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OCTOBER CAR OF THE MONTH



James Cinnamond's 2015 Mustang

Ah, the 2015 Ford Oxford White Mustang EcoBoost, a modern-day stallion dressed in a sleek retro outfit, capturing hearts with its potent blend of performance and efficiency. James Cinnamond, a true aficionado of the pony car legacy, has taken this already stunning steed and transformed it into a masterpiece that not only turns heads on the street but also commands respect at the most prestigious car shows.

James' love affair with the Mustang began at a youthful age, with posters of these iconic American muscle cars adorning the walls of his boyhood bedroom. Fast forward to today, and his heavily modified EcoBoost is a testament to his unbridled passion for the brand. The vibrant color, a custom mix that seems to dance in the sunlight, is a nod to the classic Mustang hues of yesteryear, yet with a fresh, contemporary twist. The aggressive body kit, sculpted to perfection, hugs the contours of the car like a tailored suit, giving it a stance that screams power and poise.

Under the hood, the EcoBoost engine has been coaxed and pampered to unleash a symphony of horsepower that would make any gearhead's heart flutter. With a custom exhaust that growls like a beast awakened from its slumber and an air intake system that inhales like it's running in the Kentucky Derby, this Mustang isn't just a pretty face—it's a force to be

reckoned with. The suspension has been tuned to carve corners with the precision of a Swiss watch, and the brakes bite with the tenacity of a pitbull on a mission, ensuring that this pony remains in full control, no matter the speed or terrain.

The interior, a harmonious blend of old school charm and new school tech, is where James truly feels at home. Custom leather seats, embroidered with the Mustang emblem, cradle him like a pair of well-worn cowboy boots, while the digital dashboard lights up with a glow that could rival Times Square. The gear shifter, a work of art in itself, fits comfortably in his hand, beckoning him to row through the gears with a flick of his wrist. The sound system, a symphony of bass and treble, serenades him on every drive, a perfect soundtrack to the Turbo roar.

But it's not just about the power and the aesthetics for James. This car is a canvas for his imagination, a rolling art project that evolves with every tweak and upgrade. Each modification is a declaration of his love for the Mustang, a love that has been kindled over countless hours of research, tinkering, and late nights in the garage. His dedication to the craft is reflected in the impeccable attention to detail, from the carbon fiber accents to the custom badging that whispers 'Cinnamond' as if it were a secret shared between the car and its creator.

And the accolades? Oh, they come in droves. Car show trophies line his mantle, each one a gleaming testament to his tireless pursuit of perfection. His Mustang has been the belle of the ball more times than he can count, leaving onlookers in awe of its beauty and poise. Yet, amidst the glitz and glamour, James remains humble, always eager to share the story of his four-wheeled companion.

The 2015 Ford Mustang Ecoboost, in James' capable hands, is not just a car: it's an extension of his soul. Each modification is a page in the story of his life, a tale of passion, persistence, and the pursuit of automotive nirvana. And as he revs the engine and peels out onto the open road, you can't help but feel that this is where he truly belongs—behind the wheel of his beloved Mustang, with the wind in his hair and the horizon in his sights.

Respectfully Submitted by Bill CInnamond



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President’s Letter October 2024

Hello All,

October is coming up very soon We have group of members planning on driving to Big Daddy’s on Oct 26 , There is a \$20.00 Dollar Charge this Year. if you would like to come with us sign up soon you can send us a email or sign up at General meeting Oct 4, at Denny’s on Hillsdale.

We are trying to get ready for Our Christmas Party and Toy Drive. It is on Dec 6, so save the date we can use a lot of help if you would like to help, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Rondone



John Gehring – 06
 Chuck Brown – 09

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Chris Gehring – 30
 Daniel Fino – 13



Tom Robinson – 07
 John Zore – 22

**REOCCURRING AREA EVENTS**

2 nd Saturday each Month	Ronnie’s Coffee & Cars	5566 Cottle Rd. San Jose, CA
1st Saturday each Month	Mt. View Coffee & Cars	Starbucks 2410 Charleston Rd, Mountain View, CA 7 to 10:30am
2 nd Sunday each Month	SJMCC Cars and Coffee	859Blossom Hill Rd, San Jose, CA
3 rd Sunday each Month	Morgan Hill Coffee & Cars	990 Cochrane Plaza, Morgan Hill, CA
1st Sunday each Month	408 Garage Coffee & Cars	Camden Donuts, 1436 White Oaks Rd Campbell CA 9 to 12
1st Sunday each Month	The Gilroy Coffee & Cars	Gilroy Donut House 703 First St, Gilroy, CA 8 to 11am

MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2024

Meetings 2024	Date	Time	Notes
General Meeting	October 4	7:30 pm	Denny's 1140 Hillsdale, San Jose, CA
Big Daddy's	October 26	9a to 4p	19256 Donna Ave. Morgan Hill, CA
Board Meeting	October 15	7:00 pm	255 N Eighth St San Jose, CA
General Meeting	November 1	7:30 pm	Denny's 1140 Hillsdale, San Jose, CA
Cruise to Derosé Winery	November 16		TBD
Board Meeting	November 19	7:00 pm	255 N Eighth St San Jose, CA
General Meeting	December 6	6:00 pm	Christmas Dinner Party TBD
Willow Glen Light Tour & House Party	December 12		Charlie Wilson
Board Meeting	December 17	7:00 pm	255 N Eighth St San Jose, CA

The following article appeared in the Early Ford V8 Club THE DUECE NEWS. Bruce is my granddaughter's father-in-law and a good friend. Rod Davison

Lost Gas Stations of San Mateo County

By Bruce Cumming

Some of you may know that I am writing a book on San Mateo County gas stations, their history and their demise. It's been a fun journey and most of the work has been completed and sent to the publisher.

Why write a book on this subject? I've always had a fascination with gas stations ever since I worked in a Flying A service station in San Carlos in the mid-1960s. Like many of you who may have done the same, it was a great job. It paid decent money and gave me a chance to learn about cars, work on my 1956 Chevy and gain the responsibility of waiting on customers, counting the days receipts, checking the gasoline storage tanks, cleaning the station and locking up at night.



Associated (Flying A) Broadway and El Camino Real Redwood City, 1940

So, about a year ago a like-minded author friend of mine, Nick Veronico and I decided to research this vanishing chapter of American history, collect photographs and stories from gas station owners in San Mateo County and write a book about them. Along the way we met many kind and helpful people who were interested in our project. We visited numerous historical associations throughout the county, found many old photos and tracked down others by knocking on doors using our old-fashioned detective skills.

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Our journey led us from Daly City in the north to East Palo Alto on the south end of San Mateo County and every city in between. What we found was quite interesting. The earliest filling stations of the 20th Century evolved from hardware stores and blacksmith shops. There, merchants provided gasoline from indoor tanks to motorists who brought buckets to fill their horseless carriages. Later when pumps were invented and placed at the curb, customers could fill up safely and more quickly. Eventually, gas stations that we all grew up with moved away from the streetside pumps to individual, often attractive buildings in the 1920s when more people could afford automobiles and roads improved.

What we also were reminded of is that most cities in the county had numerous gas stations, mostly on busy streets like El Camino Real, Bayshore Highway before it became a freeway and the Coast Highway. As an example, the small town of San Carlos at one time had over 20 service stations, one on every corner, it seemed. Now there are only five. As a kid I remembered all of them and have enjoyed recalling all the different brands from that by-gone era. There was Associated, Rio Grande, Signal, Wilshire, Mohawk, Hancock, Seaside, Phillips 66, Richfield, Beacon, Olympian and many others. How many brands do you remember? And what about gas “wars” when competition was stiff and regular gas could be bought for 20 cents a gallon or less?

Well, all of those stations that provided real “service” have vanished now in favor of the self-service corporate facilities of Chevron, Shell, Arco, Union 76, Exxon, Texaco and Mobil.

Sadly, the days of “fill er up”, checking your oil, tires and cleaning your windshield are gone. Gone too are the snazzy attendants who knew you by name, knew your car, did repairs, sold tires, provided free maps, prizes and “Green Stamps”.

Nick and I hope our book will be published in the next few months and when it debuts, we will make it available to all Ford Club members. We think ‘*Lost Gas Stations of San Mateo County*’ will be interesting, enjoyable and bring back fond memories of the “good ole days”.

And, there will be no extra charge for an autographed copy!

Bruce

Mission Trail



In 1912 G.A. KREISS became the proprietor of Miller Paulsen's auto repair business and continued to operate the business for the next 5 years. Note how gasoline was sold. There were no gas pumps at this early time. Gas was stored in cans and poured or pumped by hand. They rolled the gas tanks out on dollies. During 1916-1917, G. A. Kreiss was the Ford agent in Redwood City.





Big Daddy's Motor Cars

4th Annual Open House, Car Show and Fundraiser

Saturday October 26th - 9am to 4pm

19256 Donna Court, Morgan Hill, Ca. 95037

Pre Registration \$20.00

\$25.00 Day of Show

Awards 3pm

All Proceeds Support...



Food Trucks / DJ / Raffle / Awards

Shop Tours / Vendors / Special Guests / Infield Display / 4Wheeler Corral

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Lee Iacocca: “The Man Behind the Ford Mustang”

Introduction:

When looking back at the history of the Ford Mustang, one name stands out as the driving force behind its creation - Lee Iacocca. His vision and determination played a crucial role in the development of Ford's iconic pony car, shaping it into the timeless classic that it is today. Let's delve into the story of the man behind the Mustang and explore how his innovative ideas revolutionized the automotive industry.

Who is Lee Iacocca?

Lee Iacocca was an automotive executive who served as the President of Ford Motor Company from 1970 to 1978. He was renowned for his leadership and marketing skills, as well as his ability to identify consumer trends and adapt to changing market demands. Iacocca's bold and visionary approach to business set him apart as a true industry innovator.

The Birth of the Ford Mustang

Iacocca recognized the shift in consumer preferences towards smaller, more compact vehicles in the early 1960s. He saw an opportunity to cater to the younger demographic who desired a sleek and stylish car that would reflect their lifestyle. This insight led to the development of the Ford Mustang, a revolutionary sports car that captured the hearts of millions.

Iacocca's Vision

Iacocca envisioned the Mustang as a car that would blend performance, style, and affordability. He believed that by targeting a younger audience, Ford could tap into a new market segment and establish itself as a trendsetter in the automotive industry. His foresight and strategic planning laid the foundation for the Mustang's success.

The Mustang Legacy

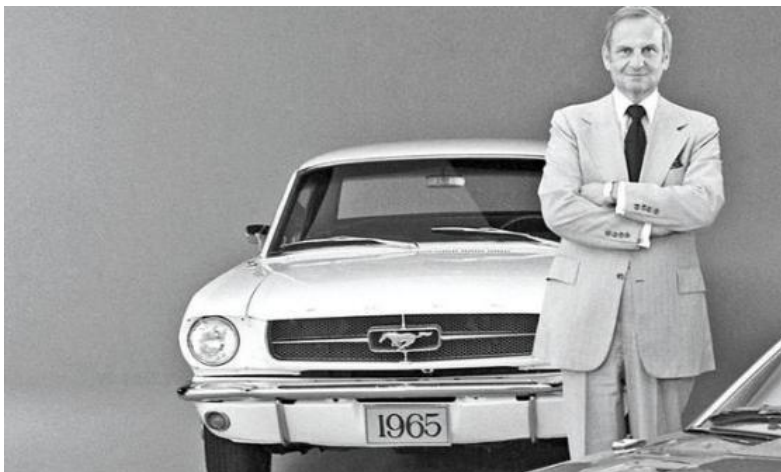
The debut of the Ford Mustang in 1964 marked a significant milestone in automotive history. Its iconic design, powerful engine options, and customizable features made it an instant classic. The Mustang quickly became a cultural phenomenon, symbolizing freedom, independence, and the spirit of the open road. Thanks to Iacocca's innovative thinking and forward-looking approach, the Mustang continues to hold a special place in the hearts of car enthusiasts worldwide.

Iacocca's Influence

Lee Iacocca's influence extended beyond the Ford Mustang, leaving a lasting impact on the automotive industry as a whole. His ability to connect with consumers, anticipate market trends, and drive innovation set him apart as a true visionary. Iacocca's legacy serves as a reminder of the power of bold ideas and unwavering determination in shaping the future of a company.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, Lee Iacocca's visionary leadership and innovative spirit were instrumental in bringing the Ford Mustang to life. His relentless pursuit of excellence and commitment to understanding consumer needs set a new standard for the automotive industry. The Mustang stands as a testament to Iacocca's enduring legacy, reflecting his passion for creating timeless and iconic vehicles. Lee Iacocca will always be remembered as the man behind the Ford Mustang, a true pioneer who changed the course of automotive history.



VINTAGE MUSTANG OWNERS' ASSOCIATION (VMOA)

General Meeting Minutes

Friday September 13, 2024

MINUTES

The September meeting began at 7:34 pm

We had 2 visitors, Ben and Steve Mitchell.

Present Board members, President Joe Rondone, VP, Rob Lee, Treasurer Rick Rose, and Board members, Kathy Ricardo, Carol Rose, John Gehring,

Rob Lee read the minutes, and the minutes were approved.

Rick gave the reported had \$4697.26 in the account, and it was approved.

We read the birthdays.

We read that the car of the month was Monica's and Eric's Casucci's 1967 coupe.

Committee Reports/Past Events, we discussed the VMOA Picnic.

Future Events, we discussed Big Daddy's car show on October 26th, and that this year there will be a \$20 dollar pre-registration fee, and \$25 dollars day of show, all proceeds will fund Future Gearheads Intern and Apprentice program.

Joe Rondone talked to Joe and Tina Goulart's friend Wayne about the website, he would like to look into it for us to see what can be done to make better.

New Business, beginning of October we will be sending out a notice for the Christmas Party to the members.

Meeting Adjourned 8:00.

Rob

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