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To Dealers: Report



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club info

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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.

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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monthly meeting

Last Thursday of Each Month

BLACK BEAR DINER • 3602 W Shaw Ave • Fresno, CA
Dinner: 6 PM • Meeting: 7 PM



from the president

Greetings to all of you Mustangers!!

Our CVMC family loves to do drive and eat! I believe that activities are the life blood of our club. We have events for many tastes so you can find something that you like!

We had moved the breakfast permanently to The Train Depot which is indoors and much cooler. We had a great turn out for breakfast here. Many people have commented on the great service and food that we have. This restaurant is famous for whole plate size cinnamon rolls which are delicious! Our breakfast is the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 to 11:30 am at The Train Depot / 3045 E Ashlan / NW corner First St/Ashlan Ave.

Charlene put together a lunch and game day on Sunday July 14th at the Red Caboose. Charlene and Judy are having another one on Sunday Sep 15. Many people really enjoyed the food here and we had a very good turnout. We ate and were very challenged by her word puzzles, the kind that the word can be vertical, horizontal, or diagonal and forward or backward. Thank you Charlene and Judy!

Now the movies at Sierra Sky Park are returning on Sat Sep 14 with Smokey and The Bandit with a dinner before hand at Spicy Mayo Hibachi at NW corner of West/Shaw Aves.

Our 35th anniversary club picnic is coming up on September 28 with a new item this year – homemade ice cream this year in addition to Paul's brisket and our member pot luck items!

Our VP, Dave Ward, has picked several car shows for us to attend as a club. Stay tuned to our calendar of events for updates. We have a special "Dyno Day" coming up soon! Dave will have the details!

We have some things coming up – a high school homecoming, a chili cookoff, Veterans Day parade, a trip to Hilmar Cheese Factory and Poinsettia farm, our Christmas party, New Year's Eve, and more so stay tuned for more info.

Happy Mustanging to all of you!
It is hard to be in a bad mood when you get to drive a Mustang!!

Brandon Walker
CVMC President



from the editor

Hang tight folks, new merchandise coming soon!



Garo Chekerdemian
CVMC - Newsletter Editor

upcoming events

SEPTEMBER 2024

Date	Time	Event Type	Description
6 Fri	5PM - 8PM		Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church
	5PM - 8PM		Rods on the Bluff
7 Sat	10:00AM - 12:00PM		Monthly club breakfast Club Breakfast/Blossom Trail Cafe
13 Fri	5PM - 8PM		Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church
14 Sat	6:00PM - 8:00PM		MOVIE NIGHT Smokey & the Bandit
15 Sun	1:30PM - 3:30PM		CHARLENE & JUDY'S LUNCH, GAME & LOTS OF FUN DAY
20 Fri	5PM - 8PM		Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church
21 Sat	8:00AM - 2:30PM		Miramonte mustangs elementary car show
23 Mon	6PM - 8:30PM		CVMC Board Meeting @ old spaghetti factory.
26 Thu	6PM - 8PM		C.V.M.C. General Membership Monthly Meeting
27 Fri	5PM - 8PM		Hot Rod Gathering at Clovis Missionary Baptist Church
28 Sat	12:00PM		Club Picnic

Check online for updates and additions

happy birthday

AUGUST:

- Aug 3 John Briar
- Aug 4 Jim Sanborn
- Aug 6 Robert Whitley
- Aug 14 David Tomamichel
- Aug 14 Sabrina Collins
- Aug 16 Dave Marean



next general meeting
September 26th, 2024

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New Ford Recall Affects 30,000 S550 Mustangs

Power steering Ford Recall specifically affects certain 2022 and 2023 Mustangs; it could cause unintended steering wheel movements.



Another day, another recall. Virtually all manufacturers have them across their new models for one thing or another, so it's never too surprising to see a new one come up. Especially when you take into consideration the vast amount of technology in modern cars. For those who are adamantly against electric power steering and prefer a classic hydraulic setup, get your bragging boots ready. This new Ford Recall is for the electric power steering system on 2022 and 2023 S550 Ford Mustang models.

The NHTSA states that Ford is recalling a total of 30,753 vehicles for this particular recall. Ford officially launched the recall campaign on June 28th, 2024, and intends to send owner notification letters on August 4th, 2024. Owners of affected vehicles will be able to bring their vehicles in for a software update free of charge. So, if you've got a 2022 or 2023 Ford Mustang, it's a great idea to hop on over to the NHTSA website and input your VIN to see if your Mustang may be affected.

Unintentional Steering Inputs Are Possible

The recall verbiage highlights that the issue is specifically with the power steering control module (PSCM) software.

"Ford Motor Company (Ford) is recalling certain 2022-2023 Ford Mustang vehicles. The secondary steering torque sensor may not be calibrated properly, which can cause the steering wheel to turn side to side against the driver's intentions," reads the recall summary from the NHTSA.

Fortunately, it seems like this means it'll be a fairly straightforward fix. Modern problems require modern solutions, and it sounds like a simple software update is the solution. Ford employees reviewed plant records to determine what vehicles are affected. In the document outlining the recall, Ford dives into a bit more detail as to what exactly caused this issue.

"The secondary digital torque sensor in the steering gear was calibrated with an inverted polarity. If the primary steering torque sensor experiences a failure or fault and the secondary digital torque sensor's polarity is inverted, the steering wheel may begin oscillating without warning (alternating clockwise/counterclockwise) when the driver attempts to steer. The oscillation results from the electronic power steering gear providing unintended steering assist," says Ford's recall document.

Be Sure to Check Your Car for Recalls!

S550 Mustangs also have active recalls for a loose transmission bolt and low brake fluid warning system at the time of writing. New recalls are constantly being released. So, staying on top of your vehicle's current status is imperative.

It's important to regularly check your vehicle for recalls. Virtually every recall repair is free. So, if you haven't already, input your VIN on the NHTSA website to make sure you're staying safe on the road!

Here we go again...

Ford Mustang Four Door, Off-Road Variants Shown To Dealers: Report



Rumors surrounding the possibility that we may one day see a four-door version of the Ford Mustang, as well as a potential off-road variant, have swirled for years now. One thing we do know for certain is that the all-new-for-2024 Ford Mustang lineup doesn't represent the end of future variants for the S650 generation model, as there will surely be more joining the stable in the coming years. Now, a new report indicates that at least a couple of those variants are going to be quite different from what we've come to expect from the iconic model over its 60 years in existence.

According to Automotive News, FoMoCo recently showed dealers renderings, mockups, and photos of some future Ford



Mustang variants, which included a four-door coupe reportedly called the Mach 4, as well as a lifted, off-road, Baja-style model with rugged tires, an RTR-modified Mustang EcoBoost with a \$40k price tag, and a high-performance, V8-powered convertible that looked a lot like the older Shelby GT350/GT500 variants, albeit, sans any Shelby badging.

Ford didn't provide any timelines for these potential Mustang variants, and it collected the phones of attending dealers before showing them off, meaning that no photos leaked out. Regardless, dealers in attendance saw this as Ford's attempt to aggressively expand a vehicle that competes in a segment that other automakers have largely abandoned, and believe that The Blue Oval is seriously considering putting those variants into production.

Interestingly, Farley admitted that a four-door Ford Mustang remained a strong possibility in an interview conducted just this past May, but also poured proverbial cold water on the idea of an off-road-focused model at the same time. Meanwhile, RTR Vehicles just announced that it's teaming up with Fox as it aims to create pre-titled, pre-built vehicles that it sells itself, rather than the just the vehicle packages that it currently offers which are installed at Ford dealerships.

As for this mysterious Shelby-like high-performance variant, Ford Authority exclusively reported in early May that it may not utilize the Shelby moniker when it launches, as some top Blue Oval executives are fans of using names conceived by Ford, rather than those licensed from third parties. Additionally, Ford's new master contract agreement with the United Auto Workers (UAW) union from last fall hinted that the Flat Rock Assembly plant – which currently only builds the Mustang – may soon add a mysterious new product to its assembly lines.



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Mustang Shelby GT500 Eleanor Replica Mysteriously Abandoned in Beverly Hills

Why would anyone would just leave a pricey Mustang Shelby GT500 Eleanor replica sitting on the side of the road?



By: Brett Foote
Source: themustangsource.com

It was a long and winding road – er, legal case – but Shelby American finally defeated Eleanor Licensing LLC in court a couple of years ago, paving the way for replicas of the Gone in 60 Seconds Shelby GT500 Eleanor Mustang to be built and sold by other entities. Regardless, none of those replicas are what one might call inexpensive, with many selling for hundreds of thousands of dollars. Thus, it's a little bizarre to see one just abandoned in the streets of Beverly Hills, California.

Regardless, that's precisely the case, as we can see in this video from the YouTube channel effspot, which recently spent some time doing a little car spotting in a town that's perfect for such endeavors. After all, there's arguably more money in this small outlay of Los Angeles than most towns, and folks there love to flaunt that wealth by driving some pretty exotic machinery. We see plenty of that in this video until the crew stumbles upon this abandoned Shelby GT500 Eleanor, thanks to a viewer tip.

Apparently, this Shelby GT500 Eleanor replica has been parked here for over a week when they catch up with it, having accumulated several parking tickets as proof of that. Thanks to a logo on the car, our hosts were able to figure out that it was built by Adrenaline Motor-sports, so they decide to head on over there and try and figure out why this car was left sitting in the same spot for so long. Trouble is, Google says the business is closed, and there is no contact information to be found anywhere. When our hosts arrive, they find nothing more than an abandoned piece of land, to boot.

Interestingly, it seems as if the authorities or someone has been marking the placement of the tires on this Eleanor replica, though our host theorizes that perhaps the car broke down and belongs to the owner of the house that it's sitting in front of. However, three weeks later, they return to find the car still sitting in the very same place, and at one point, there's even a parking enforcement truck behind it. At this point, it seems as if that's the fate that awaits this pricey machine, which is a rather sad and unfortunate place for it to end up – in a repo lot awaiting the owner, or perhaps, an auction where it will be sold off to someone else, eventually.



18-Liter Ford GAA Tank Motor in a 1970 Mustang

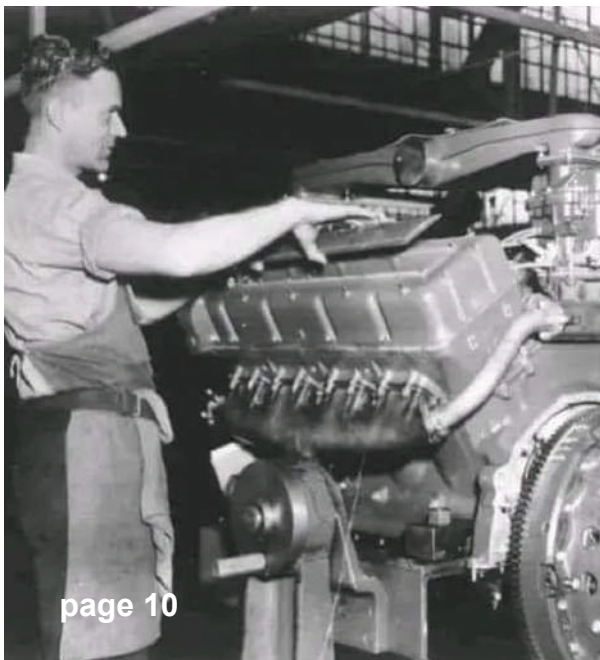
The Ford GAA engine, a World War II-era engineering marvel developed by Ford Motor Company, is a 1,100 cubic inch (18-liter) all-aluminum 32-valve DOHC V8 with a 60-degree liquid-cooled configuration and a flat-plane crankshaft.

Known for its exceptional performance, it produces over 1,000 pound-feet of torque from idle to 2,200 rpm and 500 horsepower at 2,600 rpm. Primarily used in Sherman Tanks, this engine's lightweight aluminum construction, superior airflow from its 32 valves, and liquid cooling system underscored Ford's engineering prowess and played a crucial role in the Allied war effort.

Remarkably, someone installed this powerful engine into a 1970 Mustang, creating a unique and attention-grabbing vehicle that showcased both historical significance and modern engineering creativity.



Source: [the_xcalibur \(Instagram\)](#)



Hennessey H850 Mustang Dark Horse Lays Waste to BMW M8 Competition



By Brett Foote
Source: themustangsource.com

Back in May, Hennessey Performance revealed its latest Blue Oval-based upgrade, the H850 package for the new-for-2024 Ford Mustang Dark Horse. As is usually the case, this new model features a handful of exterior and interior upgrades, but most notably, it gets a big power boost under the hood – one that adds a whopping 350 horsepower to the range-topping pony car, resulting in what promises to be incredible performance from the Hennessey H850 Mustang Dark Horse. In this recent video from the tuner itself, that much is on clear display.

In this clip, we get to see the Hennessey H850 Mustang Dark Horse take on the newest BMW M8 Competition, which packs a twin-turbocharged 4.4-liter V8 underhood that makes 617 horsepower and 553 pound-feet of torque flowing to all four wheels via an eight-speed automatic transmission. With a curb weight of over 4,000 pounds and a price tag of around \$150k, the M8 Competition is heavy and expensive, but it also rockets to 60 mph in just 2.5 seconds, and down the quarter-mile in just 10.7 clicks.

In the other lane, we have the Hennessey H850 Mustang Dark Horse, which has received a bevy of upgrades for its stock 5.0-liter Coyote V8. Those include a supercharger, a high-flow air induction system, upgraded fuel injectors and fuel pump, and Hennessey's own engine management system. The results of those upgrades are undoubtedly impressive – the H850 churns out 850 horsepower and 650 pound-feet of torque compared to 500/418 for the stock model, which drops its 0-60 time from 3.7 seconds to 3.2 with the 10-speed automatic, while the quarter mile goes from 12.0 seconds to 10.9

As most have already seen, that's slower than the M8 Competition on paper, even in spite of the H850 Dark Horse's massive power advantage, even though the Mustang weighs a couple hundred pounds less. However, in this real-world race, the script is flipped altogether. While the BMW gets off the line quicker thanks to its all-wheel-drive system, the Dark Horse rockets past it shortly thereafter and claims a big margin of victory by the time it reaches the finish line.

Even better, the Hennessey H850 Mustang Dark Horse is cheaper than the BMW M8 Competition, as the package itself starts out at \$24,950 – which, combined with the car's base price of \$58,935, results in a total of \$83,885. This particular example has some other options such as the Heritage Graphics package that raise the price to \$100k, but it's still far and away cheaper than the M8 Competition – not to mention notably quicker.



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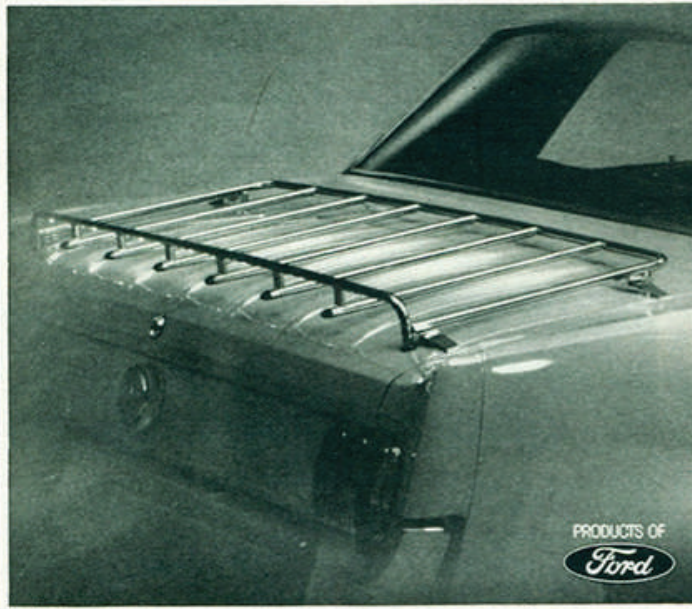


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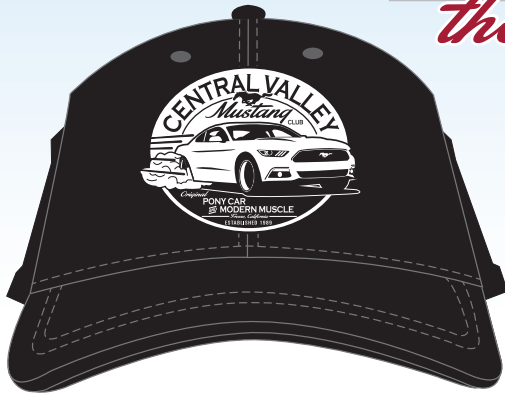


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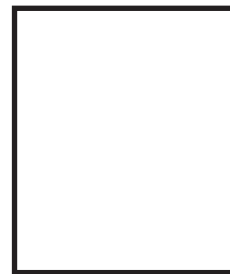
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