

The Feed Bag

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DVMA Breakfast & Impromptu Tour, Nov. 4





The DVMA November 4th breakfast was held at Country Waffles in Clayton. Ten DVMA members attended and had a nice meal, enjoying getting together while the weather is still nice.

After breakfast, Matthew, Ron, Susan, Pat, Mark, and Gail were ready for a road trip with our Mustangs. We had heard that a Cars & Coffee was being held the first Saturday of each month at Jelly Belly in Fairfield from 9:00 - 12:00, sponsored by NorCal Car Culture. So, being that November 4th was the first Saturday, we decided to head up Hwy 80 to Jelly Belly. "Road trip here we come!" It was such a beautiful day, and what else did we have to do? Down Clayton Road to Concord Ave and onto Hwy 680 — after we all got back together, we were off and cruising/racing towards Fairfield. We did run into some traffic, but "Cars and Coffee here we come!"







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DVMA Breakfast & Tour, continued...



Driving through a foreign Cars and Coffee show at a coffee house, we quickly realized we were at the wrong show! We pulled out of that lot, and down the street we arrived at the Jelly Belly parking lot. When we pulled into Jelly Belly, no classic cars could be seen. It was about 11:00 am when we arrived, and the parking lot was empty! We parked our 5 Mustangs out in the lot with no other cars around. We were able to find a security guard that had parked his car next to our Mustangs and asked him about the Cars and Coffee show. He said that 6-8 cars had arrived around 9:30, but left after about 1/2 hour when no

other cars arrived.



Well, no Cars and Coffee,

so... "Jelly Belly here we come!" The 6 of us decided to check out the Jelly Belly Factory and take the tour. What fun! From the hats we had to wear to the samples we were given, we were off on the self-guided walk-through tour. The smells were wonderful, and it was fascinating to watch how Jelly Belly candies are made. To see all the different flavors and colors of jelly beans in trays was beautiful. After the factory tour we took the Jelly Belly train to the other side of the parking lot to the museum, which was a wealth of information on the history of Jelly Belly. When we arrived back at our Mustangs, a family was checking out our parked ponies. Talking to



them, we found out that they owned a '65 Mustang. We gave them DVMA information and are hoping they will join our group. They had heard about our car show and were very interested in our club.

Even though we'd had breakfast, after spending time at Jelly Belly, it was time to get more food! Root beer floats and ice cream were the prevailing choice, so off we went heading up Highway 80 to The Nut Tree in Vacaville. There we knew we'd find Fenton's Creamery, a perfect stop to satisfy our cravings. From a root beer float to mint milk shakes and sundaes, all of us were fueled up and ready to head back home. Fenton's had hit the spot!



The traffic heading south on 80 was completely stopped, so we knew that was not the best way back. We headed across the freeway and took the back roads, cruising through open fields all the way to the Delta, then over the Antioch Bridge and onto Highway 4 where we (allegedly) did some speed runs until we all waved our good byes and went our own ways home.

The morning started as just a breakfast with DVMA members, but turned into a fun-filled day cruising with fellow members to places we had not visited in years. The laughing and camaraderie, plus jelly beans and ice cream, made us feel like kids again! We hope you'll join us for the next DVMA breakfast, **January 6th at**



President's Message from Susan D'Arcangelo

Hello, all DVMA members. As the year comes to an end we can say; What a year it's been! Our DVMA car show returned to The Cobra Experience and it was amazing. So far, we've had 23 new members join DVMA in 2023, including 7 just in October! On that note, welcome new members Laurie & Larry Lufrano. What a great November this was, thanks to our members Gail & Mark Vasgerdsian who put together not one, but two fun drives. You can read all about them in this newsletter and see what a great time we had. You should join us next time! Sometimes it's just nice to meet up for breakfast or Cars and Coffee as

a group, and maybe take the Mustangs out to stretch their legs on a nice long ride. There's nothing like the crisp fall air for some of our classic cars that don't like the heat, and let's not forget the newer mustangs too! You all really should join us!

Well, it's that time of the year again for our holiday dinner party! This year we decided to go big!! We picked Back Forty Texas BBQ in Pleasant Hill because the food is so good, and where else can you get an \$70 meal for \$32? Where else can you bring a gift and get to steal the one you think is better with our white elephant gift exchange? I really hope you all can join us on December 16th to end the year and bring in 2024 with all our members! See the next page for the dinner menu and all other party info, and sign up at DVMA.org. Plus, we have big things happening for next year!

Susan D'Arcangelo



DVMA: It's YOUR Club!

The most exciting part about being a member of a car club is attending events with other members, getting to know them, and learning about each other's cars. Our members range in age from 17 to 80+, and they own all manner of Mustangs from "1964 ½" to 2023. In addition to DVMA events like our annual car show, holiday party, monthly breakfasts, picnics, tours, and Adopt-A-Street days, we also go as a group to other car shows, museums, parks, car races, and sometimes we just go for a drive for the pure fun of driving our Mustangs together.

The weather is changing now, and there will be less events in the winter, but keep an eye on the events calendar in this newsletter. It's your connection to what's happening in your car club, and we've got lots of exciting events coming up in 2024. We encourage all members to come celebrate our shared love of Ford's pony car together at these events. It's YOUR club, and your participation is welcomed, even needed, to make this club as fun as possible for everyone. Ready to start having more fun immediately? You can begin right now by signing up to attend our Holiday Party on Saturday, December 16th. It's a fun time with good food and great people, not to mention a spirited white elephant gift exchange. Hope to see you soon!



Happy Holidays DVMA Members



We would like to invite you and your family to join us for our annual Holiday Party Dinner

> December 16, 2023 5:30 pm Back Forty BBQ 100 Coggins Dr., Pleasant Hill

> > Menu

All you can eat buffet
Pork Baby Back Ribs
BBQ Chicken
Green Salad
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Bake Beans
Cake

\$32 per person

You can purchase tickets at www.dvma.org
or use our direct payment link HERE
Please bring a \$20 wrapped white elephant gift exchange
If you would like to participate in the fun



DVMA Halloween Fun Run, Oct. 28

y Gail Vasgerdsian

A last minute DVMA event for Halloween was put together by Mark and Gail Vasgerdsian. A road trip was planned to Napa and St. Helena on Saturday, October 28th, and an email went out just 3 days beforehand inviting all DVMA members to come along for the ride. Time to get our ponies out one more time before the rain starts and they have to be stabled for the winter!



Seven Mustangs met at Fuddrucker's Concord parking lot at 9:30 am. We headed up Highways 680 to 780 to 12 towards Napa. What a sight seeing 7 Mustangs traveling across the Benicia Bridge early in the morning - we got lots of looks Just off of Highway 12. we and thumbs-ups. pulled off at Stanly Lane Pumpkin Patch to get our last minute pumpkins for Halloween, where we were joined by our 8th Mustang! What a cute place: From the 1,500 pound pumpkin that took 7th place at the Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Festival to the hay maze full of antique tractors, pumpkins and sun flowers, it was a great stop to stretch our legs, get to know our fellow DVMA members that had traveled with us and take some beautiful fall



pictures. From Stanly Lane Pumpkins we got back on Hwy. 12 and traveled through Napa to the Silverado Trail. WHAT A DRIVE! The Silverado Trail was beautiful, and empty other than our 8 Mustangs. We cruised along the trail enjoying the scenery of grape vines and wineries that lined the road, then turned off Silverado Trail at Zinfandel Lane and headed to Highway 29. We drove on through St. Helena to our stop at Gott's Roadside diner for lunch.

Pulling into Gott's parking lot it was a little tight, and spots were hard to find, but luckily the parking gods smiled on us and we were all able to find parking spaces. Lunches were ordered and a long table that fit







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Halloween Fun Run, continued...







all our DVMA members was found. It was crowded, but well worth the stop. Juicy hamburgers, delicious food and drinks, and finally soft serve ice cream ensured that lunch was enjoyed by all. Definitely a location that will be a future stop again! After lunch was complete we saddled up our ponies for the trip home. Two Mustangs headed home on their own, but 6 of us returned to the Silverado Trail to enjoy another beautiful drive back. Once we arrived at the Benicia Bridge and Highway 680, the lanes opened up and our ponies got a chance to stretch their legs. It was a great time letting our beautiful Mustangs get their speeds up and have a little more fun on the ride home.

This was a warm fall day with perfect weather to get our Mustangs out and about. Thank you to Susan, Ron & Roma, Matthew, Pat & Diane, Tony, Anthony, and Tom & Francine for joining us for a very last minute road trip. It was great spending time with fellow DVMA members and Mustang enthusiasts, and we look forward to doing another Halloween Drive next year!





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DVMA Member's Mustangs

by Mike Symmons, Erik Miller

DVMA Vice President Mike Symmons loves his 2017 Mustang Ecoboost convertible. It's his daily driver, gets good mileage, the top goes down, and with a cold air intake and Ford Performance tune, it makes 350 horsepower. But, he says, "It just doesn't make the right noises." So he decided to get a new GT



as his 'fun' car, and started pricing one online. Then a funny thing happened - Mike noticed that for not much more than a fully loaded GT, he could get a new Mach 1. For those of you who don't know, the 2023 Mach 1 is a Mustang on steroids: the 5.0 engine is from the Bullitt, but with the intake and throttle body from the GT350. The steering and brakes are also borrowed from the GT350, along with the GT500 differential cooler, rear valance, and variable exhaust. Mike found this Mach 1 at Bill Brandt Ford in Brentwood,

test drove it, loved it, and came home to tell his wife that he <u>really</u> wanted to buy it. Mind you, this was the first she'd heard about him wanting to replace his then-current fun car, a fully loaded 2005 GT that he had also ordered new at Bill Brandt. And so, on the day before Mother's Day, Mike picked up the 6th Mustang he's owned, a 2023 Mach 1 in stunning Eruption Green with black & Magnetic Gray accents.

While the Mach 1 is an amazing machine as-is, Mike has added a few personalizing touches: a GT500 rear spoiler painted to match the car's accents, dual Ford Performance oil catch cans, and gas hood struts. He also tinted the windows, and added paint protective film & ceramic coating to preserve the exterior. It seems like Mike's attention to detail paid off: he just won 1st in his class at the 2023 DVMA Car Show. Mike has been enjoying his pony the way it was meant to - by driving it, of course! He got some parade laps in at the SCCA Mini-Nats, plus took it to Hot August Nights in Reno this year. On the way home, he got a bolt in one tire, and made it almost all the way home before the bolt came out and the tire was done for. That's about a 400 mile trip, and the car only had to be towed home for the last 7 miles.



Included in a Mach 1 purchase is a special Mach 1 "Track Attack" day at Charlotte Motor Speedway, and Mike thoroughly enjoyed his track time there. If having owned six Mustangs, including this new Mach 1, isn't cool enough, Mike also still owns his first car, a 1970 Cougar XR7 that's slowly being restored as an Eliminator tribute car. How awesome is that?







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DVMA Events Calendar

December Events

Check out the new "Calendar View" on page 9

Dec 2 - DVMA Breakfast, Dad's Cafe, 1135 2nd St, Brentwood, 9:00am

Dec 9 - Breakfast Club Rally, 100 mile drive through Bay Area backroads, Sonoma, 8:00am - 12:00pm Get Info

Dec 13 - DVMA Meeting at Fuddruckers, Willows Shopping Center, 1975 Diamond Blvd, Concord, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Dec 15-17 - Hot Rod Power Tour West, 3 day road trip/drag race: Irwindale / Las Vegas / Pomona Get Info

Dec 16 - DVMA Holiday Party, Back Forty Texas BBQ, 100 Coggins Dr, Pleasant Hill, 5:30pm - 9:00pm

Upcoming (2024!) Events

Jan 1 – Happy New Year 2024!!

Jan 6 - DVMA Breakfast, Buttercup, 4301 Clayton Rd, Concord, 9:00am

Jan 10 - DVMA Meeting at Fuddruckers, Willows Shopping Center, 1975 Diamond Blvd, Concord, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Jan 23 - DVMA Board Meeting at Mountain Mike's Pizza, 5358 Clayton Rd, Concord, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Feb 10 - DVMA Valentine's Day Ice Cream Social @ Fenton's, Vacaville - Leave 11:30am from Fuddrucker's

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

Apr 13 - DVMA Adopt-A-Street, Seafood City parking lot, 2030 Diamond Blvd, Concord, 8:45am - 10:00am

Oct 12 - DVMA All Ford Car Show @ the Cobra Experience, Martinez, 10:00am - 3:00pm

It's DVMA Membership Renewal Time!

Autumn is upon us, and you know what that means: leaves are changing colors, days are getting shorter, pumpkin spice lattes are available again, and it is time to renew your membership with DVMA. Renewal is \$30 and there are three easy ways to pay:

- Use PayPal to pay online at DVMA.org. Scroll down the main page a little ways until you see "Renew Your Membership".
- Mail a check to DVMA, PO Box 21674, Concord, CA, 94521.
- Pay in person at the next DVMA meetings: November 8 or December 13.

We love seeing our members at the meeting anyways, so come on down and hang out with your fellow Mustang enthusiasts.

800 Horsepower and a Ford Warranty? Yes, Please!

"More horsepower? No thanks," said no Ford Mustang owner, ever. Ford knows this, too, and in order to feed the horsepower hunger of lovers of its pony car, it has already introduced the new FP800S package for the 2024 GT. Consisting of a 3.0 liter Whipple supercharger and a long list of accompanying upgrades and styling cues, this package boosts the stock Mustang GT's power from 480 all the way up to a Hellcat-embarrassing 800+ hp! Check out the full article HERE.





New! — **DVMA Events Calendar View**

December 2023							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Friday	Saturday	
26	27	28	29	30	1	9 am DVMA Breakfast	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 8 am Breakfast Club Rally	
10	11	12	13 _{7 pm} DVMA Meeting	14	15	16 _{5:30 pm} DVMA PARTY!	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31	1	2	3	4	5	6	
						BlankCalendarPages.com	

January 2024								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	1	Friday	Saturday		
31	1	2	3	4	5	9 am DVMA Breakfast		
7	8	9	7 pm DVMA Meeting	11	12	13		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
21	22	23 _{7 pm} DVMA Board Meeting	24	25	26	27		
28	29	30	31	1	2	BlankGalendarPages.com		

DVMA General Meeting Minutes, Fuddruckers, Concord, CA. Nov 8, 2023

DVMA's general meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Susan D'Arcangelo. Welcome to everyone attending!

New members - Welcome to Tim Dowd

Holiday Party – Back Forty BBQ, December 16th at 5:30pm. \$32 per person / club is covering \$38 per person. Julie working on link for payments. Gift exchange – bring a \$20 wrapped gift for the gift exchange.

PAST PRESIDENT – Harry Davis – Harry has put together a Simulating Racing event. He needs a minimum of least 6 people to participate. \$75 to get you into the race practice, qualifying and racing (race is 30 minutes) 2 ½ hours on the track. Contact Harry at harrykaren@comcast.net if interested in attending.

VICE PRESIDENT - Mike Symmons - No report

SECRETARY - Gail Vasgerdsian - No report

TREASURER - Dwight Moreland - Car show made a profit. DVMA finances are good.

MEMBERSHIP - Ed Gulder - Membership - 79, Members - 170, Cars - 115, MCA Members - 24

Renewals are 68. Renewals may be given to Dwight tonight. Need applications from recent members: Steven Cloyes, Yolanda Ferraloro, Shadi Ziaei

Adopt a Street – clean up Saturday, November 11th. Meet at Sea Food City at 8:45. Breakfast after.

NEWSLETTER - Erik Miller - No report

WEBMASTER - Julie Kinsey - Payment link is being set up for all events. Go Daddy will be used for credit card payments.

TOUR COORDINATOR - Karen Harris - No report

HOSPITALITY - Karen Harris - "Happy November Birthday" to 20 DVMA members. Happy Anniversary to 1 DVMA couple.

SERGEANT at ARMS - Bill Kinsey - No report

STORE – John Haugrud – Car Show shirts, DVMA t-shirts and DVMA hats are available to purchase. Hats will be given to new members. Some flags are available to display at shows.

BOARD MEMBERS - Anne Haugrud, Matthew Hawkes, Mark Vasgerdsian - No reports

Guest Speaker – Keith Euranius, owner of RPM Insurance Group – Offering Hagerty insurance for your classic cars. Keith covered all aspects of classic car insurance for our Mustangs. Explained what Hagerty can offer and why you should have your classic cars under classic car insurance. Very informative speaker.

PAST EVENTS - Two events were planned by Mark and Gail Vasgerdsian -

Halloween Run on Saturday, October 28th to Stanly Lane Pumpkin Patch in Napa, Silverado Trail drive and Gott's Roadside Diner in St. Helena. We had 8 Mustangs and 11 members.

Breakfast on Saturday, November 4th at Country Waffles in Clayton followed by a drive to Jelly Belly Factory in Fairfield, Fenton's at The Nut Tree in Vacaville and a drive back along the Delta to Hwy 4. We had 5 Mustangs and 6 members.

OLD BUSINESS – Susan and Mark cleaned out and closed down Brentwood storage unit. All DVMA stuff was moved to new storage unit in Concord. Left over prizes from the DVMA car show will be used for give aways.

NEW BUSINESS – William Escoto priced felt DVMA flags for \$6 - \$8 per flag. Want to look into a Pinewood Derby to get involved in. Looking for the Cam Shaft to pass around to next DVMA member.

Cobra Experience is hosting a Cars and Coffee on Sunday, November 19th at 8:30 – 10:00. Dunkin donuts truck will be suppling coffee. DVMA members will be doing a drive to a breakfast location after cars and coffee.

Good Guys this weekend – Saturday & Sunday, November 11th & 12th. Sign-up sheet on the back table for ideas for DVMA events for "2024". Picnic for next year – Yes

End of Season DVMA "2024" Car Show – Tentative date: Saturday, October 12, 2024. Being held at Cobra Experience. First car show committee meeting will be held in January, 2024. Email will be sent out.

CLUB RAFFLE - Mark Vasgerdsian won the gift certificate to Mountain Mike's Pizza. 50/50 was won by Margie Baria.

The next DVMA Board meeting will be on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 7:00 at Mountain Mike's Pizza.

The next DVMA general meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6, 2023. Guest speaker will be Emily from The Cobra Experience. ***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 8:25 pm by Susan D'Arcangelo, President.

Minutes submitted by DVMA Secretary Gail Vasgerdsian

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DVMA Adopt-A-Street, November 11

DVMA's Adopt-a-street trash pickup day was Saturday, November 11. Members enjoyed the camaraderie of hanging out and cleaning up Diamond Blvd together. Afterwards, the team had a delicious lunch at Black Bear Diner. It was a small crew this time, so they were only able to clean half of the street. We'd like to invite all DVMA members to come out to the next Adopt-A-Street day on April 13, 2024. Come join your fellow members in helping make Concord beautiful, enjoying each other's company, and treating ourselves to a nice lunch afterwards. Mark your calendar and come spend a Saturday morning with us!



DVMA Member Birthdays and Anniversaries

December Birthdays

Ron Bramlett Rob Brandt Alanna Casey Mark Colburn Roger Davis Diane Edwards Estella Escoto Ron Hait Patrick Hicks Jim Laudin John Laudin Katheryn Nguyen Anthony Northrup Bill Phelon Tyler Suzuki John Valencia Cynthia Willis

December Anniversaries

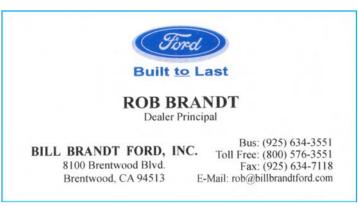
Bruce & Donna Baker

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

Welcome New DVMA Members!

Laurie & Larry Lufrano

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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 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. Dues are \$30 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 brief, one-time For Sale and Wanted ads.