



The Feed Bag

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DVMA Holiday Party, Dec 16

by Erik Miller



On Saturday, December 16th, 48 DVMA members got together to celebrate the holidays with a party at Back Forty Texas Barbecue. We had the San Antonio room all to ourselves and as the members filtered into the room, the table of white elephant gifts began to grow. After some socializing, a delicious buffet was laid out for all to enjoy. On the menu were BBQ ribs, BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, veggies, salad, and some excellent baked beans.

Once everyone had their fill of food, the gift exchange began. There were some strategic steals, resulting in a few members having to go select a new present multiple times. After a lot of laughs and good natured fun, the final gift was picked and it was time for cake! There were two fantastic cakes - chocolate with three Shelbys on top, and vanilla strawberry that was supposed to say "Happy Holidays DVMA, but instead read "Happy Birthday DVMA". Oops! Spelling mistakes aside, it still tasted great.



DVMA Holiday Party, continued...



Many thanks to the DVMA members whose hard work made this party happen, especially Susan D'Arcangelo, Gail Vasgerdsian, Julie Kinsey, and Dwight Moreland.

Hopefully you can all join us next year for our 2024 holiday party. This room fits 75 people, and the more the merrier! Happy Holidays, everyone.





President's Message from Susan D'Arcangelo

It's a wrap! Let's welcome 2024 and say goodbye to an amazing 2023 that was full of so many fun events. We ending the year by throwing one of the biggest Holiday Dinner Parties ever in the history of DVMA, with 48 people attending! What a fun night, amazing food and great company, and let's not forget all the gift stealing that went on!! Thanks to everyone who made it out to celebrate with us, and I'd like to wish a Happy Holidays to all DVMA members and their families.

Stick around to see all the exciting things we have in store for 2024. I know I can't wait! We have a total of 25 new members who joined us in 2023 as we keep growing. The events have gotten bigger, and the places we go are lots of fun. Fun is what it's all about, so join us for a new year packed full of new adventures! You can start off the new year by joining us for the DVMA breakfast on Saturday, January 6th at 9:00 am at ButterCup restaurant on Clayton Road. Hope to see you there!

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.



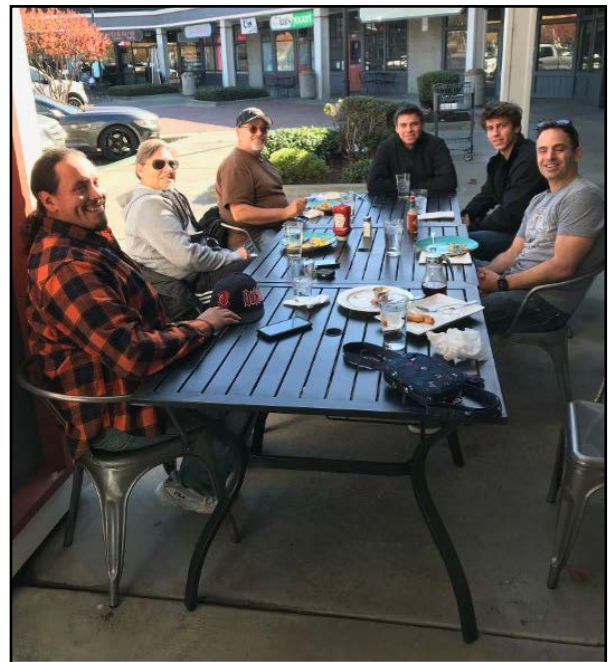
Cars, Kids & Coffee, Nov 19

by Gail Vasgerdsian



Thank goodness for a clear, but cold November morning. A chance to get our Mustangs out one more time after the past 3 days of on and off rain, and before that big rain that they keep saying is coming actually arrives.

The final Cars, Kids & Coffee of 2023 was held at The Cobra Experience on Sunday, November 19th. It was hosted by Dunkin' Donuts, and even though it was a very crisp, cold morning, many Mustangs along with some other non-Mustang rides and plenty of car enthusiasts arrived at The Cobra Experience for a chance to socialize and discuss what is ahead for our cherished cars. DVMA had a great showing of cars and members: 6 Mustangs and 8 members plus our mascot Roma were present and trying to stay warm. Unfortunately, to our surprise, the Dunkin' Donuts truck only had iced coffee to give out! Not the way we had planned to start the chilly morning. Luckily, hot coffee and donuts were served by The Cobra Experience.



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Cars, Kids & Coffee, continued...



Thanks, Emily for the hot coffee — It really warmed up the day!

There were so many Mustang owners to catch up with, and new friends to introduce ourselves and DVMA to. President Susan D’Arcangelo made lots of connections with many hopefully new members to join DVMA. We even had some new members sign up online while at the Cars, Kids and Coffee. How exciting to see the DVMA membership continue to grow!

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DVMA Member's Mustangs

by Frank Pizzileo, Erik Miller

When Frank Pizzileo's father moved to America from Italy, the first new car he bought was a 1969 Mustang, a true piece of Americana. So, after having owned two Camaros and various European cars, and then being out of the car hobby for a while, when it was time for Frank to get a new fun car to enjoy with his wife and family, a Mustang came to mind. A neighbor had given Frank's son a really nice scale model of a 1964½ red convertible, and both of his kids insisted that the new car has "gotta be red, and it's gotta have no top."



With those requirements in mind, Frank started searching until a friend found this car on the Bring a Trailer auction site, and even knew a Mustang aficionado who lived close to the car who could inspect it to make sure there were no surprises. One heated auction battle later, and Frank was the proud owner of this 1967 Mustang convertible, Candy Apple Red with a 289 V8 and a 3 speed manual transmission. It has manual brakes and steering, and also features



rocker stripes, fog lights, a GT-style rear valance, and the rarely seen back panel grill. The vintage-styled modern stereo is backed by a 5 channel amp, several speakers, and a subwoofer hiding in the trunk.

Though the car still looks the same now as when Frank bought it, he's made a lot of improvements for drivability, reliability, and handling. He rebuilt the entire cooling and heating system, added a tach in the dash, and replaced the front and rear suspension with Opentracker Racing's Street Performance kit, which has made a huge difference in the way the car drives. Frank enjoys doing the work himself, and said he learns something new every time.

Frank has driven his topless pony on the track at Sonoma Raceway for the SAAC Mini-Nats, and attended many local car shows, even winning a few awards along the way. The real prize, though, has been enjoying this car together as a family, continuing the tradition Frank's dad started when he bought that '69 Mustang coupe new in 1969.

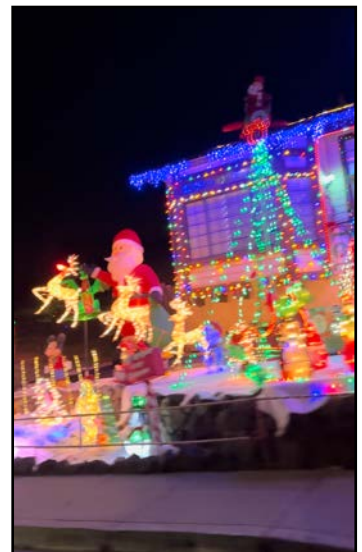
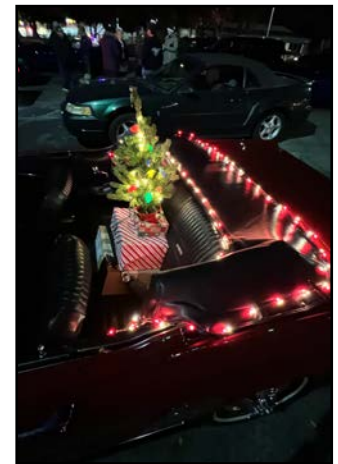


Holiday Lights Drive, Dec. 15

by Erik Miller



A big group of DVMA members met up on Friday night, December 15th, to go on a tour of some local holiday lights. It was a chilly evening, but we were bundled up against the cold, and well-fed by Mark Vasgerdsian's seemingly bottomless bucket of cookies. Nineteen people and one dog arrived in nine Mustangs, one Tesla, and one Toyota. Some of the cars were cleverly decorated with holiday lights themselves, plus candy canes, presents, and even a tree! Big thanks to Matthew Hawkes, who put together the list of stops for the evening's cruise, and to Gail Vasgerdsian, who got the word out about the event and coordinated the attendees. We had a fun drive together looking at all the lit-up houses, and after it was all done, some of us ended up at Denny's for a late night hangout session. What a great way to end the year in DVMA style.



DVMA Events Calendar

January Events

Check out the new "Calendar View" on page 9

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

Upcoming Events

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

Feb 10 – DVMA Valentine's Day Ice Cream Social @ Fenton's, Vacaville - Leave 11:00am from Fuddruckers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Apr 21 – The Cobra Experience celebrates National Mustang Day

May 4 – Snakes at the Farm, Balestrieri Family Farm, 6140 Alhambra Valley Rd, Briones, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

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

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 \$39,500. Contact Susan if interested at sdarcangelo1@yahoo.com or 415-724-5330.



New! – DVMA Events Calendar View

January 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6 9 am DVMA Breakfast
7	8	9	10 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	3

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February 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 9 am DVMA Breakfast
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 11 am Fenton's Tour
11	12	13	14 7 pm DVMA Meeting	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 7 pm DVMA Board Meeting	28	29	1	2

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DVMA General Meeting Minutes, Fuddruckers, Concord, CA. Dec 13, 2023

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

Welcome to everyone attending!

Welcome Back to Terry Herringshaw and Pattie McNamee

Holiday Party – Back Forty BBQ, December 16th at 5:30pm. 44 people signed up so far. Gift exchange – bring a \$20 wrapped gift for the gift exchange.

PAST PRESIDENT – Harry Davis – No report

VICE PRESIDENT – Mike Symmons – No report

SECRETARY – Gail Vasgerdsian – No report

TREASURER – Dwight Moreland – No report

MEMBERSHIP – Ed Gulder – Membership – 72, Paid up – 71, Members – 154, Cars – 107 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 available to purchase. T-shirts are \$20.

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

Guest Speaker – Emily Lambert, Managing Director from Cobra Experience. Talked about the Cobra Experience, what it is and upcoming events. Emily received good feedback on the DVMA car show in October.

Cars, Kids & Coffee – 3rd Sunday of the month.

2024 Cobra Experience will be using clubs as docents. Will expand to being open on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month, 10am-3pm. Volunteers training will start in January. Do not need knowledge. Will be taught and given information about the Mustangs. Cobra Experience will be doing self-guided tours with videos.

National Mustang Day celebrated at Cobra Experience – Saturday, April 21, 2024. Actual day is Wednesday, April 17, 2024. June 1, 2024 Annual Car Show at Cobra Experience. October 5 & 6 2024 overnight drive with Cobra Experience.

Cobra Experience will be celebrating their 10th anniversary in 2024. Celebration will be the 1st or 2nd weekend in October 2024. Raffle will be a 68' GT 350 Convertible. Green with camel interior.

Movie Company along with Cobra Experience will host the new "Ferrari" movie at the Orinda Theater Wednesday or Thursday after Christmas. Please check Cobra Experience website for calendar for 2024 events.

Upcoming events – Friday, December 15th – Light Drive. Meet at the Kmart parking lot on Clayton Road at 6:30pm. Leaving at 7:00pm.

Saturday, February 10 – Valentine's Drive to Fenton's Creamery in Vacaville. We will drive back to the Cobra Experience after Fenton's for an event.

Saturday, March 9 – tentative date for Go Cart Racing. More information to follow.

Saturday, May 4 – "Snakes at the Farm" in Alhambra Valley, Martinez. In conjunction with Cobra Experience. More information to come.

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 Tuesday, February 6, 2024. Location to be determined.

CLUB RAFFLE – Pat Hicks won both a bottle of wine and the 50/50.

DVMA Board Meeting – No meeting in December

DVMA General Meeting - Scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, 2024.

*****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 7:50 pm by Susan D'Arcangelo, President.

Minutes submitted by DVMA Secretary Gail Vasgerdsian

Happy Holidays from DVMA!!



DVMA Member Birthdays and Anniversaries

January Birthdays

Parisa Alemazkoor Frances Davis Tony Eistetter Ed Guldner Anne Haugrud
Faith Hoffman Bobby Hubbell Ron Morse


January Anniversaries

Chip & Caroline Herman

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!

Philip and Sandy Rancatore, 1965 Orange Coupe & 1968 White Coupe
David & Ann DeLuce, 2017 Ruby Red GT/CS



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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

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