



PONY EXPRESS



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FEBRUARY CAR OF THE MONTH



Gene Cox's 64-1/2 Mustang Convertible

Sometime around 2008 I decided I wanted to restore a car myself so I looked for a Mustang convertible that hadn't been wrecked and wouldn't be too difficult. I figured since my wife had a 64-1/2 Convertible I could always look at it figure out how to put it back together. One day on Craig's list I found one, it was a Bergundy 66 that looked like Miracle had painted it several years before. The Pony interior was worn out, as was the car itself, the heater was disconnected, but it was straight and had an Automatic Transmission and a 289. I probably paid too much but figured that it was a good car to restore. When I got it home, I realized it had about 100 pounds of mud underneath, took me about 6 hours with a steam cleaner to get it all off. I had the differential rebuilt, put on new rear springs and shocks, got it painted the original Vintage Bergundy, then we moved and the project stalled. The truth is I was nervous about rebuilding the Front End and kept putting it off, and I was pretty busy at work. One day I said to myself, I'm never going to drive this car if I don't have someone else finish it. So, I called my good friend and Mustang expert Frank Marino and asked him if he wanted to finish it. A year later she was a beautifully restored 66 with a black Canvas Top and every nut and bolt on the car was new. The engine was rebuilt to K specs and I drove it to Hot August nights and won an award. But on the road, she bent a push rod and had some head problems so I opted for aluminum heads. It ran good, then sucked a valve from one cylinder and it came out another. Back it went to Frank and I found a 450 HP 347 at Summit that he put in. Frank got it in and now it runs as good as it looks. I'm very happy with the final result and it's a blast to drive! Frank did a lot better job than I could have and it's exactly what I wanted! Sincerely, Gene Cox



FEBRUARY PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello All

I hope everyone is doing well with this cold weather, I am ready for some warmer weather.

We are in need of help coming up with events that we can do. We welcome your input. On another note, we have an opening for a Board member, if you're interested in this position, please let me know.

Please remember club dues are delinquent after January 31. Our next general meeting is February 7 and it is at Frontier Ford. I hope to see everyone there.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Rondone

OFFICERS

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

BOARD MEMBERS

David Geraci
Don Houk
Tina Goulart
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Carol Rose
John Gehring
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VOLUNTEERS

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



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Collier Granberry- 04
Gail Cleveland – 07
Mary Deardorf – 18

Tom Hasenberg- 04
Julie Barto – 13
Sandy Larson – 26

Robert Wilson – 06
Leslie Woody – 14
Chuck Thuener – 27



\$\$\$ ITS TIME TO RENEW THE DUES FOR 2025 \$\$\$\$

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

or

Pay Pal or Credit Card via the Web Site



(RENEWAL IS \$45)

REOCCURRING AREA EVENTS

2 nd Saturday each Month	Ronnie's Coffee & Cars	5566 Cottle Rd. San Jose, CA
1 st 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	859 Blossom Hill Rd, San Jose, CA
3 rd Sunday each Month	Morgan Hill Coffee & Cars	990 Cochrane Plaza, Morgan Hill, CA
1 st Sunday each Month	The Gilroy Coffee & Cars	Gilroy Donut House 703 First St, Gilroy, CA 8 to 11am
1 st Sunday each Month	Willow Glen Coffee & Cars	Lincoln Ave. Between Willow & Minnesota

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2025

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

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AND ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL CARS!



VINTAGE MUSTANG OWNERS' ASSOCIATION (VMOA)

General Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 10, 2025

Officers and Board Attendees:

President Joe Rondone, VP Rob Lee, Treasurer Rick Rose, Secretary Les Dougan, Board Members, Kathy Ricardo, John Gehring, Carol Rose, Tina Goulart.

Welcome:

President Joe Rondone opened the meeting introducing the Club Officers and welcoming all in attendance at 7:00 PM at Frontier Ford, Santa Clara.

Members, Visitors and Guests:

There were approximately 30 members in attendance with no Guests or Visitors present.

Car of the Month:

Rob Lee's 1969 Mustang Mach 1, great looking and Rob has done a lot of work on It, see the Pony Express.

Committee Reports: None

December 2024 Minutes (Report of the 2024 Christmas Dinner)

There were no corrections and the report was approved.

Treasurer Report:

2024 Beginning Balance \$6,214.36, End of 2024 Total Income \$13,899.87, 2024 Total Expenses \$16,247.25, 2024 End Balance \$3,866.98. There were no corrections and the report was approved.

January Events:

General Meeting, 01/10/2025.

Past Events:

Christmas Party, December 06, 2024 & Willow Glen Christmas Lights Tour, December 19, 2024.

Future Events:

VMOA Car Show, Location & Date to Be Decided (TBD) June-August, 2025.

Website:

Les in Training

Buy/Sell/Swap:

Pauline Maciel, 4 Wheels (2005) \$ Optional.

Neal Hasheider: New Factory AC (1965-1966), all pieces, \$600.

Old Business: None

New Business:

We have an opening for 1 Board Member.

We need a volunteer for the Roster, (? Charlie Wilson?).

Open Forum:

Tom Hasenberg is retiring as (Car Show Head Coordinator) for the club. We need a volunteer; this is a Team Effort & very important for our club.

Per John Gehring's and Rob Lee's efforts with our new meeting location (Frontier Ford and 7:00 PM meeting time) we would like to find a close by restaurant for those who would wish to enjoy a meal & social cheer after the meeting. John stated he did not see too many locations. Other members suggested a Round Table Pizza, an Applebee's, and a Mexican restaurant nearby. Any experienced suggestions?

Regarding Club Publicized Information a question was raised as to if we have a Facebook entry. Answer is yes, we have brief article.

Regarding our Club Events (Car Show Insurance) was raised. Tom Hasenberg had information and has forwarded it to the club.

Pauline brought up the subject of Yearly Membership and Event costs. There may have been confusion from the Christmas Dinner regarding members and guests as it pertains to various events. We handle different events in different ways. The current practice Membership dues per year are \$40 for a member and their significant other (same price for a single member). Complications arise during events when guests (always welcome) may need to pay for an Event or Meal. These subjects have become of increasing importance as we are never sure of how many members we will have each year, Car Show participation, and increasing event costs now are impacting our club finances. Much discussion (>30 minutes) took place. It was suggested we just charge \$20 membership per person to keep it simple (essentially membership cost will then be \$40 for 1 person + 1 significant other and a single member cost will be \$20). Events costs will be under evaluation for each event. A vote was requested and the change was accepted. This decision carries with it some unknowns regarding a possible decrease of income for the club but we will need to see the results this year. Membership and Event costs need closer planning and scrutiny to keep the club financially solvent.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM by President Joe Rondone.

Les

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