



# PONY EXPRESS



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## JULY CAR OF THE MONTH



### Rob Lee's 1969 Mustang Mach 1

This is our 1969 Mustang Mach 1. It is a Wimbledon White M code with factory air conditioning, automatic transmission, and red interior. I have owned it since 2019. It's a California car built in San Jose and has spent most of its life in the Los Angeles area, running around Laurel Canyon Blvd by its original owner who drove the car into his 80's. After being given to a friend of his, the car made it to Northern California, where it passed through a couple of owners, until I came across it. Since then, the car is a part-time driver, part-time project. I only have some receipts from 2006 through 2019, and from those, it seems the car was only driven about 2000 miles in that timeframe. I have gone through the worn-out front suspension, rear shocks, and audio system, replaced the original A/C system, restored the complete lower dash, installed a new Holly carburetor, and I keep on whittling down on the many items that I still have to contend with. So far, we have put just about 10,000 miles on the car, which includes a 3500 mile round trip to Montana for the 44th Annual Mustang Meet. After the meet, we took it through Glacier National Park on Going to the Sun Road, went back through Yellowstone and stopped at Craters of the Moon (among other places). I look forward to continuing to improve the car with the goal of returning it to being a daily driver.



### **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

## July President's Letter

Hi all.

A bit of sad news for all that have not heard we have lost two long time members John Gehrine, Rose Arnaudo. Peace be with them.

Do to the 4 of July is on the first Friday our meeting will be on July 11, at Frontier ford meeting starts at 7PM.

We can use some help with the August 24 Picnic. If you can help let, me or one of the board members know.

Thanks to Rod Davison were getting closer to having a car show.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Rondone



### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**



**Beth Ruf – 03**

**Ville Karaila – 09**

**Neal Hasheider – 25**

**Linda Rondone -4**



### **REOCCURRING AREA EVENTS**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday each Month	Ronnie's Coffee & Cars	5566 Cottle Rd. San Jose, CA
1 <sup>st</sup> 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
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday each Month	The Gilroy Coffee & Cars	Gilroy Donut House 703 First St, Gilroy, CA 8 to 11am
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday each Month	Willow Glen Coffee & Cars	Lincoln Ave. Between Willow & Minnesota

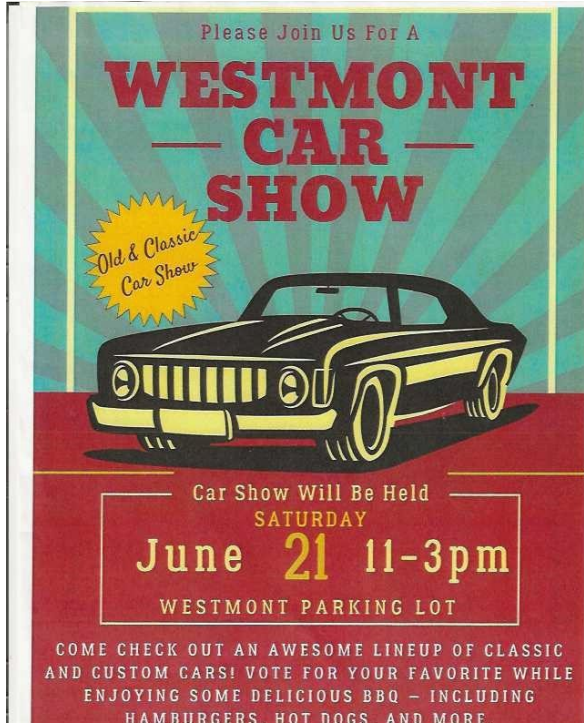
## MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2025

Meetings 2025	Date	Time	Notes
General Meeting	July 4	7:00 p.m.	Frontier Ford 3701 Stevens Creek Blvd. Santa Clara, CA
Board Meeting	July 15	7:00 p.m.	
General Meeting	August 1	7:00 p.m.	Frontier Ford 3701 Stevens Creek Blvd. Santa Clara, CA
Board Meeting	August 19	7:00 p.m.	
VMOA Picnic	August 24	TBD	Vasona County Park
General Meeting	September 5	7:00 p.m.	Frontier Ford 3701 Stevens Creek Blvd. Santa Clara, CA
Board Meeting	September 16	7:00 p.m.	
General Meeting	October 3	7:00 p.m.	Frontier Ford 3701 Stevens Creek Blvd. Santa Clara, CA
Board Meeting	October 21	7:00 p.m.	
General Meeting	November 7	7:00 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.	

## WESTMONT OF MORGAN HILL CAR SHOW

I live at Westmont of Morgan Hill senior living and was asked to provide a car show for the residents and their friends and families. With help from Al Thomas we were able to provide 16 cars for the show. Thanks to a few VMOA members that volunteered ( Bill Cinnamond, James Cinnamond, Kathy Riccaadi, Cathy and Dan Hendrix, Louise Gimbino., Linda and Dale Worth, John and Laura Zore, Glen Roberts, Pauline Maciel) and a big thanks to Les Stuart from Big Daddy's Motors. Pauline won a trophy for this year and last year.

Rod Davison





# VINTAGE MUSTANG OWNERS' ASSOCIATION (VMOA)

## General Meeting Minutes

Friday, JUNE 6, 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 meeting hosts (Frontier Ford) provided Cookies and Coffee and we appreciate the gift as it is a great way to warm up our meeting, Thanks Frontier Ford.

### Members, Visitors and Guests:

There were approximately 18 members in attendance, no Guests or Visitors were present.

### Car of the Month:

Don & Elizebeth Jone's 1968 Mustang Fastback. It is a beautiful metallic red and took best of show at our 2024 VMOA Car Show. It looks stock but it is a beautiful example of a classic design. Exceptional, scope it out in the Pony Express.

### Committee Reports:

None

### May 2025 Minutes

The minutes were read and the report was approved.

### Treasurer Report:

There was no income or expenses. There were no corrections and the report was approved.

### Birthdays:

John Thornton 04, Steve Chapman 13 June Moreland 17, Larry Woods 23.

### May Events:

General Meeting, 05/02/2025.

### Past Events:

SJMCC Cars and Coffee at 859 Blossom Hill Rd, San Jose, CA had a good turnout.

### Future Events:

-**Frazier Lake Airport**, there were only 2 families interested for June 7<sup>th</sup> Gilroy Run. Maybe we should plan an outing for October 4 at this location. Early notice would be good.

-**Car Show organized by Rod Davison** for June 21 at the Senior Living in Morgan Hill. Rod is asking and encouraging participation from our members.

-**The VMOA Car Show**, Kathy Riccardi has a tentative date (Sept. 13) and location of (Branham High School). Latest is that the High School has an insurance stipulation that we are finalizing through MCA.

**JOHN GEHRING UPDATE:** Linda and Dale Worth had contacted and visited John. Apparently, John has a serious illness, leukemia. He is now being looked after by a Hospice service. Things are going down hill very quickly. Rob Lee suggested that our club do a Drive By ASAP, (Scheduled Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>).

**FOLLOW UP:** On June 8<sup>th</sup> about 15 VMOA members with our Mustangs did 2 laps around John's home then parked and were able to talk to John, Chris, and his family in the driveway. It was great to see John even though the illness is taking a major toll. Unfortunately, John passed away on June 10, 2025. Beautiful family, beautiful house, and a fantastic work shop. John knew how to do it right. He will be missed.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to: <https://giving.stanford.edu/how-to-make-a-gift/> Choose: Stanford Medicine / The Cancer Discovery Fund.

## **CAR HAPPENINGS:**

June 14 – Venture Church Father’s Day Weekend Car Show, lunch is free to all car show participants.

-June 21 – Car Show at Senior Living in Morgan Hill.

July 27 – Saratoga Car Show

August 24 – VMOA Picnic, At Vasona Lake County Park, Gateway Pavillion, is Pot Luck food, see signup sheet. Games and Raffle.

August 30 – Santos Family Alviso Car Show

September 13 – VMOA Car Show. Tentatively at Branham High School.

## **Website:**

Al Thomas was not at the meeting but word has it that he is still researching some new options.

## **Buy/Sell/Swap:**

Joe Rondone has a 65 289 block with 10 – 10 cut crankshaft and heads for sale.

## **Old Business:**

## **New Business:**

## **Open Forum:**

Side subjects:

Big Daddy’s is advancing to painting.

Neal Hasheider stated that his son has done some painting at his hobby shop.

## **Adjournment:**

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

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