



The Feed Bag

February 2024
Volume 46, Issue 2

A Diablo Valley Mustang Association Publication

Sundays on Solano, Dec 17

by Erik Miller



On Sunday, December 17th, the morning after the DVMA 2023 Holiday Party, I visited Berkeley's Solano Avenue to check out the final "Sundays on Solano" cars & coffee event of the year. This event is put on by VALT Auto Club and they usually have some amazing cars at their events, including vintage Ferraris and Lamborghinis. This Sunday looked like rain, and was a bit more tame, but amidst all the Porsches, BMWs, Alfas, and Japanese classics, there were some fine Fords to be seen. There were a few nice Mustangs: a beautiful '66 GT fastback, a Terlingua-esque '67 coupe, and a 2003 Mach 1. Interestingly, there were two Fords from overseas - a stunningly stock MK 2 Cortina GT coupe and a meticulously modified MK 1 Escort, the latter featuring a super-sanitized engine bay and a modern engine transplant. By the time you read this, the first VALT show of 2024 will have already happened on January 21. If you have the chance, catch one of these events on the 3rd Sunday of the month.





President's Message from Susan D'Arcangelo

Hey everyone. I hope the start of 2024 was great for all of you. If you're like me, the rain is really bumming me out - I just want to be out riding in my '67 with the windows down listening to the roar of my 427. I'm sure it'll happen soon - just not soon enough!!!

Never fear, Mustang fans, we have some fun things coming up: Our next DVMA breakfast meet-up is on February 3rd at Huckleberry's, and we like to go for a drive together afterward if the weather permits. For Valentine's Day, which is not that far away, we have our annual cruise to Fenton's in Vacaville on February 10th. Added to that, our first Car

Show Committee meeting of 2024 is Tuesday, February 6th, 7 pm at Mountain Mike's Pizza. Come get involved and help make this year's DVMA show the biggest and best one yet. Check out the events calendars on pages 5 & 6 for all the details.

Don't forget our monthly meeting at Fuddruckers. We love to see all of our members there, and if you feel like getting out, come join us for fun, food, friends, and a raffle.

Susan D'Arcangelo



DVMA Gear now Available

There are a limited amount of DVMA hats and T shirts available for purchase and pickup at the General Meeting held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Club staff shirts and 2023 Car Show shirts are \$20 each, and DVMA club hats are \$15. Talk to Storekeeper John Haugrud at the next meeting if you are interested in getting one of these before they are gone.



Have You Driven a Ford Lately?

by Erik Miller



On a recent trip to Thailand, I couldn't help but notice how many things had changed since my last visit in 2018 (and even more so since I lived there in 1998-2000). High-rise condos where there used to be beach huts, good coffee and cannabis dispensaries now seemingly everywhere, and a certain blue oval car company that was previously rarely seen now has a huge presence. I was surprised to see so many Ford trucks on the road, both in the big city and out in the countryside. Ford Thailand now has a large manufacturing plant in Rayong, a seaside province about 110 miles southeast of Bangkok. In fact, the first automobile ever built in Thailand was the Ford Cortina back in 1961 through a partnership between a Thai company and British Ford.

On this visit I had the chance to stop by the Ford dealer on Rama 4 Road in Bangkok and talk with the staff. They spoke little English, and my Thai isn't what it used to be, but we understood each other well enough and bonded over our shared interest in cars. Mustangs, especially vintage ones, are quite a rarity there, so they were excited when I told them I was writing an article for my Mustang club newsletter and that we have over 100 Mustangs in our group, ranging from 1964½ to 2023. Ford does sell Mustangs here, but they didn't have one in the showroom that day. There were two Ranger trucks and a Ranger-based PPV (Pickup Platform Vehicle), the Everest, proudly on display.

The Everest base model includes a 2.0 liter turbodiesel engine making 170 HP & 300 ft-lb of torque, while several upgraded trims feature a 2.0 liter twin-turbo diesel engine that makes 210 HP & 370 ft-lb. No gasoline engines or manual transmissions are available. There are 7 variations of Ranger, all with one of the two turbodiesel engines except for the top-of-the-line Ranger Raptor Ecoboost, featuring a 390 HP / 430 ft-lb V6 twin-turbo gasoline engine. All Mustangs feature the same two engines we know and love here in America. Prices? The Ranger runs from a base of US \$20,500 up to \$57,700 for a fully loaded Raptor V6. The Mustang is where sticker shock hits: \$108,800 for a base Ecoboost, and the 5.0 GT **starts** at \$143,260 before any options. Yikes!! That really makes you appreciate how good we have it here in the USA. Thai food may be ten times more expensive here than there, but you'll pay a whole lot less for Ford's pony car at home.

Ford EXPO
โปรโมชัน IRSJ
ดูกัน ไม่ทรงงโลก
พิเศษ ดอกเบี้ย **0%***
ไม่รวม Ford Care
รับประกันศูนย์
รถยนต์ใหม่
จากโรงงาน 5 ปี หรือ 150,000 กม.
(แล้วแต่กรณีโปรดดูรายละเอียด)
ทดลองขับ
ลุ้นทอง 1 บาท
จำนวน 40 รางวัล มูลค่ารวม 1,294,000 บาท



DVMA Member's Mustangs

by Anthony Northrup, Erik Miller

It's pretty obvious that Anthony Northrup likes fun Fords. Just look at the selection of cars he's owned. He had a Merkur XR4Ti, which, with its turbo 2.3 engine and rear wheel drive, was basically a Mustang SVO in a stylish European suit. He then had a couple of Taurus SHO examples, including one where he swapped the larger 3.2 liter engine only available in an auto car into his 5 speed ride. After that, he owned two Mercury



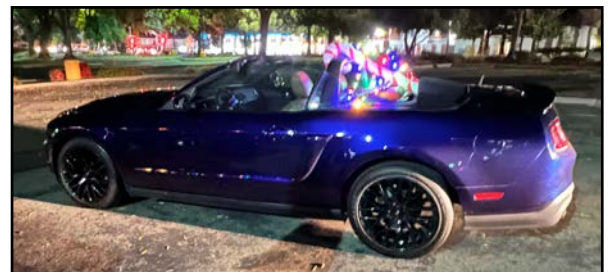
Marauders, the second of which had 4.10 rear gears and often surprised the unsuspecting with its stoplight prowess and show car looks. After selling the last of these, Anthony decided he wanted a Mustang, and a topless, 5.0 V8 powered one at that. He searched far and wide, and in 2020 he found this 2012 Kona Blue Premium GT convertible online in Houston, Texas. After an inspection gave him the green light, a deal was made and Anthony flew to Houston and drove the car back home.

The first four hours of that maiden voyage included torrential rain, which made for quite an adventure since the car desperately needed a new top, and the back window was basically nonexistent. With plastic bags on the Saddle interior and kitty litter in the trunk, he soldiered on through the storm until clear skies prevailed. This was 2020, in the middle of Covid lockdown, so there were relatively few cars on the road and the rest of the trip was glorious. He averaged 26 mpg on the trip, cruising at 80 MPH most of the way. He did have to avoid stopping in New Mexico due to their Covid-era 72 hour hold on visitors there.

Once home, Anthony sourced a new canvas top for his pony. He also personalized his car with a set of black 2020 Mustang Performance Package 19" wheels that he practically stole on Craigslist for \$100, a pair of 2013-14 tail lights, a Roush exhaust, and a CDC light bar. A new clutch was installed at 88,000 miles.

Even though it's a requirement in the Northrup household that drivers know how to operate a manual transmission, that doesn't mean everyone wants to. When Anthony offered to let his oldest son drive the Mustang to school, he said, "It's just a car Dad - can I take the Highlander?" By contrast, his youngest son is into cool cars and performed a brake job on the Mustang when he was just 11 years old.

Anthony and his wife Ngoc Anh recently drove their pony top down on a chilly December night to take part in the DVMA Christmas Lights Tour, including decorating the car with festive lights and giant candy canes. In fact, the joke in the Northrup family is that the car has no top, since he refuses to put it up unless he gets caught in a rainstorm again. After all, top-down motoring is the whole point of a convertible, isn't it?



DVMA Events Calendar

February Events

Check out the new "Calendar View" on page 9

Feb 3 – DVMA Breakfast, Huckleberry's, 4391 Treat Blvd, Concord, 9:00am

Feb 6 – DVMA Car Show Committee meeting, 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 11:00am from Fuddruckers

Feb 10 – "What's that 3rd Pedal For?", Youth manual transmission class at Cobra Experience, 1:00pm - 3:00pm [Get info](#)

Feb 10 – Cobra Experience 10th anniversary dinner, 777 Arnold Dr, #200, Martinez, 5:30pm - 9:30pm [Get info](#)

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

Feb 17 – Volunteer Training Day @ Cobra Experience, 9:00am - 12:00pm [Get info](#)

Feb 18 – Cobra Experience Museum open, 777 Arnold Dr, #200, Martinez, 10:00am - 3:00pm [Get info](#)

Feb 27 – DVMA Board Meeting at Mountain Mike's Pizza, 5358 Clayton Rd, Concord, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Every 3rd Saturday: "Pre-Stage" 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

Upcoming Events

Mar 2 – DVMA Breakfast, Country Waffles, 5475 Clayton Rd, Clayton, 9:00am

Mar 3 – DVMA Go Kart Racing at K1 Speed - **Event is full**

Mar 9 – Breakfast Club Rally, location TBA in North Bay, 8:00am - 12:00pm [Get info](#)

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

Mar 15-17 – Classic Sports Racing Group Vintage Races at Sonoma Raceway [Get Info](#)

Mar 17 – Cobra Experience, Martinez: Cars, Kids & Coffee 8:30am - 10:30am, Museum open 10:00am - 3:00pm [Get info](#)

Mar 17 – DVMA Drive to breakfast at Ranch House Cafe in Moraga following TCE Cars, Kids & Coffee, 10:30am

Mar 23-24 – Goodguys Spring Get-Together, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, 8:00am - 5:00pm [Get Info](#)

Mar 26 – DVMA Board Meeting at Mountain Mike's Pizza, 5358 Clayton Rd, Concord, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Apr 6 – DVMA Breakfast, Heavenly Bistro, 3116 Oak Rd, Walnut Creek, 9:00am *New location - come join us!*****

Apr 10 – 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

Apr 13 – Breakfast Club Rally, location TBA in North Bay, 8:00am - 12:00pm [Get info](#)

Apr 17 – National Mustang Day – 60 years since the introduction of the Ford Mustang!!

Apr 21 – National Mustang Day Cars & Coffee at The Cobra Experience, 8:30am - 12:30pm: Food truck, donuts, & more!

Apr 19-28 – Kool April Nights, Week-long celebration in downtown Redding, CA including cruise & car shows [Get info](#)

May 3-5 – Sacramento Autorama 3 day car show, Cal Expo, Sacramento [Get info](#)

May 5 – Snakes at the Farm, Balestrieri Family Farm, 6140 Alhambra Valley Rd, Briones, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

June 15 – Castro Valley Car Show, Downtown Castro Valley, 10:00am - 5:00pm [Get Info](#)

June 30 – BAMA Ponies & Snakes car show, Danville [Get Info](#)

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

DVMA Valentine's Day Ice Cream Social Saturday February 10 @ 11:00 am

Join us for DVMA's annual Valentine's Day drive to Fenton's in Vacaville.

Leave @ 11:00am from Fuddruckers and drive up Highway 80 for a delicious lunch followed by an over-the-top Fenton's ice cream creation! We will cruise home along the Delta or back roads.

Bring your family and friends for a day out with DVMA.

Please RSVP to mgfbowl@comcast.net



DVMA Events Calendar View

February 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 9 am DVMA Breakfast
4	5	6 7 pm DVMA Car Show Meeting	7	8	9	10 11am Fenton's Tour 1pm 3rd pedal class 5:30pm Cobra dinner
11	12	13	14 7 pm DVMA Meeting	15	16	17 8 am Pre-Stage C&C
18 8 am Sundays on Solano	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 7 pm DVMA Board Meeting	28	29	1	2

© BlankCalendarPages.com

March 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	1	2 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 Sonoma CSRG Races	16 Sonoma CSRG Races
17 8am Cobra Exp C&C 10:30 DVMA drive Sonoma CSRG Races	18	19	20	21	22	23 Goodguys, Pleasanton
24 Goodguys, Pleasanton	25	26 7 pm DVMA Board Meeting	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

© BlankCalendarPages.com

Calling all DVMA Members: Join the DVMA Car Show Committee!

After an amazing 2023 DVMA Car Show, the 2024 DVMA Car Show is already on the horizon! It will once again be held at the **Cobra Experience** in Martinez, this time on **Saturday, October 12**. It's an exciting venue, and the museum will be open that day, too. We learned a few things last year and will strive to make this year's show even bigger and better.



If you would like to get involved in the planning and execution of this exciting event, now is the time: The first 2024 Car Show Committee meeting is on **Tuesday, February 6**, from **7:00 to 8:00pm** at **Mountain Mike's Pizza**, 5358 Clayton Rd in Concord. Come early to have dinner together before the meeting. This is DVMA's biggest event of the year, and we need our members' help to make it amazing. We need volunteers for it all: from planning to parking, working with sponsors to judging, and everything in between. Together, we can make this year's car show the best one yet!

For Sale: Fully Restored 1965 V8 Coupe



This beautiful '65 coupe was fully restored in 2019, including being taken down to bare metal and repainted in Honey Gold. Features include: 300 HP 302 V8, 3 speed auto trans, power steering, power front disc brakes, all new wiring harness, beautiful black interior with center console, Classic Instruments gauges, fog lights, Flowmaster dual exhaust with GT-style rear trumpets, 15" wheels and BF Goodrich tires. It is owned by DVMA President Susan D'Arcangelo, who has 3 Mustangs and needs to make some room, so it's time for this pony to move to another ranch. Asking \$35,000. Contact Susan if interested at sdarcangelo1@yahoo.com or 415-724-5330.



DVMA General Meeting Minutes, Fuddruckers, Concord, CA. Jan 10, 2024

DVMA's general meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Susan D'Arcangelo. Welcome to everyone attending! Welcome Back to Dennis Church. Re-introduced Anthony and April Harris.

Holiday Party – Was held at Back Forty BBQ on December 16' 2023 at 5:30pm. We had 47 members attend the dinner. Food was great! The gift exchange/stealing was fun.

REMINDER – Once a month DVMA breakfast. First Saturday of the month. Check the Feedbag for location. Would like to add an after breakfast drive. Let DVMA know if you have any ideas of drives/places to go after the monthly breakfast.

PAST PRESIDENT – Harry Davis – K1 Go Kart Racing in Dublin. Sunday, March 3 at 1:00pm. Minimum 8 drivers needed/ maximum 10 drivers for event to be a go. Cut off date is the end of the month to sign up.

VICE PRESIDENT – Mike Symmons – No report

SECRETARY – Gail Vasgerdsian – DVMA meeting sign-up sheet in back of room on table. Also have sign-up sheets for Fenton's Valentine Run on February 10 and K1 Go Kart Racing on March 3. Fenton's Valentine Run will meet at Fuddruckers in Concord at 11:00am. All are invited/family event!

TREASURER – Dwight Moreland – “Happy New Year”

MEMBERSHIP – Ed Gulder – Membership – 73, Renewals – 72, Members – 156, Cars – 108, MCA members – 24

NEWSLETTER – Erik Miller – No report

WEBMASTER – Julie Kinsey – No report

TOUR COORDINATOR – Karen Harris – No report

HOSPITALITY – William Escoto – No report

SERGEANT of ARMS – Bill Kinsey – No report

STORE – John Haugrud – Car Show shirts, DVMA T-shirts and DVMA hats are FOR SALE. T-shirts are \$20. Hats are \$15. John also has a guy that takes door dings out. Please get in touch with John.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS – The Event list is on page 5 of this newsletter. There is also a “calendar view” version on page 6.

DVMA would like to get involved with the Food Bank with the Cobra Experience.

End of Season DVMA “2024” Car Show – Saturday, October 12, 2024. Being held at Cobra Experience. First car show committee meeting will be held Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at Mountain Mikes, 5358 Clayton Road, Concord at 7:00. Come earlier for dinner. Need many members to help plan and organize the car show. PLEASE GET INVOLVED!!!!!!

CLUB RAFFLE – Dennis Church won both an In N Out gift certificate and the 50/50.

DVMA Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at Mountain Mike's, 5358 Clayton Road, Concord.

Meeting at 7:00. Come early for dinner.

DVMA General Meeting - Scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at Fuddruckers in Concord

*****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 7:46 pm by Susan D'Arcangelo, President.

Minutes submitted by DVMA Secretary Gail Vasgerdsian



Saturday, February 10th, 2024 at 5:30 PM



**JOIN US TO CELEBRATE AND KICKOFF OUR 10TH
ANNIVERSARY AND
2024 GLOBAL ICON AWARD PRESENTATION**

RSVP today and secure your seat at this intimate celebration

RSVP AND GET YOUR TICKETS HERE

DVMA Member Birthdays and Anniversaries

February Birthdays

Michelle Brandt Elizabeth Cover Victor Harris Chip Herman Barbara Moreland
Kelly Neary Anna Pizzileo Stephanie Byers Willis


February Anniversaries

Roger & Sadie Canfield

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!

Emily Lambert of The Cobra Experience



Built to Last

ROB BRANDT
Dealer Principal

BILL BRANDT FORD, INC. Bus: (925) 634-3551
8100 Brentwood Blvd. Toll Free: (800) 576-3551
Brentwood, CA 94513 Fax: (925) 634-7118
E-Mail: rob@billbrandtford.com

**Wallace Termite
& Construction, Inc.**

Dave Wallace
Owner, Operator, Inspector,
General Contractor



331 Sunset Drive, Unit D
Antioch, CA 94509
925-706-2424
925-706-1729
wtcmite@comcast.net
www.wallacetermite.com



**FOOD
BANK**

of Contra Costa & Solano

**EAST BAY
CLASSICS**

CLASSIC CAR PARTS RESTORATIONS TRANSPORT

ROBIN PAULSELL
PHONE 510-787-3037
CELL 510-453-6203
1000 Loring Ave.
Crockett, CA 94525
www.eastbayclassics.com

Dealer for:
Scott Drake
Covercraft
Croftgate USA
Coker Tire
Champion Cooling

Connect with DVMA!



facebook:

Diablo Valley Mustang



instagram:

diablovalleymustang



online:

DVMA.org

2023-2024 DVMA Officers

President	Susan D'Arcangelo	sdarcangelo1@yahoo.com
Vice President / MCA Representative	Mike Symmons	msymmons@sbcglobal.net
Secretary	Gail Vasgerdsian	mgfbowl@comcast.net
Treasurer	Dwight Moreland	d.more@sbcglobal.net
Membership	Ed Guldner	cekk3613@aol.com
Board Member	Mark Vasgerdsian	mgfbowl@comcast.net
Board Member	Anne Haugrud	ahaugrud@icloud.com
Board Member	Matthew Hawkes	generalmatt@pacbell.net
Tour Coordinator	Karen Harris	67ponystyle@att.net
Newsletter Editor	Erik Miller	funkaholik@yahoo.com
Sergeant-at-Arms	Bill Kinsey	William_Kinsey@comcast.net
Past President	Harry Davis	harrykaren@comcast.net
Webmaster (appointed)	Julie Kinsey	juliekinsey@comcast.net
Hospitality (appointed)	Karen Harris	67ponystyle@att.net
Storekeeper (appointed)	John Haugrud	hogdude1800@outlook.com
Historian (appointed)	Vacant	

Published by the:

Diablo Valley Mustang Association
PO Box 21674
Concord, CA 94521

www.DVMA.org

Articles, advertisements, and other features may be sent to the PO box listed, or to:

dvmaeditor@aol.com

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.