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Celebrating Mustang Hobbyist and Their Cars Since 1977

FEBRUARY CAR OF THE MONTH



Nils & Sandy Larson's '68 Convertible Mustang

This 1968 Convertible Mustang has been in the Larson family since 1969. It is a standard 76A body convertible with a 289CI V8 and C4 automatic transmission. It was built at the Metuchen assembly plant in Edison NJ on March 18, 1968. Its original color was "Sand Pebble Beige" with a black vinyl interior and top. It has a glass back window which was unusual, as well as a tonneau cover that snaps over the doors and rear top well. The door snaps were removed on the last paint job but replacements are sitting in a bag for when time allows to reinstall them.

The car was passed on to Nils in 1979 where it had a burnt valve and was consuming some oil. The first order of business was an engine rebuild. This was a good project with Nils' dad's help, giving it new crank bearings, rings, and valve job to get her back up into good running condition. Upgrades to a Miracle Auto Painting "Deep Red" paint job, chrome rims, and Monroe air shocks to lift the sagging leaf springs were all enjoyable investments from the benefit of a good summer job that year. The car managed to go another 100K miles through the remainder of high school, college, and Nils' early career years.

The engine was tiring by 200K miles, with rust clogging the radiator, and ultimately a freeze plug sprung a leak. Nils and his dad went at it again, swapping a remanufactured 289 short block into the engine bay. Upgrades to a small Holley 4bbl carburetor and intake manifold were part of this rebuild. Additionally, the original vacuum advance distributor was traded up to a mechanical advance dual point distributor, which was

further upgraded later to electronic ignition for smoother idle and much easier maintenance. Over time she has also gone through three C4 transmissions, several brake jobs, and a few ball-joint, upper arm bushing, and wheel bearing replacements. All in all, the car has gone just over 300K miles.

Over the years it has been kept close to stock except the wheels, paint, and stereo. It was a daily driver from 1969 through 1997 where it towed a boat, and served as a truck with the top down. It carried trees and plants for landscaping, refrigerators, beds, furniture, wood (plywood fits nicely between the top side rails when it is down), and most of all it did the annual Santa Cruz Mountains Christmas Tree hauling trip until it yielded those duties to a new 1997 Toyota T100 pickup truck. From 1997 to 2015 it still commuted every week or two, particularly on Fridays, particularly on warm days where the top could remain down.

From 2015 it has spent more time in the garage, still in running condition but in need of some TLC. We joined the VMOA just before the Pandemic, and coincidentally at the same time a garage cabinet detached and fell from the wall, doing pretty serious damage to the passenger side of the car. It has also sat too much after that incident and now also has a transmission leak that needs to be taken care of. All this unfortunately has kept us and the old convertible out of participating in the VMOA club, but we do hope to change that in the near future with some functional restoration on top of the needed body repairs.





OFFICERS

President - Joe Rondone
Vice President – Rob Lee
Secretary - Vacant
Treasurer Rick Rose

BOARD MEMBERS

David Geraci
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Tina Goulart
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Steve Chapman Past President

VOLUNTEERS

Membership – Charlie Wilson
Webmaster - Tom Hasenberg
MCA - Tom Hasenberg
Car Show -Tom Hasenberg
Events – Pauline Maciel
Newsletter – Rod Davison

NOTICE

On January 23rd we lost one of our long-time members, Bill Croxton. Bill was a very faithful member as he attended almost all our events, car shows and meetings. He had some of the finest cars in the Club. We offer our sympathy and thankfulness to his special grandson and family. From the members of the VMOA family.

President Letter February 2024

At the January general meeting we only had a hand full of members attending and one of the members had mentioned that Friday nite was a bad nite. Another member didn't think the food was very good. My question is should we try to change the nite we meet; it is a lot harder too fine a place to meet.

At the last board meeting we discussed having another picnic at Vasona park for the second weekend in August and try to schedule some weekend cruises. If anyone has ideas for events, please bring them up.

In closing we are still in need of someone to step up and accept the secretary position.

Thank you, Joe Rondone



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Joe Goulart- 07
Rick Rose-26
Kathleen Frascone – 07
Eric Stillwell -19

Linda Worth – 01
Patrick Kirby-29
James Myers – 24
Davis Geraci -07

Janeen Pratt -22
Ron Dune – 04
Diana Chang – 07
Linda Kirby – 22



\$\$\$ ITS TIME TO RENEW THE DUES FOR 2023 \$\$\$\$

You can pay by check or cash at the General Meeting.

or

Pay Pal or Credit Card via the Web Site



(RENEWAL IS \$40)

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2024

Meetings 2024	Date	Time	Notes
General Meeting	February 2	7:30 pm.	Denny's 1140 Hillsdale, San Jose, CA
Board Meeting	February 20	7:00 pm.	255 N Eighth St San Jose, CA
General Meeting	March 1	7:30 p.m.	Denny's 1140 Hillsdale, San Jose, CA
Board Meeting	March 19	7:00 p.m.	255 N Eighth St San Jose, CA
General Meeting	April 5	7:30 p.m.	Denny's 1140 Hillsdale, San Jose, CA
Board Meeting	April 16	7:00 p.m.	255 N Eighth St San Jose, CA
General Meeting	May 3	7:30 p.m.	Denny's 1140 Hillsdale, San Jose, CA
Board Meeting	May 21	7:00 p.m.	255 N Eighth St San Jose, CA
General Meeting	June 7	7:30 p.m.	Denny's 1140 Hillsdale, San Jose, CA
Board Meeting	June 18	7:00 p.m.	255 N Eighth St San Jose, CA
General Meeting	July 12	7:30 p.m.	Denny's 1140 Hillsdale, San Jose, CA
Board Meeting	July 16	7:00 p.m.	255 N Eighth St San Jose, CA
General Meeting	August 2	7:30 p.m.	Denny's 1140 Hillsdale, San Jose, CA
Board Meeting	August 20	7:00 p.m.	255 N Eighth St San Jose, CA
General Meeting	September 6	7:30 p.m.	Denny's 1140 Hillsdale, San Jose, CA
Board Meeting	September 17	7:00 p.m.	255 N Eighth St San Jose, CA
General Meeting	October 4	7:30 p.m.	Denny's 1140 Hillsdale, San Jose, CA
Board Meeting	October 15	7:00 p.m.	255 N Eighth St San Jose, CA
General Meeting	November 1	7:30 p.m.	Denny's 1140 Hillsdale, San Jose, CA
Board Meeting	November 19	7:00 p.m.	255 N Eighth St San Jose, CA
General Meeting	December 6	6:30 p.m.	Holiday Party TBD
Board Meeting	December 17	7:00 p.m.	255 N Eighth St San Jose, CA

REOCCURRING AREA EVENTS

2 nd Saturday each Month	Ronnie's Coffee & Cars	1811 Hilldale Ave. San Jose, CA 95124
1st Saturday each Month	Mt. View Coffee & Cars	Starbucks park lot, 2410 Charleston Rd, Mountain View, CA - 10:30AM
2 nd Sunday each Month	SJMCC Cars and Coffee	859 Bloosom Hill RD, San Jose, CA
3 rd Sunday each Month	Morgan Hill Coffee & Cars	990 Cochrane Plaza, Morgan Hill, CA



47th ANNUAL VMOA CAR SHOW WITH

NOR CAL SAAC

SATURDAY June 15, 2024

LOCATION: West Valley College
14000 Fruitvale Ave (Lot 5)
Saratoga, CA 95070



All models and years of Mustangs, Shelbys, Cobras, Panteras and Ford GT's as well as '60 -'70 Ford and Mercury Muscle Cars are welcome!

Fee for entries postmarked by 6/1/24: \$40 for 1st car (includes T-shirt)

\$25 for additional cars (without T-shirts)

Fee for entries postmarked after 6/1/24: \$60 per car (includes T-shirt while supplies last)

NOTE: We must limit the show to 200 cars, so registration will be closed when we reach that number.

FREE ADMISSION TO SPECTATORS

Registration: 8:00 - 10:00 AM

People's Choice Voting: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Awards Presentation: 2:00 - 3:00 PM

NOTE: VMOA reserves the right to reclassify your car if we deem that it was entered in the incorrect class.

For additional information:

Web site: <http://www.vintagemustang.org>

Email: CarShow@vintagemustang.org or Call Tom at 408-203-5552

INTAGE MUSTANG OWNERS' ASSOCIATION (VMOA)

General Meeting Minutes

Friday January 5, 2024

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by President Joe Rondone at 7:30 P.M. at Denny's Hillsdale, San Jose

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Joe Rondone	President	Present
Rob Lee	Vice President	Present
Rick Rose	Treasurer	Present
Vacant	Secretary	
Don Houk	Board Member	Absent
Tina Goulart	Board Member	Present
Dave Gararci	Board Member	Present
Kathy Riccardi	Board Member	Present
Steve Chapman	Past President	Present
Tom Hasenberg	Web Master & MCA Rep	Absent
Charlie Wilson	Membership	Absent
Rod Davison	Editor	Absent

AGENDA

- **Welcome**

President Joe Rondone opened the meeting introducing the New Executive Board and welcoming all in attendance.

- **Members, Visitors and Guests**

No guests or Visitors

- President Joe Rondone reviewed the names of those who are celebrating January Birthdays

Car of the Month

Brent Stewart, not present, has a 1965 Mustang, Track Car, see newsletter for details

Committee Reports

Treasurer Report: Rick reviewed Joe's report, Balance \$6, 709.79

Events

Past Events

December 8th Christmas Party- Pauline, everyone loved the food! Great job again by Hi Five Catering. The gift game exchange was full of fun and laughs and thank you to Leroy and Irene Taylor as she made each person a wine bag! The Rondone's delivered the toys we donated to the San Jose Fire Station at Ross and Hillsdale in San Jose for distribution to children in need.

December 14 Willow Glen Light Tour lead by Charlie Wilson

Great tour, fun to see all the Mustangs decorated and lit up driving around together. After the cruise it was a evening of socializing with our annual Bon Fire at Charlie's house with snacks, wine and hot cider to enjoy!

Future Events

Steve Beckwith is working on a group Cruise; he will arrange a route which ends in Pescadero for lunch. Date May 18, hopefully the weather will cooperate.

The consensus from the group was to have another picnic at Vasona this Summer. Joe will look into trying to get a Mid-August Date.

Bay Tour is another suggestion; it starts at Shoreline and ends in Alviso.

Car Show

Tom got the date June 15, the day before Father's Day at West Valley College. Steve suggested a committee to checkout Food Trucks as there are no nearby places to eat. The college is pretty remote in the middle of a neighborhood.

Website

Rick Rose suggested we have a calendar page for events. He said the Website could remain the same just by changing one page out to what we previously had, which clear and easy to use. Pauline advised it sounds like a good idea as the calendar on the previous website was great. Tom has previously commented on glitches in putting events on the current website. Joe and Steve advised Rick talk to Tom about the possibility.

Buy/Sell/Swap

Kathy Riccardi - 2003 GT Convertible, leather interior, 76,000 original miles, 5 speed.

Old Business -

The Position of Secretary needs to be filled. Please consider assisting the club if you have not been on the board in the past. Pauline has been on the Board as Vice President or Secretary for the past 12 years. She will assist anyone who volunteers for this position.

New Business -

OPEN FORUM-

Steve Chapman has generously let us use his business location for many years for many reasons. He needs a break; President Joe Rondone is looking at the possibility of changing the Board Meetings to 255 N 8th San Jose. He will check it out and advise.

Kathy Riccardi - Sunday January 7 South Bay Mustang is cruising to Baja Cantina in Monterey, meeting at Bass Pro Shop San Jose at 8:30 AM all Mustang Clubs are invited to join in.

April 17 is National Mustang Day; San Jose Mustang Club is looking at having it at the History Museum instead of at Roaring Camp on April 14

Steve is now VP of Nor Cal Shelby and is recruiting them to help out at our VMOA Car Show.

Western Street Rod National is April 27 & 28

Hot August Nights is August 4 - 11

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. by President Joe Rondone

Respectfully submitted, Pauline Maciel, Past Secretary

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