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DECEMBER CAR OF THE MONTH



Linda & Joe Rondone 1967 Mustang Convertible

My 1967 Blue Convertible

In the summer of 1967 one of our neighbors was bringing home his new car. As he drove by, I checked it out. It was a light blue mustang convertible. This was the first convertible I ever saw that had a glass back window. I had been looking for a car like that as most young boys do. Most of the cars I had looked at were in real bad shape and all the convertibles had the same problem the back window was so bad you couldn't see out of it. So, this car always stuck in my mind.

Many years later I was driving by the neighbor's house where the Mustang was parked out front. I saw the neighbor's son put a for sale sign in its window. So, I stop, I asked what they were asking for it and I bought it right then.

The next day the work started, and I have been working on it for last 35 or 40 years . I started a tune up and changed the hoses belts and new brakes. Then I found a body man who would work on my car when it was slow in the shop, using my Mustang as fill in work. After a year he had painted car and it was ready to go home.

The next thing I did was to take out the seats and carpet . I bought a carpet and seat kit from Scott Drake . I used my Mustang as my weekend driver for 6 or 7 years.

Then the engine went away and I had to rebuild it. I was still trying to keep it stock. After about 10 Years I thought I would soup up the engine a little. After that I found myself doing more and more. new windshield, aluminum radiator, 7-inch Rally wheels and tires, headers, dual exhaust , air shocks, front disc brakes, led headlights. I replace the rear leave springs with Mustang GT springs, chrome export brace and Monte Carlo Bar and shock tower tops.

Now thinking about getting it painted again. By Joe Rondone



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DECEMBER PREIDENT’S LETTER

Good morning, all.

The holidays well be here before we know it and I hope everyone is in good health.

We had our cruise Saturday November 16th, and it was another great day little bit cold but very nice. We had 7 cars show. We left the meeting place at 11:15 we all stayed together on the road with a short stop at Uvas Reservoir and we got to the wine tasting spot by 12:30. We tasted some very good wines from DeRose winery and Little Uvas which served Beer, wine and pizza. I think everyone had a very good time; I know I did.

Last night at our board meeting the subject of dues came up and how some members drag out paying them for 6 or 7 months. So, it was decided that dues can be paid any time before January 1, and delinquent after January 31, and there will be a \$5.00 late fee for every month after.

We our having our last meeting Christmas Party of the year on December 6. If you have not sent your money in to save your seat, please send it in soon we need to get a head count very soon. Do not forget to send it to Linda Rondone at 2418 Westgate Ave San Jose. Remember our last event of the year is the Willow Glen Light cruise December 12. I hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party.

Respectfully submitted By Joe Rondone



Ed Eckert – 01

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ron Dunn – 10

Vicky Hasheider – 11



John O’Tool – 26



\$\$\$\$ ITS TIME TO RENEW THE DUES FOR 2024 \$\$\$\$\$

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

or

Pay Pal or Credit Card via the Web Site



(RENEWAL IS \$40)

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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 rd 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
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	December 6	6:00 pm	Christmas Dinner Party (See flier)
Willow Glen Light Tour & House Party	December 12		Charlie Wilson (See Flier)
Board Meeting	December 17	7:00 pm	255 N Eighth St San Jose, CA

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2025

Meetings 2025	Date	Time	Notes
General Meeting	January 3	7:00 pm.	Frontier Ford 3701 Stevens Creek Blvd. Santa Clara, CA
Board Meeting	January 21	7:00 pm.	
General Meeting	February 7	7:30 pm.	
Board Meeting	February 18	7:00 pm.	
General Meeting	March 7	7:30 p.m.	
Board Meeting	March 18	7:00 p.m.	
General Meeting	April 4	7:30 p.m.	
Board Meeting	April 15	7:00 p.m.	
General Meeting	May 2	7:30 p.m.	
Board Meeting	May 20	7:00 p.m.	
General Meeting	June 6	7:30 p.m.	
Board Meeting	June 17	7:00 p.m.	
General Meeting	July 4	7:30 p.m.	
Board Meeting	July 15	7:00 p.m.	
General Meeting	August 1	7:30 p.m.	
Board Meeting	August 19	7:00 p.m.	
General Meeting	September 5	7:30 p.m.	
Board Meeting	September 16	7:00 p.m.	
General Meeting	October 3	7:30 p.m.	
Board Meeting	October 21	7:00 p.m.	
General Meeting	November 7	7:30 p.m.	
Board Meeting	November 18	7:00 p.m.	
General Meeting	December 5	6:30 p.m.	Holiday Party
Board Meeting	December 16	7:00 p.m.	

WILLOW GLEN CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR

Get ready for the December 12th cruise through the streets of Willow Glen to enjoy the many wonderful Christmas decorations. Last year was well attended by 14 Mustangs, many decorated with Christmas lights and other festive things. Santa and Mrs. Claus also took time away from their busy schedules last year to participate, maybe again this year???

After the ride everyone is invited to Charlie Wilson's Willow Glen driveway to enjoy a bustling fire with munchies and liquid refreshments. This is a great way to further your excitement for the holiday season, bring the kids/grandkids and let's have fun. We will meet at the Safeway parking lot at 5:30 PM at 1530 Hamilton Ave, San Jose. See you there!

VINTAGE MUSTANG OWNERS' ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1ST, 2024

MINUTES

Meeting began at 07:36 PM

Joe Rondone welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

There were approximately 24 members present.

Board members present, President Joe Rondone, VP Rob Lee, Treasurer Rick Rose, Board Members, Kathy Ricardo, John Gehring, Carol Rose and Les Dougan filling in as secretary (speak loudly).

Joe is encouraging someone to step forward to fill the secretary job for the club. Les is trying it. Joe stated that we lost long time member Roger Schmitz who passed away. There was a Celebration of Life October 19th at Los Gatos Lodge in Los Gatos.

Rob Lee read the October minutes, there were no corrections to the minutes and they were approved.

Rick Rose read the treasury report, we have \$4,745.55 an approximate \$48 increase. The report was approved.

Joe read the November member Birthdays; Phil Deardorf, Laurie Granberry, Nils Larson, Robert Lee, Glenn Roberts, and Robert Woblesky. Julie Dougan reminded to add Les D. to the list.

The Car of the Month was stated as Bob Skinner's 1967 Lime Green/Black Vinyl top Mustang Coupe, (very sharp).

"Change General Meeting Location", John Gehring and Rob Lee updated the business of possible change of General Meeting location to Frontier Ford in Santa Clara. The dealer representative Kevin (1 year at Frontier Ford) was more excited than we were. The available room would have the tables rearranged for the meeting purposes. Chairs for 35 people. Parking in front is underneath an overhang. There is other parking is on side of the dealership. The room is upstairs. He offered to supply snacks as well. The dealership closes at 9:00 PM. A dinner location would have to be scouted out for a nearby location. John stated he would work on it. It was stated that the meeting would take place on the 1st Friday of each month with occasional holiday related interference with regarding which Friday of the month. The question regarding our current arrangement with the current location we have an agreement until the end of the year. The subject of the club cars that would be brought to the meetings was not brought up to Kevin, however we should point out that many of our members would likely not bring our Mustangs to the meeting all the time. Poor weather would mean we would likely bring a substitute vehicle. We are encouraged to minimize bringing Chevies to the meeting, (Mustangs are preferred). The parking location mentioned is well lit at the front of the dealership and some lighting on the side of the dealership. Some members are concerned about the security of our cars during the meeting. We think the dealership would appreciate bringing our Mustangs to the meeting. Rob asked the question as to would there be any members that would not attend our meetings at the proposed new location (Frontier Ford)? There was some concern that if the dealership changes their mind that we may be left having to find another location but that would be a concern whenever we attempt a location change. Changing the meeting time to 7:00PM was discussed to leave a bit more time for eating dinner after the meetings. There was a vote to change the meeting location to Frontier Ford and the meeting time to 7:00PM instead of 7:30PM. The vote was accepted to change the January meeting to Frontier Ford at 7:00PM on January 5th, 2025, at 3701 Stevens Creek Blvd. Santa Clara, CA.

"CHRISTMAS PARTY", so far qty. 20 coming to the Party. List of volunteers is set, setup start at 5:00PM. John will go to the storage to get needed items.

DeRose Winery Tour Nov. 16th, leave 11:00AM, arrive 12:00PM.

"CAR SHOW", complaints from 2024. Do we want to have a Car Show. Many did not like the college location. Left over plaques for those that left the show before the presentations. Categories may need reorganization. We broke even \$ on the profit barely only because of our sponsors. Consistent date. Location. Combine Club Shows. John will organize Car Show Committee to discuss the Car Show issues. Les, Julie, Rod, Cathy, Rob Lee. Next Kathy discussed suggesting new activities, categories, modify plaque format, meeting speakers, breakfasts, events, registration, Julie suggested the Santa Clara Model Train Show with 1 restored full size 1920 passenger car, lots of model train parts and accessories for a real low cost, \$5.00 / person, kids free, 2 times per year at the Santa Clara Train Station, April, and November.

Webmaster, Joe stated still getting access, Les is interested in the job.

Hagerty Car Insurance, Roger's wife Monica will carry on the insurance business.

New Business. None

Buy Sell Swap, Kathy's Mustang still awaits its next loving buyer.

Open Forum, see Car Show above.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DeRose Winery Tour Nov. 16th, leave 11:00AM from Mr. Mojito's Bar & Grill at 5925 Almaden Expwy, San Jose, arrive 12:00PM at DeRose Winery San Martin Tasting Room, 255 Fitzgerald Ave., San Martin, CA.

December 6th, Christmas Dinner Party, Campbell Community Center 1 West Campbell Ave. Building M-50, Campbell, CA.

December 12th, Willow Glen Christmas Light Tour, followed by Charlie Wilson's Willow Glen Driveway for a fire, munchies, liquid refreshments, bring kids and grandkids. At 1530 Hamilton Ave, San Jose.

January 10th, 2025, General Meeting 7:00 PM at Frontier Ford at 3701 Stevens Creek Blvd. Santa Clara, CA.

Meeting adjourned at 08:25PM.

Submitted by Les Dougan

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