

## “Bullit” Mustang Sells for \$3.4 Mil-

As reported in the East Bay Times,

January 11, 2020

By Daniel Trotta, Reuters



The 1968 Ford Mustang GT that Steve McQueen drove in the classic car chase from the movie “Bullitt”, one of the most famed cars from American cinema, sold for \$3.4 million at auction in Florida on Friday [1/10/20] Mecum Auctions said.

It was the highest price ever paid for a Ford Mustang at auction. According to David orton, marketing manager for the auction house. The buyer has not been publicly identified.

“The hammer dropped at \$3.4 million, but with buyers’ fees, the total cost is \$3.74 million,” he said, adding it shattered the auction house’s previous record set last year at \$2.2 million.

The unrestored muscle car, its “highland green” paint looking rusty and black upholstery splitting apart, starred in a 10-minute sequence in the 1968 film, getting airborne a few times as it sped through the hilly streets of San Francisco.

The car was auctioned without reserve, or minimum sale price, a risky decision that could have forced the owners to sell low.

McQueen filmed with the window down so viewers could see he was behind the wheel. Although credited as the driver, McQueen actually shared the wheel with Hollywood stunt driver Bud Ekins, according to the movie data base IMDB.

Many movie buffs view the chase as groundbreaking for its duration and white-knuckle drama. The sequence forgoes a score in favor of roaring engines and screeching tires.

After filming, the Mustang was sold to a Warner Bros. employee, and later to a New Jersey police detective. He in turn sold it for \$6000 in 1974 to Robert Kiernan of Madison, New Jersey who held onto the car until he died in 2014.

Kiernan rejected multiple offers for the car, including from McQueen himself, according to the New York Times. He left it to his son, Sean.

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To provide a common meeting ground for Mustang Owners and further the enjoyment of ownership: to include workshops, question and 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 each month at Fuddruckers. The Board of Directors meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at one of the Board Members homes on a rotating basis.

### Club Meetings

**When:** The second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM...Arrive early to order food. Order and pick up your food downstairs. Bring your food upstairs to the meeting.

**Where:** Fuddruckers

1975 Diamond Blvd, Concord, CA 94520

(925) 825-1443 In the Willows Shopping Center

### Directions

From the South:

Take Highway 680 North to Willow Pass Road. Exit at Willow Pass Road and at the light at the bottom of the ramp, turn right. Move immediately into the left lane and turn left on Diamond Boulevard (the next traffic light). Stay in the left lane and turn left into the Willows Shopping Center.

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### DVMA Membership Information

Membership is open to any Mustang enthusiast. Dues are \$30.00 per year plus a \$10.00 first year initiation fee. Business card size advertising is \$50.00 (25.00 for members) for 12 monthly issues. ¼ page ads are \$100.00 per year. Other advertising and insert rates are available. Members are allowed brief, one-time For Sale and Wanted ad's.

# DVMA DISPATCH

## President's Message from Harry Davis



Where has January gone!!! Here it is February, and it seems like just yesterday that I was talking about the upcoming All-Ford Car Show on June 6. The Event Book will have a page for sign-ups and every member can play a part to have a successful and fun Car Show. We will be talking more about the Show at our next meetings.

There have been rain showers in our area in the last few weeks and not everyone is willing to take their Mustangs out into the rain for a group event. If you have an idea for a fun group destination, please let us know. If it happens to rain on that particular day, we can drive other cars if necessary. The important thing is that our members have an exciting day together.

Does anyone know of someone who would like to be a guest speaker at a meeting? Speakers are always informative, interesting, and make a meeting an exciting evening for everyone.

As you know, Ford is no longer producing sedans, and will focus on SUV's and MUSTANGS! The new electric Mustang is beautiful and forward-thinking. That is the way of the future.

Our monthly meetings are perfect for checking in, seeing friends, getting info, and just enjoying the DVMA group. First Saturday breakfasts are great for starting your Saturday!

Harry Davis

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### "Bullitt" sale continued

"I would like to appeal to you to get back my '68 Mustang," McQueen wrote to Kiernan in 1977, according to the Times. "I would very much like to keep it in the family, in its original condition as it was used in the film, rather than have it restored: which is simply personal to me."

McQueen died in 1980 at age 50. Robert Kiernan never responded to McQueen's letter, which Sean Kiernan still has, the Times said.

Sean Kiernan told Mecum that his mother drove the car until the clutch failed in 1980. It went nearly 40 years without being driven until recently, with 65,000 miles on the odometer, Kiernan said.

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## Join us for a sweet ride up to Fenton's in Vacaville

Come join us for an ice cream sundae pig-out! We always get a good turnout for this annual event held around Valentine's Day. This year it's on February 15. We'll take the freeway up to Vacaville and then a more scenic route home. Refer to Upcoming Events page for the particulars. See you there!

# Upcoming Events

## February Events

February 12, **DVMA Meeting** at Fuddrucker's in the Willows, Concord, 7:00 pm

February 15, **DVMA Annual Valentine's Day Ice Cream Run** to Fenton's in Vacaville, 1669 E. Monte Vista Ave, Vacaville. Leave Sun Valley Mall Sears' parking lot at 11:00 am Contact Anne at 925-787-4979 so we have an estimate of how many to reserve seats for.

## March Events

March 7, **DVMA First Saturday Breakfast**, Dad's Café, 1135 2nd St., Brentwood, 9:00 am.

March 11, **DVMA Meeting**, Fuddrucker's in the Willows, Concord, 7:00 pm

## April Events

April 4, **DVMA First Saturday Breakfast**, Country Waffles, Clayton Station, Concord, 9:00 am

April 8, **DVMA Meeting** at Fuddrucker's in the Willows, Concord, 7:00 pm

April 17, **National Mustang Day**, Dinner at the Spaghetti Factory at 6:30 pm, 1955 Mt Diablo Blvd, Concord. Contact Anne at 925-787-4979 by April 15 to let us know you're coming so we can make reservations! It's a Friday night!

April 25, **Adopt-A-Street**, Meet at 8:45 am, start 9:00 am, Seafood City Parking Lot, Diamond Blvd., Concord; Breakfast to follow at Giant Chef Burger, 10 Goldf Club Rd., Pleasant Hill, approximately 10:15 am.

## June Events

**SAVE THIS DATE: June 6, DVMA ANNUAL CAR SHOW, Streets of Brentwood. All Ford-powered Cars!** Sign up at [dvma.com](http://dvma.com) or see sign-up sheet.

## MCA Events

March 26-March 29, **Spirit of the West-MCA National Show**, Casino del Sol, 5655 W. Valencia Rd., Tucson, AZ, Old Pueblo Mustang Club.

May 27-May 31, **Eureka Springs Mustang Week-MCA National Show**, Eureka Springs, AR, Midwest Blue Oval Ford Club

July 31-August 2, **Nickel City Mustang Roundup-MCA National Show**, State University of New York at Buffalo, NY, WNY Shelby and Mustang Club

September 4- September 6, **Fun In the Sun- MCA Grand National Show**, Melbourne, FL, Space Coast Mustang Club

May28-30 2021, **Suisun City MCA National Show**, Suisun Waterfront Plaza, Suisun City, CA.

## Other Events

February 25, **DVMA Board Meeting**, Mountain Mike's Pizza, 5358 Clayton Rd. 7:00 pm.

## Non-Club Events

February 23, **Detail Garage**, 1853 -6A Monument Blvd., informal car show, 8:00 am to 10:00 am, cars come and go at will.

March 7, **Nor Cal Train Show**, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Dr., Walnut Creek, free parking, entry fee \$10, kids under 18 free with accompanying adult. Look in East Bay Times for \$1 discount coupon.

# Meeting Highlights January 8, 2020

DVMA General Meeting Minutes

Fuddruckers – Concord CA

January 8, 2020

President Harry Davis called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm at *Fuddruckers* in Concord CA.

**WELCOME** to everyone attending this meeting, and Happy New Year 2020!

**PAST PRESIDENT – John Haugrud –**

John reported that MCA has now added a judges' certification test program to the MCA website.

**VICE PRESIDENT – Matthew Hawkes –** no report

**MEMBERSHIP – Ed Guldner -**

Ed reported that DVMA has 41 memberships, 89 members, and 108 cars (16 MCA members).

**TREASURER – Dwight Moreland –**

Dwight announced that DVMA has money in the bank.

**NEWSLETTER – Anne Haugrud -**

Anne would like input for the next issue. All members are asked to think about events, where to go and what to do, for group activities in the future. Ideas are wanted! Anne offered a few paper copies of the January newsletter.

**WEBSITE – Nicole Melton –**

Nicole reported she now has access to the Facebook members' only page. All agreed that the Facebook account should be made open to the public. Harry encouraged all to visit the DVMA website.

**MCA Rep – Jason Ingle –**

Jason announced that our focus this year is to go after 100% MCA participation.

MCA requested votes on MCA By-Laws change to send meeting agendas out three weeks prior instead of ten days prior to the meeting.

\* MCA has listed 2020 and 2021 National Shows on the MCA website.

- March 26-29, Spirit of the West, Tucson AZ, at Casino Del Sol Resort
- May 27-31, National Mustang Show, Eureka Springs AR, by Midwest Blue Oval Club
- July 31-Aug 2, Nickel City Mustang Roundup, Buffalo NY, University of Buffalo
- Sept 4-6, Rockets and Rays Grand National, Melbourne, FL, American Muscle Car Museum
- \* May 28-30, 2021, National Show, Suisun City, Suisun Waterfront Plaza, Suisun City CA
- July 23-25, 2021, Overland Park, Kansas City
- Sept 3-6, 2021, Mustang, Oklahoma on Labor Day Weekend.

**BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES –**

Sharon noted January birthdays and Anniversaries. Congratulations to each birthday and Anniversary celebrants in **January.**

**BOARD MEMBERS –Ed Guldner, Bobby Hubbell, Lisi Dennis –** no report

-- Cookies and Break --

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**PAST EVENTS**

**January 4** – There was a great turnout for the Saturday breakfast, and lots of good discussion

**TOUR COORDINATOR – Karen Davis**

Check out the Event Book for future events and your participation.

**January 26** – Detail Garage, 1853-6A Monument Blvd, Concord, informal car show, 8:00 am – 10:00 am. Cars and drivers come and go throughout the two hours.

**January 28** – DVMA Board Meeting, Mtn Mike’s Pizza, 5358 Clayton Rd, Concord, 7:00 pm

**February 1** – Adopt-A-Street, meet at 8:45 am, start 9:00 am, Seafood City Parking Lot, Diamond Blvd, Concord; Breakfast to follow at Giant Chef Burger, 10 Golf Club Rd, Pleasant Hill, approximately 10:15 am

**February 12** – DVMA Meeting at Fuddruckers, Concord

**March 7** - DVMA Monthly Breakfast at Dad’s Café, 1135 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Brentwood, 9 am.

**April 17** – National Mustang Day

**June 6** – DVMA’s Annual ALL-FORD CAR SHOW, Streets of Brentwood

**SGT-AT-ARMS and Name Badge Raffle – Juan Renteria** – Rusty Hill won a Mustang book.

**CLUB RAFFLE – Anne Haugrud -**

The winner of the raffle was Carole Klevins!

The next DVMA Board meeting will be January 28, 2020.

The **next DVMA meeting** will be **February 12, 2020**.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm by Harry Davis, President.

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**The Car Show Is Coming  
June 6!**

What part will you play in its success? It’s an all-Ford show this year so you can be telling all your friends with Ford machines that there will be a spot for them on the show field. Mustangs will be judged per MCA rules and other Fords will be participants choice. Plans are well under-way now and the details are starting to come together. Last year we had an **AWSOME** showing of DVMA members to help with that show and, once again, we need you to **ENTER YOUR CARS and SIGN UP** for some same-day jobs like raffle ticket sales, parking and judging. Everyone who was at last year’s show will attest to how much fun it was, so start planning!

## Here are your 2019-2020 officers



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