



# PONY EXPRESS



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## MARCH CAR OF THE MONTH



### Patricia Naranjo's 1968 California Special Mustang

Here is my Betsy. Betsy the Beast, that is. She was bought sight unseen for \$1000 over asking- \$10,000 in 2007. I'd always loved Mustangs and my dream car since high school was a California Special. Fords run in the family, you could say I was raised on Fords.

I worked with a guy that had a new baby, when I asked how he was sleeping lately, he replied "Oh, she's a beast!". Thinking that was a funny reply, the next day I started up the Mustang with her awesome headers and decided she sounded like a beast. She kinda looked like one with 7 layers of paint and a thick sloppy layer of primer on top. Now that she's finally pretty it didn't seem fitting, and I always wanted a car named Betsy after the Archie comics car. So Betsy the Beast it is.

She sat for 14 years after driving her a handful of times, but I would get looks and questions from interested people even looking like a mess. Finally my husband retired and took her all apart and restored her, then I picked out the Vista Blue metallic paint that came out on the 2007 Mustang.

She has matching numbers, center console, factory air, and is one of 3,867 California Specials produced in 1968. An early build that year, she has a 289 with automatic tranny.

Thanks,  
Patricia Naranjo (newbie)



## March Presidents Letter

Hello all,

I hope all of you are well with the weather getting a little warmer. The cars and coffee meetings are happening. The newest one is first Sunday of the month in Willow Glen at Bank of America, at 8 am and it fills up quick.

Good news Kathy Riccardi has volunteered to head up our car show this year.

Thank You Kathy

We have our VMOA picnic booked this Year. We are going to have a potluck and we can use some help getting the ins and outs worked out. If you would like to help, please let me know. I was not able to get the place we had last year. The new picnic area is the Gateway Pavilion. The best thing about it is all covered. The date is August 24, so save the date.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Rondone

### OFFICERS

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

### BOARD MEMBERS

David Geraci  
 Don Houk  
 Kathy Riccardi  
 Steve Chapman, Past Pres.

### VOLUNTEERS

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



**Steve Gilbert – 04**  
**John Cleveland – 21**  
**Rod Davison - 27**

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

**Al Thomas – 05**  
**Darlene Brinkerhoff – 22**

**Pauline Maciel – 12**  
**Kathy Houk – 22**



## REOCCURRING AREA EVENTS

2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday each Month	SJMCC Cars and Coffee	859 Blossom Hill Rd, San Jose, CA
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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
1st 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	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.	


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

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or  
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HISTORIC LINCOLN AVENUE TO ENJOY THE  
MANY GREAT PLACES TO EAT  
AND ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL CARS!



# VINTAGE MUSTANG OWNERS' ASSOCIATION (VMOA)

## General Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 7, 2025

### Officers and Board Attendees:

President Joe Rondone, VP Rob Lee, Treasurer Rick Rose, Secretary Les Dougan, Board Members, Kathy Riccardi and Carol Rose.

### 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. Our new General Meeting Hosts (Frontier Ford) gifted all attending members with a Goody Bag including a Beautiful Key Ring Fob, Very Large Cup, and Cookies with Coffee. Thanks Frontier Ford.

### Members, Visitors and Guests:

There were approximately 19 members in attendance, no Guests or Visitors present but a welcome face (Tom Hasenberg was there) and a returning member James Bartlett explaining some old stories and discussion of his 66 Mustang.

### Car of the Month:

Gene Cox's 1966 Mustang Convertible has many great replacement parts with a very good original vintage burgundy paint job including a 450HP 347 small block. Check out the Pony Express.

### Committee Reports:

None

### January 2025 Minutes (Report of the 2024 Christmas Dinner)

The minutes were read there were no corrections and the report was approved.

### Treasurer Report:

January 2025 balance increased as expected (some new year membership dues are coming in). We are encouraging Members to follow up on paying their dues. The Club is really counting on Members' Support. There were no corrections and the report was approved.

### Birthdays:

Collier Grandberry 04, Tom Hasenberg 04, Robert Wilson 06, Gail Cleveland 07, Julie Barto 13, Leslie Woody 14, Mary Deardorf 18, Sandy Larson 26, and Chuck Thuener 27.

### 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. We are researching locations and dates. It looks like we may not be able to get the Father's Day weekend. The consensus is that some like it but others do not.

Kathy Riccardi announced she had been in touch with Bill Cinnamond who volunteered to create a Poker Run hopefully for this year.

Joe Rondone touched on the DeRose Winery (a popular outing) stating there are some changes at the facility that we will have to adjust for, stay tuned.

### Website:

Les and Joe are in training as of February 12 with Al Thomas.

### Buy/Sell/Swap:

None.

### **Old Business:**

The Picnic is in favor to keep but the rising costs for the food are under discussion (\$2000 + for catered). Possibly we may return to a Potluck format. The location costs approximately \$220 to \$250. A coordinator would help organize. Joe also mentioned that the tables at that venue were dirty when he arrived last year and suggested an early bird plan on cleaning off the tables.

For the Car Show we need an official coordinator. And News Just in (from the Board Meeting, Kathy has volunteered to head up the Car Show. It is a Big Job and she will need our Members' Support.

### **New Business:**

We have an opening for 1 Board Member.

The subject of the Car Show Insurance sign up is moving along, Les and Charlie are filling out the forms to be sent by February 21.

### **Open Forum:**

We still are looking for a close by restaurant for those who would wish to enjoy a meal & social cheer after the meeting. Les checked the Applebee's but the layout is not very convenient for moving the tables for our group. Any suggestions are welcome.

Pauline again brought up the subject of Yearly Membership and Event costs. She stated the decision of last month's meeting to change to single members paying only \$20 membership dues per year will create a serious decrease in the club's income. She recommended we rescind last month's vote and continue as before with a single member still needing to pay \$40 would be re-established but of course be able to bring a guest for free. The original \$40 for a member and significant other would be the same as before. Events costs will be under evaluation for each event. Much discussion took place again including the idea of \$20 membership cost could create an increase in the California divorce rate, (Ho Ho Ho). A vote was requested and the change (return to original status) was accepted. More thinking and discussion would be wise. Membership and Event costs need closer planning and scrutiny.

Pauline also reminded us that the First Sunday each month called the Willow Glen Coffee & Cars Get Together at Lincoln Ave. between Willow & Minnesota streets is a good outing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM by President Joe Rondone.

Submitted by Les Dougan

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