corners. While these spy pictures have shown prototypes with IRS, "there was nothing listed on the stats sheets about IRS," said one of the clinic attendees.

A Global Mustang

One particular point of interest for the two who went to the clinic was a large cluster of LED lights below the rear license plate. They could sketch what it looks like (seen on the left), but they mistook it for a federally-mandated center light. Other members of the AllFordMustangs forum recognized it immediately, however.

It's not the third-brake light.

It's a REAR FOG LIGHT, required in European countries and other few other places. they can have them in the driver side tail light cluster with or without passenger light, or it can be mounted in the centre (to get around the RHD/LHD issue) below the rear light clusters.



Indeed, the new Mustang will definitely be sold in Europe, and a slightly more international look reflects this shift.

Verification

Some other forum members were naturally skeptical that either of users had actually attended the clinic. One produced the check he received as proof.

Well they took the letter they sent us as the entrance ticket. They also would not let us bring anyone else into the location. The only proof I have is the check they gave me when I left. I covered the name and check number but you get the drift.

Another forum member noted that the check comes from a third party market research party, which explains why the Mustang was presented beside three other cars at the clinic: a Charger, a Camaro, and a Hyundai Genesis. Other rooms included a Scion FR-S.

What we're most surprised by is how different the car appears compared to the Ford Evos concept and how closely it sticks to the look of the current Mustang. It looks like the car may be more evolutionary than some people imagine.

Many people have been expecting the next Mustang to look like "the poor man's Aston Martin." The new Fusion certainly gives a lot of evidence for this. If this rendering is to be believed, the Mustang will have a lot more of an American look to it. Diehard Mustang fans, you should be happy at this point.

What do you think of this view of the next Mustang? Will you be happy if the car hits the showrooms looking just like this, or are you praying we're wrong?



Japan Apparently Used Classic Mustangs As Cop Cars

By: Chris Demorro

Source: www.stangtv.com

Submitted By: Lanny Vaught



Though these days Japan has a (somewhat) thriving auto industry, it wasn't always that way. Back in the 1960s and 1970s, Japanese cars were light years behind their American counterparts, at least in terms of raw power. Japanese V8 engines were few and far between, though Japanese car companies did mimic the large-and-in-charge style of American cars with some models. This left the Japanese police out-powered and unable to catch up with the bad guys in their own small-engine patrol vehicles.

We suppose that is the reason why Japan looked to America for its cop cars, and they looked in the right place. Over on Reddit a user posted the above picture of a Japanese pursuit car...which just happens to be a 1973 Ford Mustang Mach 1. And it looks pretty damn cool if we do say so ourselves.

According to Reddit users fluent in Japanese, this Mustang Mach 1 was used as a pursuit vehicle in the Tochigi Prefecture, just north of Tokyo. The police livery appears to have been kept deliberately minimal, though the black-and-white look of this Mustang certainly give it a fearsome look. We'd hate to be the lawbreaker who saw that in their rear view mirror.

While we'd never heard of this particular brand of Japanese patrol cars before, apparently it is a well-known fact in Japan that Mustangs made for pursuit vehicles back in "the day." So much so that there is even a 1:18 scale model replica of this very pursuit car. That is seriously cool, and we now have a new-found respect for the Japanese police forces. They obviously have great taste!

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History Lesson 101

1962 Ford Mustang I Concept

Images: Rob Clements

Source: www.supercars.net

In the 1960's Ford wanted to create a compact sports roadster that would both challenge the Corvette and other British roadsters. Several concepts were drawn up including a very unique design by Troutman and Barnes of Los Angeles. This concept was one of the first cars to bear the name Mustang in honor of the World War II fighter plane.



Forming a basis for the car was a steel frame made out of one inch tubing. Roy Lunn and Herb Misch of Ford designed the chassis to accommodate four-wheel independent suspension, rack and pinion steering and disc brakes. Highlighting the chassis design was its mid engine layout.

The concept of having the engine in the middle of a production car was a new idea in the sixties. In 1962 the first mid-engine road-car was released by ATS, a small company founded with the help of Carlos Chiti and Giotto Bizzarrini. Many areas of motor sport were also experimenting the mid engine layout.

The engine itself was an unusual V4 which was originally designed for an economy car called the Cardinal. This very short engine met the dimensional requirements to fit in the rear and had ample power for the lightweight car which used a stressed aluminum body.

In 1963 the radical Mustang 1 from LA was completed. Its first public appearance was the United States Grand Prix at Watkins Glen. It was driven by Dan Gurney. The car received a lot of attention, but was too complex for regular production. As such the final Mustang design didn't resemble this concept car in many ways.

Two of these concepts were made. The first was a detailed, but non-running fiberglass mock-up while the second was a fully functional car.



Top Ten Things To Do To Prepare Your Car For Winter

By Vincent Ciulla

Submitted By: Nancy Sharmer

When winter comes upon us, there are some things we need to do to our vehicles to be sure they will get us through with little or no problems. Here is a list of things you can do to prepare for the worst.

- 1) **Change Your Oil :** Changing your oil to a winter grade oil will insure your engine is properly protected and will help with those cold morning starts. And, of course, replace the oil filter as well.
- 2) **Check Your Anti-freeze:** Anti-freeze should be replaced every two years, so if you didn't do it last year you need to do it this year. If the summer was unusually hot as it was in many parts of the world, check it for proper protection levels for your area and make sure the color is good with no signs of rust or dirt. Anti-freeze won't help much if it is only good to -10F and your winter temperatures go down to -30F.
- 3) **Replace Your Windshield Wipers:** Wipers blades are generally good for a year at most. Heat and hot weather take their toll on them and they may be fine in the rain, but will fall apart in that first freeze. I always recommend replacing the wipers in the fall to insure they will last all winter. Snow blades, wiper blades with a rubber cover, are better since the pivot points are inside a rubber cover that keeps water out and prevents the pivot points from freezing. This insures they will make full contact with the windshield.
- 4) **Replace The Fuel Filter:** A lot of fuel goes through the fuel filter every hour. They keep out dirt and separate a small amount of water from the fuel. In the winter this water can freeze and block the flow of fuel to the point where the engine doesn't get enough to run.
- 5) **Replace The Spark Plugs:** Replacing worn out spark plugs will not only save precious fuel, but will insure quick starts on cold mornings.
- 6) **Check And Replace The Serpentine Belt(s):** The serpentine drive belt is what keeps your battery charged, your engine cool, steering easy to turn and keeps you cool when it's hot enough to fry bacon on the sidewalk. But how often do you really think about it? Not often enough I'll wager.
- 7) **Check The Lights And Fuses:** It gets dark early in the winter so it's more important to make sure all the lights work and the fuses are good. Carry a couple of spare brake light and turn signal bulbs in case of a burn out. They are quick and easy to repair. It's not a bad idea to carry a couple of each size fuse as well.
- 8) **Check Your Rear Window Defroster:** Your rear window defroster will keep the back windows free of condensation and ice and allow you to see in back of you clearly. Keep an ice scrapper with you to get the heavy ice off and the defroster will be able to work much more efficiently.
- 9) **Check And Replace Your Battery:** Your battery is the only thing between you and waiting in the cold for a jump start. Summers are hard on batteries and winters will bring out the worst in them. If the battery in your vehicle is 4 or 5 years old, it's due to be replaced. The battery that started your car on a nice 80 degree day will be the same battery that will let you down when it's 10 degrees out. Have the whole charging system checked to be sure it is in good shape and ready for a cold winter.
- 10) **Check Your Tires:** Inspect your tires. They have a nasty habit of wearing out without you realizing it. At the very least you should have 4/16's of an inch of tread on the whole face of the tire. If not, get them replaced. If you live in an area where there is heavy snow every winter, get a set of snow tires. All season tires are okay in light snow, but are not very good in heavy snow. All season tires make significant trade offs to be able to be called "All Season".

What's On Your Shelf?

There are those of us who collect toy Mustangs like we would if we had all the money in the world. What's your collection like? Share a pic and a story with us and we'll put it in the newsletter.



1968 GT-500 EXP Green Hornet comes to Scottsdale

By: Sam Haymart

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When I was a young first time Mustang owner and restorer, the 1968 Green Hornet Mustang GT-500 EXP coupe prototype was the one car I'd seen photos of and read about that inspired the very car I built. While my own 1968 Mustang became similar in many respects, it never truly met the bar this car set.

This January in Scottsdale I will finally be able to see in person, and you can have the chance to buy it.

Barrett-Jackson, announced that the fully restored Shelby Prototype, dubbed "The Green Hornet," will cross the auction block in Scottsdale, January 13-20, 2013.

The 1968 Green Hornet is one of the very few factory prototypes that survived the crusher. In 1967, the Ford team was impressed with a prototype Mustang called "Li'l Red," which inspired the "California Special" also known as the GT/CS.

They liked this model so much, that they wanted their design team to study the feasibility of creating a nationally available version of the GT/CS, which would be marketed as a GT/Sport Coupe. As a result of this effort, two prototypes were built. One of those prototypes was a Lime Gold, 1968 Mustang coupe, with a deluxe Ivy Gold interior, 390 V8 engine and C6 automatic transmission.

After completing the show circuit, the decision was made to not move forward with the GT/SC program. Instead of being scrapped,

the lime Gold coupe was sent to Shelby American to once again become a prototype, this time for a different kind of Mustang...a Shelby.

Many modifications were made to the car, including an experimental Conelec fuel-injection system, independent rear suspension and a unique rear disc brake configuration. The car eventually turned into a pet-project of Fred Goodell, Chief Engineer at Shelby American, and both he and Carroll Shelby spent a lot of time testing and developing components for this project.

For decades, it was thought that The Green Hornet had been destroyed like other concept cars of the era and its celebrated existence had become nothing more than urban legend. But both fate and Goodell's fondness for the car intervened, saving The Green Hornet from the crusher and allowing it to slip into the mainstream where it enjoyed a somewhat mundane existence for many years, until it was rediscovered and restored back to its former glory.

"The 'One and only Green Hornet' as Carroll liked to say, is an incredibly significant piece of Ford, Shelby and muscle car history with a documented provenance verifying its authenticity," said Craig Jackson, Chairman and CEO of Barrett-Jackson. "We couldn't be prouder to have a vehicle that was so ahead of its time, crossing our block."

California Bill to Create Legacy License Plate Program Signed Into Law in Law & Order Government Affairs



Governor Jerry Brown signed into law legislation to establish the California Legacy License Plate Program. Under the new law, the DMV will create and issue a series of specialized license plates that replicate plates from the state's past. Previously, classic car owners could only revive well-maintained old plates that match the vintage of their vehicle.

Among other things, the new law will bring a retro look to modern license plates by allowing consumers to choose from one of three classic designs from the '50s-'60s (black lettering on yellow background or yellow lettering on black background) and '70s-'80s (yellow lettering on blue background). The law requires that at least 7,500 applications for any one particular plate must be received by the DMV by January 1, 2015.

7 Famous Movie Fords

By: Ryan LaFlamme (Content Creator)
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The Toronto International Film Festival kicks off this week, showcasing great films from all over the world. Since the whole city is abuzz about movies, we thought this would be a great time to take a look back at seven of the most famous Ford vehicles to grace the silver screen.

1962 Ford Anglia – Harry Potter series

Where you've seen it: The Weasleys' iconic "flying car" that has delighted children and just about anyone obsessed with the J.K. Rowling series.

What's the story: This iconic British Ford was produced from 1939-1967, being introduced right around the time England declared war on Germany (hence the patriotic name).

Did you know? The actual Anglia used in the films had no engine, but that didn't stop thieves from making off with it in 2006. Stolen from the film studio lot, police later recovered the car after it was dumped at Carn Brae Castle in Cornwall.

1984 Ford Econoline – Dumb and Dumber

Where you've seen it: Completely overhauled as the "Mutt Cuts" dog on wheels, and producing "the most annoying sound in the world" in this 1994 classic comedy.

What's the story: The Econoline series of vans has been one of the most prolific fleet vehicles in North America. Produced from 1961 to 2012 in both the U.S. and Canada, Ford recently announced the end of production for the Econoline, to be replaced by the Transit line.

Did you know?: A variation of the Econoline van is actually the classic Canadian "short bus" we've all seen or rode at one point in our life.

1973 Torino – The Big Lebowski

Where you've seen it: The four-door model is clearly not looking its best, getting stolen, beat up and destroyed in the 1998 film that occupies a space on many "best comedies of all time" lists.

What's the story: Named after the city of Turin, the Torino was manufactured from 1962 to 1970. The Torino has also appeared on TV in the popular show Starsky and Hutch, as well as the 2008 film Gran Torino.

Did you know?: Two Torinos were used in the film. One was destroyed on set; the other bit the big one later on an episode of The X-Files.

1982 LTD Country Squire – National Lampoon's Vacation

Where you've seen it: Heavily modified and redubbed the "Wagon Queen Family Truckster," it's the vehicle that carries the Griswolds across the country on their ill-fated road trip to Wally World.

What's the story: Manufactured from 1951-1991, the Country Squire has seen considerable remodelling, starting out as one of the original "woodies," before morphing into the more familiar station wagon model.

Did you know?: George Barris, creator of the original Batmobile, designed the car for the film. Meant to be as ugly as possible, the Truckster features a wood-covered hood and eight headlights.

1973 Ford Falcon XBGT Coupe – Mad Max

Where you've seen it: "The Interceptor" is famous for tearing up the post-apocalyptic wasteland in the 1979 film that introduced Mel Gibson to the world.

What's the story: The Falcon XBGT Coupe was only available in Australia (its slogan was, "The Great Australian Road Car") and was given extensive modifications for the film.

Did you know?: The original Falcon was sold off for scrap, but never made it to the graveyard. It was bought by a fan and fully restored to its movie condition.

Ford 1948 – Grease

Where you've seen it: As Greased Lightning, this icon is almost as famous as the movie itself. Chopped up, painted and fully hot-rodded.

What's the story: The 1948 Ford was one of the very few cars being produced by Ford in the time after WWII. It retailed for about \$800.

Did you know? The original Ford used for the film was sold in 2011 to an automobile museum in Illinois after its owner passed away in the process of having it restored.

1968 Mustang GT390 Fastback – Bullitt

Where you've seen it: Steve McQueen's unmistakable Mustang laying down some serious rubber in arguably the best chase scene ever filmed.

What's the story: The '68 Fastback has become a real collector's item largely due to this movie. It's one of the most popular restoration projects for hobbyists and collectors alike.

Did you know?: The sounds made by the Mustang in the film are actually overdubs of Steve McQueen's GT40 being driven flat out.



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