

The Pony Express

*VMOA - 49 years
& still galloping*



VMOA-ers at one of our many outings over the years



Our very first VMOA parade 1978, in downtown San Jose honoring Medal of Honor winners

Message from your VMOA Board of Directors

Yes, VMOA is 49 years old...wow!

As most of you know, when last year ended and this year began, we had nobody raise their hand to be an officer, then after a strong plea for attendance, the last general meeting in March was very well attended and many of the issues the club faced were discussed. After the meeting was over it was clear that everybody in that room wanted the club to continue, to thrive, they were really concerned, it was written on their faces and in the words they spoke. So that did it for the four of us, that was the wind in our sails (or maybe I should say it was the leaded gas in our tanks, to us Mustang folks) to put us into action. The four of us met for several hours, we called each other, we emailed, we sent text messages, we even went to our storage unit to see what the heck was in there...and we came up with an outline for the club to succeed, and then started to put that plan into action. There were significant issues to overcome, the webpage was very concerning, we had no outings planned, and the list of issues goes on and on..

Now we are prepared to go public with our plan and what we have done so far to make our club healthy again. We are very happy with the results so far and are ready to share them with everyone. There are many accomplishments to share, yet there is still much work to do, its a work in progress. But the most important thing for all of us is to get back to what the club was, and always has been about; to get out there with our cars and socialize with those that share our common interest: MUSTANGS.

Please...please plan on attending our general meeting;

June 10th at 7PM (earlier to have dinner with us)

Denny's Restaurant
1140 Hillsdale Ave, San Jose

Collier Granberry
Rob Lee
Kathy Riccardi
Charlie Wilson

Spring has Sprung for VMOA

Saturday May 16th was a beautiful spring day, perfect for the John Gehring Memorial Alice's Restaurant ride. Like the Alice's rides that John loved to organize, this one appropriately started where John started his rides, meeting at the Westmoor Village Shopping Center in Sunnyvale. After we all met and chatted a bit, the caravan started, led by Rob Lee. The ride proceeded through the beautiful Woodside country roads with the canopy of trees making the ride that much more enjoyable. Once we arrived at Alice's, our Mustangs enjoyed grazing in the parking lot among other gorgeous cars and motorcycles, while we all sat together on the rear deck enjoying our meals and engrossed in fun and interesting conversations for quite awhile. Did you know that two of our members went to college together at a school whose mascot was.....yes, you got it, the Mustangs! It even came out that he proposed to her up a hill behind the college. All in all, a great time was had by all. There was even serious talk of adding more events to our already busy schedule for the year. We can't wait to get back in the "saddle" again! Much thanks to Rob Lee for setting up this fabulous ride, the VMOA club gallops on!



Alice's Restaurant attendees

Visiting the past, as we move to the future



Our very first VMOA Club President, Rick Hahn, circa 1978

As previously mentioned, the VMOA Board of Directors visited our storage unit, we did a complete inventory of the contents. There were many tables and chairs taking up most of the space, but hidden in boxes we found a treasure of old...stuff. There were many old photos, minutes from meetings, and even old newsletters, on the following two pages is our very first newsletter...ain't that precious!

We were jazzed with this great find in our storage unit, the club was so new when they went to press with that first newsletter, they didn't even have a club name yet. These are the heroes that started our club, to them we owe much thanks. When our club started in 1977, they only allowed 1964½ through 1966 Mustangs to join. Today we are open to *ALL YEARS* of Mustangs, we even want those enthusiasts without a Mustang to join, the club has evolved nicely over the years.

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FOR THE CLASSIC MUSTANG ENTHUSIAST

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Off and running

The inevitable finally happened. The Mustangers are off and running. On August 24, 1977 a group of Santa Clara Valley Mustang enthusiasts got together and elected a slate of officers, board of directors, and appointed me editor of the Mustang newsletter.

The formation of this club is no surprise to any of us. Since this car was introduced in 1964 I knew it would only be a matter of time before it would be a collector's delight. As a truck driver in the business of transporting new Ford products for the past twenty seven years, I have seen and handled more new cars than I care to remember. During these years few cars have excited me as much as the new 1965 Mustang. Here was a beautifully designed car with very nice workmanship and just the right size to make it a joy to drive. It was a real winner then and all the more so today. The introduction of the Mustang II was reminiscent of the 1958 Thunderbird introduction. Over-nite the early Thunderbird became a classic and such is the case with the early Mustang. After Ford made the change to Mustang II the horse-traders got busy corralling all the clean ponies and today despite the great number that were built, a nice clean Mustang is difficult to find.

Getting back to the business at hand, I think we have a fine group of people heading this club so let's give them all the support we

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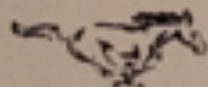
can. One of the first things we have to decide is what to name the club and we are soliciting your suggestions. A couple of names that immediatley come to mind are "The Classic Mustang Club" or "The Vintage Mustang Club." These are just for starters so send in you suggestions to our President Rick Hahn. 1063 Belvedere Lane, San Jose, California 95129. From these suggested names your board of directors will select the name of the Mustang Club.

Another item to be resolved soon will be the years represented by this club. Perhaps in a future issure of the "The Pony Express" we will have arguments on this question and from your response, the years we encompass will be decided.

As Editor I would appreciate any Mustang related material we can use in our newsletter. It would be nice to have at least a full page of classified ads. Send any of the above to Editor, 1057 South Daniel Way, San Jose, California 95128 or Phone 243-8077.

John Mota

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"And if you buy all the extras, we'll throw in
the car for nothing."



The cake celebrating VMOA's very first birthday

Speaking of Birthdays, VMOA Members are having them too !

June Birthdays

John Thornton 4th
Bob Skinner 5th
Gene Cox 14th
June Moreland 17th
Larry Woody 23rd
Jessica Feltovich 25th

July Birthdays

Linda Rondone 4th
Elizabeth Jones 9th
Ville Karaila 9th
Jeff Mansur 9th
Holden Chinn 12th
Pat Mulcaire 18th
Leslie Pickering 24th
Neal Hasheider 25th
Charles Rosebrook 28th



A VMOA car show, circa 2004

We are planning our 2027 50th anniversary car show for next year. As we know, they take a lot of work to put on, but we can do it with your help.

Upcoming VMOA Events - save the dates

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| June 13
Saturday | Westmont Senior Home Car Show, Morgan Hill
put on by Rod Davison & Al Thomas - full, thanks to those
entered |
| August 8
Saturday | VMOA Annual Picnic, Vasona Lake Park, Los Gatos
Peppertree Picnic Site - details to follow |
| Sept 12
TBD | Wunderlich Park/Folger Estate, Woodside
Meet up picnic and museum tour - details to follow |
| Dec 4
Friday | VMOA Annual Holiday Party - Campbell
Details to follow |
| Dec 10
Thursday | VMOA Annual Holiday Lights of Willow Glen, with
holiday cheer and fire on Charlie Wilson's driveway |

Upcoming Events of Interest

- June 6
Saturday** **4th Annual Historic Downtown Car Show - Campbell**
- June 20
Saturday** **Castro Valley Downtown Car Show - Castro Valley**
- June 28
Sunday** **Bay Area Mustang Association (BAMA) Show - Danville
snake cars and ponies**
- August 15
Saturday** **Mecum Auto Auction - Monterey**
- August 21-23
Friday - Sunday** **Good Guys Car Show - Pleasanton**
- September 13
Sunday** **Goombahs Classic Car Show
Lincoln Ave San Jose, 9AM - 3PM**
- October 10
Saturday** **Diablo Valley Mustang Car Show
End of Season Car Show, 777 Arnold Dr, Martinez**

Recurring Events of Interest

**Willow Glen Car Show - 1st Sunday/month, 8-11AM
BofA parking lot, 1245 Lincoln Ave San Jose**

**Ronnie's Morning Get Together - 2nd Saturday/month, 7-10:30AM
The Home Church parking lot, 1711 Winchester Blvd, Campbell**

**San Jose Mustang Car Club - 3rd Sunday/month, 9-11AM
Buffalo Wild Wings, 859 Blossom Hill Rd, San Jose - free coffee/donuts**

Recurring Events of Interest, continued

**Mountain View Coffee and Cars - 1st Saturday/month, 7-10:30AM
Starbucks parking lot, 2410 Charleston Road, Mt View**

**Morgan Hill Cars and Coffee - 3rd Sunday/month, 8-11AM
Hobby Lobby parking lot, 990 Cochrane Road Morgan Hill**

General Meeting Schedule for 2026

Wednesdays, 7PM, Denny's Restaurant, 1140 Hillsdale Ave, SJ

June 10

August 19

October 21

December 4th (Holiday Party, time and location TBD)

VMOA Board of Directors

Collier Granberry

Rob Lee

Kathy Riccardi

Charlie Wilson

Volunteers

Charlie Wilson - Membership

Rod Davison, Charlie Wilson - Newsletter Editor

Rick Rose - Treasurer

Al Thomas - Webmaster

Les Dougan - MCA Regional Director

Open Positions

VMOA is looking for volunteers for the following positions, don't everyone raise your hands all at once... 😊

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Events Committee
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VMOA Webpage
Board Members

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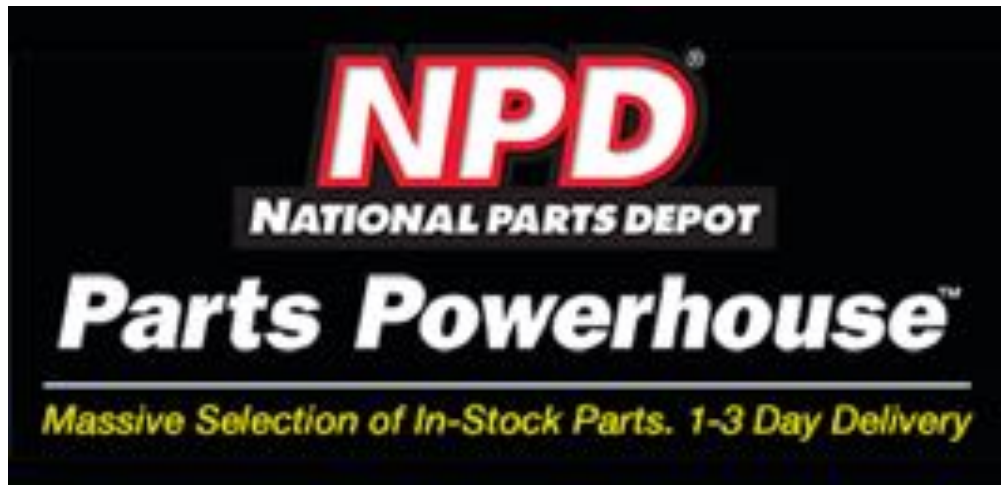


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see published, please send it to a member of the Board of
Directors for inclusion**