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# The Feed Bag

A Diablo Valley Mustang Association Publication  
DVMA is proud to be a Mustang Club of America regional club.

## Final Cars, Kids & Coffee of the Year!

by Gail Vasgerdsian



The Diablo Valley Mustang Association closed out the 2025 Cars & Coffee season in style as members gathered at Cars, Kids & Coffee at The Cobra Experience in Martinez on Sunday, November 16th. This special event marked the final Cars & Coffee of the year at the museum, and the DVMA showed up with great energy, camaraderie, and community spirit.

Four gleaming DVMA Mustangs proudly represented the club in the parking lot under the dreary skies. They were joined by two additional DVMA-member vehicles—a truck and a van —boosting the club’s presence to 10 members in attendance, including our always-welcome honorary Hagerty representative.

In addition to the impressive lineup of cars, the event had a meaningful holiday focus. A collection box for Toys for Tots was prominently displayed, encouraging attendees to donate new, unwrapped toys. The Cobra Experience sweetened the deal by offering free museum entrance tickets to anyone who brought a toy, a gesture that helped fill the donation bin and contributed to a brighter season for local children in need.





## President's Message from Derek Schaffer

By the time this is published, the holidays will be in full swing. So I, for one, would like to express what I am thankful for. Of course my family and beautiful bride to be are first and foremost, but I am also extremely thankful for this wonderful group of car enthusiasts that I call friends.

Diablo Valley Mustang Association is a special group. One that comes from all walks of life, over a wide range of ages. Some new to the club, others who have been members for many years. Some with classic ponies, some with the latest fire breathing stallions, and others with both! No matter what type of Mustang, old or new, finished or not, when we get together we talk about our passion for these amazing Fords. And we are growing! The club has welcomed quite a few new members in the last few months and it is great to see.

While you are out and enjoying a drive in your favorite ride, talk up the club to other Mustang owners. New members keep us going, and bring valuable opinions and ideas that can make our club even better. As 2025 draws to a close, we still have many opportunities to get together. From our monthly breakfast and meetings to our holiday party, we can keep in touch. Speaking of the party, if you haven't registered yet, please do. It would be amazing to see a large turnout at the yacht club, donning ugly sweaters and participating in the gift exchange. But mostly, enjoying the company of the best Mustang club in California. Cheers!

- Derek



## DVMA: Keeping Concord Beautiful

November 1st was the final DVMA Adopt-a-Street day for 2025. Five members showed up to help beautify Diamond Blvd, from Willow Pass Rd up to Concord Ave. Teams split up to cover both sides of the street, picking up any trash that they find for about an hour, then returning to the Seafood City parking lot where the city picks up the bags of "treasure". After that, it's off to have a well-earned breakfast together.



# Cars, Kids & Coffee, continued...

Beyond showing cars and sharing stories, the morning became an opportunity to welcome potential new faces into the fold. With one promising prospective member showing interest, DVMA continues to grow both in spirit and in community.

After the show wrapped up, the group fired up their engines for a cruise over to Jack's Restaurant in Pleasant Hill. This marked DVMA's first group visit to Jack's, and it did not disappoint. A hearty breakfast, warm coffee, and the camaraderie that defines the club made for an enjoyable cap to an already successful morning.

With great cars, great causes, and great company, the DVMA closed out 2025's final Cars, Kids and Coffee at the Cobra Experience in true Mustang style—rolling forward with community, friendship, and chrome gleaming in the winter sun.

This event was a memorable one. DVMA was proud to be part of it, and we look forward to returning in the new year.



# Members Win Gold at Stangz on the Straits

by Gail Vasgerdsian

Three proud members of the Diablo Valley Mustang Association made an impressive showing at this year's 1st annual Stangz on the Straits, held on Saturday, November 1st in Crockett. The event drew some of Northern California's finest Mustangs and their enthusiastic owners for a day of camaraderie, craftsmanship, and competition — all judged under Mustang Club of America (MCA) standards.

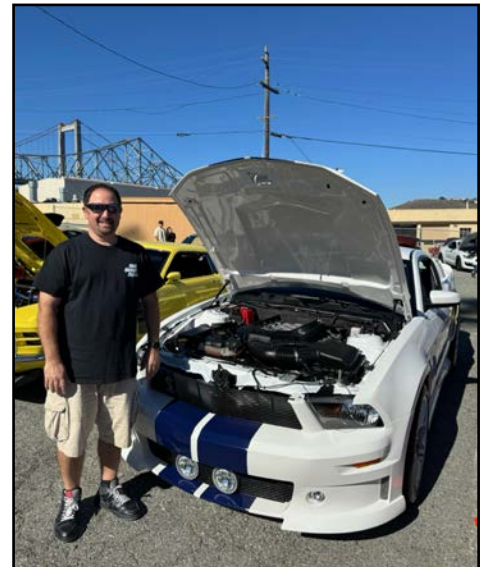
Representing DVMA were JT, Richard, and Brad, each showcasing their meticulously maintained Mustangs. Judging at the event followed MCA's rigorous 180-point scale, where every detail — from engine bay cleanliness to paint finish and authenticity — is scrutinized. Awards were presented as follows:

- Gold Award: Cars losing 9 points or less
- Silver Award: Cars losing 10–18 points
- Bronze Award: Cars losing 19–27 points

When the final scores were tallied, all three DVMA entries earned Gold Awards, demonstrating not only the quality of their cars but also the care and dedication each owner invests in preserving Mustang heritage.

While JT, Richard, and Brad celebrated their golden success, fellow member Harry was missed at the event — sidelined due to a boot on his driving foot. We are looking forward to Harry's return to the show circuit once he's back on his feet.

Congratulations to our DVMA members for their outstanding performance and for continuing to represent the club with excellence at regional Mustang events. We look forward to DVMA members representing our club in the upcoming shows in 2026.



# DVMA at Goodguys Get-Together

by Derek Schaffer

Some of the largest car shows available to hot rod enthusiasts are presented by The Goodguys and are held all over the country. This year's final California Goodguys show "The 35th Fuel Curve Autumn Get-Together" was held on November 8-9 at the Alameda County fairgrounds.

Diablo Valley Mustang Association had six cars in attendance. Vince with his gorgeous '68 Shelby GT350. Mike brought his awesome '23 green Mach 1. Bill and his bright yellow '70 Boss 302 is always turning heads. Tim's '67 fastback survivor car always draws people in. JT's prized 2012 was getting a face lift so he brought his '97 convertible to hang with the group, and I brought my high school and dream car, my '67 coupe. Announced attendance was over 2500 cars and DVMA had a great showing with two members earning awards.



Bill and his Boss won "Steele of the show" and my old grey car took home "Best Engine". Bill unfortunately wasn't able to attend on Sunday to collect his trophy, so he graciously turned it down so it could be awarded to another attendee. If you have never been to a Good Guys event, try and make it to one. Or better yet, enter your car. It's a great time!



# DVMA & GHMC Autocross in Sonoma

by Erik Miller

On Sunday, November 9th, two DVMA members, Erik Miller and Ravi Shankaran, plus Paul Troxell from the Golden Hills Mustang Club, participated in an autocross day in the parking lot of Sonoma Raceway. This is a very laid-back autocross, with no official timing of laps and no coursework required from participants. All you need is a car, helmet, sunscreen, water, and a desire to have fun with your car on a course laid out with traffic cones and chalk in the parking lot.

Ravi, in his 2025 Mustang Dark Horse, was enjoying his first autocross day ever, but judging by the smiles that day, it won't be his last. Paul in his 2017 GT and Erik in his 1970 Datsun Roadster had autocrossed before, but the track changes every time to keep things interesting and challenging. One of the really fun options available is a "cat and mouse" run, where two to four cars can run the course chasing each other. Once you get the hang of the track, this adds a whole extra level of fun to your runs.



The weather was perfect and the camaraderie among the racers was great. Each driver is racing to better their own time, not against each other, so there's a spirit of helpfulness that is fun and refreshing. All are welcome, and everything from Mustangs to Miatas to minivans take their turn on the track. Some drivers take it easy, and some smoke their tires on every turn.

Hopefully we will have a bigger DVMA crew next year when the season starts again. It's a great place to test the limits of your car, tires, and driving skills in a fun, safe environment. If you want to get a feeling for the day, you can check out my autocross video [HERE](#).



# \*DVMA and Other Events Calendar

## October Events

Dec 5-7 – Hot Rod Power Tour West, 3 day SoCal road trip, including drag racing & autocross [Get Info](#)

\*Dec 6 – DVMA Breakfast, Huckleberry's, 4391 Treat Blvd, Concord, 9:00am

\*Dec 6 – DVMA Holiday Lights cruise & dinner, Red Robin, Streets of Brentwood, Dinner: 6:00pm, Drive: 7:00pm

\*Dec 10 – DVMA Meeting at Fuddruckers, Willows Shopping Center, 1975 Diamond Blvd, Concord, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

**\*Dec 13 – 2025 DVMA Holiday Party, Martinez Yacht Club, 111 Tarantino Dr, Martinez, 5:30pm**

Dec 19 – Le Pit Club Members Holiday Party, Lafayette, 6:00pm - 10:00pm [Get Info](#)

Every Friday – Danville Livery Cars & Coffee, 400 Sycamore Valley Rd, Danville, 9:00am - 10:30am [Get Info](#)

Every Saturday – Hot Concord Nights @ Pancho's Tacos, 2699 Clayton Rd, Concord, 6:00pm [Get Info](#)

Every Sunday – Lafayette Cars & Coffee by Le Pit Club, 3466 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette, 8:00am – 10:00am [Get Info](#)

Every Sunday – Moraga Pit Stop by Le Pit Club, 380 Moraga Rd, Moraga, 10:00am – 12:00pm [Get Info](#)

Every 1st Sunday – Coffee & Clutches, Starbucks lot, 5779 Lone Tree Way, Antioch, 8:00am – 10:00am [Get Info](#)

Every 2nd Saturday – Breakfast Club Rally, location TBA in North Bay, 8:00am - 12:00pm [Get info](#)

Every 2nd & 4th Saturday – Orinda Cars & Coffee by Le Pit Club, 204 Village Square, Orinda, 8:00am – 10:00am [Get Info](#)

Every 3rd Friday: "Cruise'N to Mel's", Mel's Diner, 4827 Lone Tree Way, Antioch, 6:30pm - 9:00pm

Every 3rd Saturday: "Pre-Stage" Marin Cars & Coffee event by BCR, Marin County Civic Center, 8:00am - 10:00am [Get info](#)

Every 3rd Sunday: VALT "Sundays on Solano", 1707 Solano Ave, Berkeley, 8:00am - 10:00am [Get info](#)

Every Last Saturday: Delta Cars & Coffee, Java Jacks 160, 208 2nd St, Isleton, 8:00am - 10:00am [Get info](#)

## 2026 Events

\*Jan 3 – DVMA Breakfast, Katy's Korner, 2550 San Ramon Valley Blvd, San Ramon, 9:00am

\*Jan 14 – DVMA Meeting at Fuddruckers, Willows Shopping Center, 1975 Diamond Blvd, Concord, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

\*Jan 27 – DVMA Board Meeting, Round Table Pizza, 2960 Treat Blvd @ Oak Grove, Concord, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

\*Jan 31 – Top Shop Garage Day, 1285 Parkside Dr, Walnut Creek, 9:00am - 1:00pm [Get Info](#)

\*Feb 7 – DVMA Annual Valentine's Day cruise to Fenton's

\*Feb 21 – DVMA vs Diablo Valley Corvettes Go-Kart Race, K1 Speed, 6400 Sierra Ct, Dublin, 10:30am - 1:00pm

Mar 15 – First 2026 Cars, Kids & Coffee of 2025, Cobra Experience, Martinez, 8:30am - 10:30am, Museum open 10am - 3pm

\*Apr 17 – DVMA celebrates National Mustang Day with The Cobra Experience

Jun 6 – Cobra Day Car Show, Cobra Experience, Martinez

\*Jul 4 – DVMA in Concord & Clayton 4th of July parades, lunch to follow at Kinder's

Jul 5 – Le Pit Club American Car Day, Lafayette

\*Aug 15 – DVMA cruise to Mecum Auction, Monterey

\*Aug 29 – DVMA Picnic, Pleasant Hill Park, 147 Gregory Ln, Pleasant Hill

\*Oct 10 – DVMA End of Season Car Show @ The Cobra Experience, Martinez, 10:00am - 3:00pm

\*Dec 12 – DVMA Holiday Party, Martinez Yacht Club, 111 Tarantino Dr, Martinez, 5:30pm



# December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5 9a Danville C&C	6 9a DVMA Breakfast @ Huckleberry's 6p DVMA Holiday Lights 6p Concord Nights
7 8a Antioch C&C 8a Lafayette Pit Stop 10a Moraga Pit Stop	8	9	10 7 pm DVMA Meeting	11	12 9a Danville C&C	13 8a BCR 8a Orinda C&C 5:30p DVMA Holiday Party 6p Concord Nights
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# January 2026

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# DVMA Member Birthdays and Anniversaries

## December Birthdays

Rob Brandt    Mark Colburn    Dave DeLuce    Dianne Edwards  
Keith Euranius    Ron Hait    Patrick Hicks    Peter Keown  
Anthony Northrup    Frank Powell    Michelle Rebolini    Carlo San Paolo

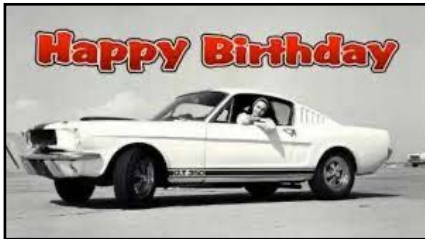
## December Anniversaries

Bruce & Donna Baker

If you're not listed, either you're new or I messed it up. Either way - my apologies, and happy birthday / anniversary!

## Welcome New DVMA Members!

Martin Keegan, 1986 Shadow Blue LX Hatchback  
Jack & Carole Freethy, 2001 Lazer Red Mustang GT Convertible, 1957 Red/White Thunderbird



  
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# Happy Holidays DVMA Members



We would like to invite  
you and your family to join us for our annual  
**HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY**

*Saturday, December 13, 2025 5:30 pm*

*Martinez Yacht Club  
111 Tarantino Drive, Martinez,*

### *Menu*

*Sirloin Tri Tip  
Champagne Chicken  
Mushroom Risotto  
Fresh Roasted Italian Vegetables  
Spring Mix Salad  
Dinner roll and butter*

### *Cake*

*\$25 per person*



**This year, for the 1st time: Ugly sweater contest!**

You can purchase tickets [HERE](#)

Please bring a \$20 wrapped white elephant gift exchange  
if you would like to participate in the fun



## DVMA General Meeting Minutes, Fuddruckers, Concord, CA. November 12, 2025

DVMA's General Meeting was called to order at Fuddruckers, Concord, CA on November 12th, 2025 at 7:02 pm by President Derek Schaffer.

Reports:

**President: Derek Shaffer** - Post car show meeting recap; very little negative feedback, pre-printed judge sheets were a big hit.

**Past President: Susan D'Arcangelo** - Not in attendance.

**Vice President: Tony Eistetter** - Thank you to all Trunk or Treat attendees, city of Clayton was grateful for our participation.

**Secretary: Lisa Hauer** - Please sign in – sheet on the table by the door with the treats.

**Treasurer/Membership: Chuck Niethold** - Gave financial report and bank balances.

**Current Memberships: 86 , Members: 156, Cars: 124**

**Newsletter: Erik Miller** - No crashes! Thanks to all the contributors – mostly Gail!

**Webmaster: Lisa Hauer** - I made some layout and color changes to the website; feel free to look around and give me feedback. I have setup folders for photos and videos in the DVMA Google Drive and will be inviting Gail, Blake, Erik and Derek so they can upload or copy the photos for use in the newsletter and social media platforms.

**Tour Coordinator: Gail Vasgerdsian** - Recap of recent events and upcoming: November Adopt-A-Street had 5 members participate, Matthew Hawkes took the lead.

Trunk or Treat was a lot of fun

Stangz on the Strait – 3 members won awards

Cobra Experience on 11/16, final for the year, collecting for Toys for Tots – there will be a breakfast gathering after

12/6 Breakfast will be at Huckleberries in Concord

12/13 DVMA Holiday party at the Martinez Yacht Club; \$25 per person, club paying the balance - \$20 white elephant, Ugly sweater contest

12/6 Light Drive in Brentwood stay tuned for details

12/19 Le Pit Holiday party – Casino night

1/31 Top Shop Garage Day – “smog”

2/7 Fenton's cruise for Valentine's Day

4/17 National Mustang Day at the Cobra

– Watch your emails for the emails for upcoming events; also see the calendar on the website and in the Feed Bag.

**Sergeant at Arms: Mark Vasgerdsian** - No report.

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## DVMA General Meeting Minutes, continued...

**Store: John Haugrud** - We have hats & shirts, no flags, car show shirts - yes.

**Hospitality: Erik Miller** - Welcomed new member Martin Keegan, read the birthdays and Anniversaries.

### **Board members:**

**Matthew Hawkes** - No report.

**Vince Casey** - spoke about Good Guys

**Harry Davis** - K1 versus Corvette still pending for 02/21 – no response yet, suggestions to invite Le Pit; working on a simulator race event TBA.

**Old Business: Derek** - still working on a quote for embroidered club polos with his contact in Livermore.

**New Business: Frank** - referral to plasma cutting service, business cards by the door – this is who cut the plaques for the car show trophies from the HS.

### **Misc. -**

**Erik** - recap of autocross event at the Sonoma Raceway parking lot, Ravi and Paul from Golden Hills participated

**Keith** – introduced himself as Hagerty rep for many club members, spoken of personal touch and salvage policy option, several members gave testimony to service and good prices.

**Next General Meeting is Wednesday, December 10th, at Fuddrucker's in Concord. Come early for dinner. All are welcome!**

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, November 18th at Mountain Mike's, 5358 Clayton Rd, Concord. Meeting at 7:00 pm. Come early for dinner.

**\*\*\*DVMA members: PLEASE help and sign up for club things. It takes the WHOLE club to make the club work\*\*\***

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:07 pm by Derek Shaffer, President

Minutes submitted by Lisa Hauer, DVMA Secretary.

## Connect with DVMA!



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President	Derek Schaffer	1967 Coupe 427
Vice President	Tony Eistetter	1965 Coupe 200
Secretary	Lisa Hauer	1967 Coupe 427
Treasurer/Membership	Chuck Niethold	2022 Mach E GT
Tour Coordinator	Gail Vasgerdsian	2022 GT Fastback
Board Member	Vince Casey	1968 Shelby GT350 Fastback
Board Member	Harry Davis	1985 SVO Turbo 2.3, 2006 GT
Board Member	Matthew Hawkes	2005 GT Coupe, 2006 GT Coupe
Sergeant-at-Arms	Mark Vasgerdsian	2014 Convertible V6
Past President	Susan D'Arcangelo	1967 Fastback "Bullitt" 427

## Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editor	Erik Miller	1967 Coupe 200, 1967 Coupe 428
Webmaster	Lisa Hauer	1967 Coupe 427
Social Media	Blake Hiatt	1966 Coupe 289
Hospitality	Erik Miller	1967 Coupe 200, 1967 Coupe 428
Storekeeper	John Haugrud	2007 Shelby GT500
Historian	Vacant	

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Deadline: Submissions made after the 20th of the month might not be published in the month received.



### DVMA Objectives

To provide a common meeting ground for Mustang owners and further the enjoyment of ownership to include workshops, question & answer sessions, and technical sessions. To promote a more favorable relationship with the general motoring public. To further the preservation and restoration of all Mustangs. MOST IMPORTANTLY: TO HAVE FUN!

### DVMA General Information

The DVMA meets on the second Wednesday of every month at Fuddruckers in Concord. The Board of Directors meets the fourth Tuesday of every other month.

### DVMA Club Meetings

#### When:

**The second Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm. Arrive early to order & pick up food at the front counter.**

#### Where:

**Fuddruckers  
 1975 Diamond Blvd, Concord, CA 94520  
 In the Willows shopping center. (925) 825-1443**

### DVMA Membership Information

Membership is open to any Mustang enthusiast, even if you don't own a Mustang! Dues are \$40 per year plus a \$10 first year initiation fee. Business card size advertising is \$50 (\$25 for members) per year (12 monthly issues). 1/4 page ads are \$100 per year. Other advertising and insert rates are available. Members are allowed free brief, one-time For Sale and Wanted ads.