

The Pony Express



Love at First Sight

Sean, Shannon, Declan and Kennedy's 1970 Mach 1
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VMOA Events of Interest Coming Up Soon

August 8th

Annual Picnic, Vasona Park, Peppertree Picnic Site, Los Gatos

Bring your drinks, something to BBQ and a dish to share with the group if you'd like. \$10 per person, members and immediate family only. Pay on our club web site at; valleymustangs.org , bring cash or check to picnic, or mail check to PO box: VMOA, PO Box 5772 San Jose, CA 95150.

Folding chairs are advised to sit in shade. We will supply bottled water, utensils, napkins, briquettes, condiments (catsup, mustard, and relish). The site does have picnic tables, BBQ pit and a small parking lot close by.

August 19 General Meeting 7PM, Denny's Restaurant, 1140 Hillsdale Ave, SJ

September 12

Wunderlich Park/Folger Estate, 4040 Woodside Road, Woodside

Let's meet up and drive to Woodside for a nice bring-your-own picnic lunch. These are the former grounds of the very scenic Folger (coffee) Estate. They have a small museum and horse (Mustang???) stables for us to enjoy. Parking is very limited there, but we're special, they're saving plenty of parking spaces for us. They have nice shady picnic tables, but no BBQ pit, so let's pack our own lunch and have some fun. Details to follow.

October 11

Wine Tasting & Car Show, AutoVino, 380 Industrial Road, San Carlos

This is not your ordinary wine tasting event, this is something really special. AutoVino is an indoor storage facility for exotic and luxury cars from the local area. They also have a very nice automobile museum, we are free to walk through and gaze at all these wonderful cars in storage, and also in the museum. In their parking lot, which draws many classic vintage cars, hot rods, and foreign collector cars on weekends, has a nice outdoor restaurant. The chef learned to cook at Le Cordon Bleu in Paris, and uses a wood fired oven to produce really good Neapolitan Pizza, Gourmet Burgers, Tri-Tip Sandwiches, and Fresh Salmon. They have wine tasting from Woodside Vineyards for \$20 featuring four different varietals, and also wine by the glass. This event is free, both inside and outside. Dogs on leashes are welcome, kids need not be on leashes. Check out their website for more details:

<https://autovinogroup.com/wine-tasting-in-san-carlos/>

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Love at first sight, you bet, Sean and Shannon grew up right here in San Jose a short distance apart from each other. They met while at 2 separate high schools through mutual friends. Their present family home is walking distance from where they both were raised. So you thought this “love at first sight” was only about a car?...OK, the car was the second love at first sight, because we know better than to put our treasured cars first! Shannon works as a full time stay-at-home mom to their two kids, Kennedy and Declan. Sean manages a team of Product Managers responsible for the surgical cameras (endoscopes) that are used in robotic surgery.

The car's story (*finally!*): Sean coaches son Declan's little league team, one day at the field Sean noticed a beautiful looking 1970 Mach 1 in the distance. He couldn't resist looking at it, so he got a bit closer, as he did he noticed a for sale sign in the window.

As Sean said, “she was absolutely stunning, the paint and chrome were immaculate and the interior also appeared to be in incredible condition”. So he called the phone number on the the for sale sign, the gentleman selling it told him it belonged to his late wife that passed away a few years ago, and this was the first time he had taken it out of the garage since her passing. Before Sean bought it, he took it to Mitch at Mustang Fever (a sponsor of VMOA) to check it out, Mitch gave it a thumbs up and it was a done deal, Sean bought it in March of this year. Sean, a self-proclaimed tech guy, has quite a few pictures of his Mach 1 at www.sjmach1.com He was also lucky enough to get a new custom license plate; 'SJ MACH1'. Maybe, if they come in their Mach 1, we'll be lucky enough to get a glimpse of this nice Mustang at our upcoming picnic, August 8th at Vasona Park!

Welcome to VMOA Sean, Shannon, Declan and Kennedy!



Declan standing next to the family Mach 1. Get good grades Declan and maybe you'll drive it some day...really good grades!!!

The Westmont Senior Home Car Show

Saturday June 13th VMOA members Rod Davison and Al Thomas hosted a car show at the Westmont Senior Home in Morgan Hill. As planned, due to size of the parking lot, it was a small gathering of about 20 cars that was very nicely supported by the senior home people. There was a full lunch served to all participants and senior home residence, there was a 3-piece band that helped to make it a festive event. Most importantly, the residents really enjoyed looking at the cars, it brought back fond memories of the good old days to them. A good time was had by all.



The cars on display for all to enjoy

The Westmont Senior Home Car Show - continued



**Made in the shade...car owners, residence and visitors
enjoying the cars, food, conversation and the music**



**Kathy Riccardi clean'n up
that engine compartment**



**Left to right: Louise Gibino, Collier
Granberry, Kathy Riccardi, Rob Lee
Rod Davison & Charlie Wilson**

Upcoming VMOA Events - save the dates

August 8 **VMOA Annual Picnic, Vasona Lake Park, Los Gatos**
Saturday **Peppertree Picnic Site**

August 19 **VMOA General Meeting 7PM**
Wednesday **Denny's Restaurant, 1140 Hillsdale Ave San Jose**

Sept 12 **Wunderlich Park/Folger Estate, Woodside**
Saturday **Meet up picnic and museum tour**

Just Added:

October 11 **Wine tasting and car show**
Sunday **AutoVino, San Carlos**

Dec 4 **VMOA Annual Holiday Party - Campbell**
Friday **Campbell Community Center**

Dec 10 **VMOA Annual Holiday Lights of Willow Glen, with**
Thursday **holiday cheer & fire pit on Charlie's driveway**

Upcoming Events of Interest

August 15 **Mecum Auto Auction - Monterey**
Saturday

August 21-23 **Good Guys Car Show - Pleasanton**
Friday - Sunday

September 13 **Goombahs Classic Car Show**
Sunday **Lincoln Ave San Jose, 9AM - 3PM**

October 10 **Diablo Valley Mustang Car Show**
Saturday **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, SJ - free coffee/donuts

**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

August 19

October 21

December 4th (Holiday Party, Campbell Community Center

VMOA Member Birthdays

August Birthdays

Carol Rose - 4
Forest Goodhart - 9
James Dudley - 16
Don Arnaudo - 17
Joe Infelise - 22
Mike Correia - 24

September Birthdays

Ken Mannina - 1
Marianna Zuromski - 7
Charlie Wilson - 7
James Bartlett - 10
Cole Reif - 23
Don Jones - 23
Louise Gibino - 24
Gene Cox - 26

Mustangs Wanted

Wanted: '65 or '66 Mustang Convertible for weekend drives to Monterey, up on Skyline Drive and to local wineries. My preference is for a San Jose built, category 2 or 3 condition, A or C code 289 V8. A manual transmission and pony interior would be a great plus. Price range of \$25-\$40K.

Contact info: Jeff Gooding, 408-394-9952, jefferygooding1@gmail.com

Wanted: 1967 - 1970 Mustang Fastback in good running condition and a good looker. Contact info: David Lewis 408-833-9423

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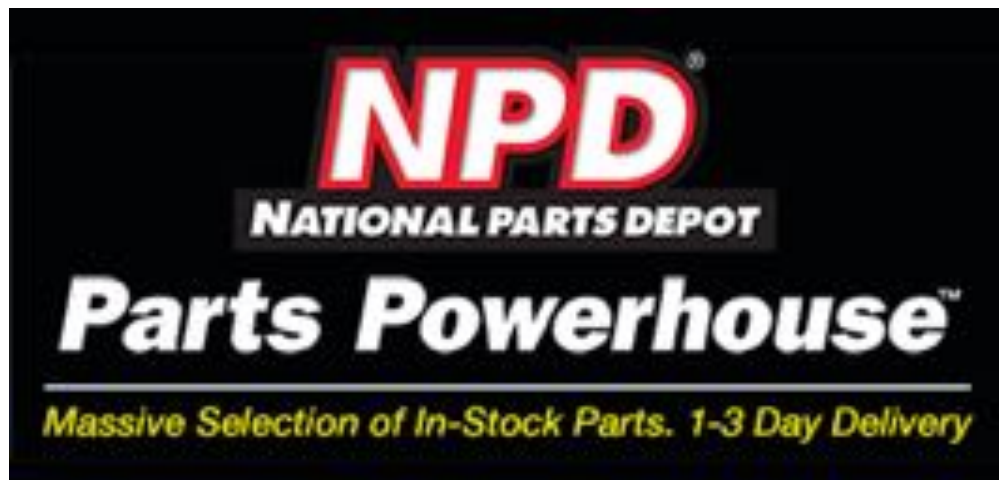
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