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The Feed Bag

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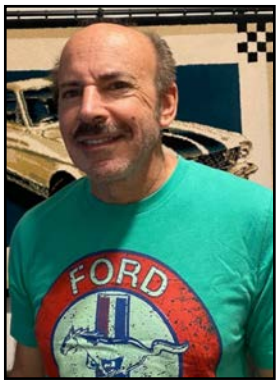
Your 2026-27 DVMA Officers

DVMA election results are in! Thank you to all the 2025-26 Officers who dedicated your time last year. We still need a secretary, so if you want to get more involved in DVMA, now is the time! Without further ado, here are your DVMA Officers for 2026-27:

Frank Powell
President



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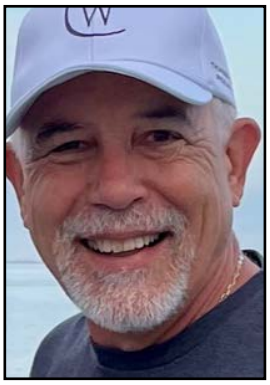
Vice President



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Tour Coordinator

Richard Schroder
Board Member

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Board Member

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Board Member

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Past President's Message from Derek Schaffer

This President's message is a bittersweet one, as it is my last. This past year has been an amazing experience, and Lisa and I have made some life long friends on the way. Thank you all for making us feel so welcome. This group is a very special bunch and you should all be very proud of the way you represent our DVMA family.

On that note, I would like to welcome our 2026/2027 board: President, Frank Powell, Vice President, Mark Vasgerdsian, Treasurer, Chuck Niethold, Tour Coordinator, Gail Vasgerdsian, Sergeant At Arms, Dennis Churich, Board Members: Vince Casey, JT Aquilina, and Richard Schroder. Our club is in very capable hands and I expect continued growth and excitement from all. I know each of these wonderful people, and they have our clubs best interest in mind.

With that, please stay involved. It takes work to grow a club and ours is no different. You as a member are always welcome to all general and board meetings. Please come and have your voice heard. We are in need of more help with our DVMA car show on October 10th. If you are available to help, please contact Chuck and volunteer. All positions are needed. With that I'm going to sign off with a shorter letter than usual because this month's address shouldn't be about my departure. It should be about welcoming Frank as our new President and his message to you. Thank you DVMA, it has truly been my pleasure.

— Derek Schaffer

New President's Message from Frank Powell

Hi fellow Mustang & Ford enthusiasts,

Frank Powell here, your new DVMA President for this next term. Our outgoing President Derek will be a hard act to follow - as his enthusiasm for all things Ford & Mustang is very contagious. We all will do our best to keep the Ford blue in focus- and remember that "fun is the name or the game." DVMA has an amazing team of club members & board members to make my job easy - (or so it seems).

A little about me: I have been nose deep in cars since age 15, and my first hot rod was a '71 Mustang Grande, 302, 3 speed when I was 16. I worked for Ford for 15 years in the dealership environment, and currently own an auto shop in Walnut Creek. I have had lots of Fords - lots of Mustangs - and many other cars. Ask me about them some time. I have a feeling this next year will be bigger & better than ever! This club is great fun, and the members have a wealth of information & Ford stories - we're gonna have a blast together.

I hope to meet each and every one of you at some point - see you out on the road, at the shows, and I will see how many breakfast meet ups I can do. As always, I will have garage days at my shop, "Top Shop Auto" and you are welcome to ask anything about Fords or cars in general - I will find an answer. Let's have some fun!

— Frank Powell

DVMA Stampedes into Mecum Monterey

by Gail Vasgerdsian

Saturday, August 15th, was another memorable day for the Diablo Valley Mustang Association (DVMA) as members fired up their Mustangs and headed south for Mecum Monterey.

Our stampede began in Walnut Creek at BevMo, where five Mustangs gathered to start the journey. Mark & Gail, JT and his mom, Ravi & Nat, Richard & Lillian, and Matthew were ready to hit the road. From there, we headed to Golfmart in Dublin to pick up Vincent & Steve, Derek & Lisa, and Dennis & Jennifer.

With everyone aboard, we had eight Mustangs headed down the highway in true DVMA fashion. We maintained our stampede formation as best we could—even when the occasional oddball car decided to sneak between members of our herd! With Mustangs in different colors, we could spot our fellow club members far and wide through the traffic.

We made a quick stop at our regular Starbucks in Gilroy for a quick break, and then it was back on the road. Traffic came and went throughout the drive, but our walkie-talkies helped us stay informed about where everyone was and keep the herd together.

As we came off the highway in Monterey, we made a couple of turns toward the Mecum grounds, where we met up with Chuck & Dottie, who were waiting for the rest of the herd. We then headed into the Mecum parking area and onto the golf course.

What a sight it was—nine Mustangs all together! We were even able to park side by side, making quite a display.

Once inside the Mecum Auction, it was time to explore. We checked out the cars that had crossed

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the auction block on Thursday and Friday and previewed the impressive selection of cars scheduled for Saturday. The selection certainly did not disappoint.

Of course, our favorites were the Mustangs, but there was plenty more to see. Ferraris, including cars selling in the $14 million and $12 million range, Lamborghinis, Porsches, and countless other makes filled the grounds. It was a spectacular collection of automotive history and performance, and Mecum Monterey once again proved why it is such a major event on the collector-car calendar. The 2026 auction went on to rank as the third-highest Mecum Auction of the year.

There were also plenty of cars sporting the familiar “Bid Goes On” sticker, showing that even after the hammer fell, there were still opportunities for interested buyers.

We spent some time sitting in the auction tent, watching these spectacular cars cross the auction block. If you have never experienced a live collector-car auction, it is definitely worth taking the time to attend at least once. Seeing the cars, hearing the auctioneer, watching the bidding action, and feeling the excitement in the tent is an experience all its own.

The weather couldn't have been better. The day was sunny, clear, and perfect for enjoying a cruise and a car show.

When lunchtime rolled around, some members grabbed lunch right at the auction, while others of us took a walk down to the Hyatt for a light lunch on the patio. It was a nice opportunity to take a break from the noise and crowds of the Mecum Auction while still enjoying the

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beautiful Monterey surroundings.

Eventually, it was time to point our Mustangs north again. On the way home, a few of us made another stop in Gilroy—this time at In-N-Out Burger—before getting back on the road for the rest of the trip home.

What a day, and what a cruise!

From the morning meetup in Walnut Creek, to the highway stampede, the beautiful lineup of nine Mustangs at Mecum, the incredible collection of cars, great food, and plenty of laughs and conversation, it was another fantastic DVMA adventure.

And, as always, more memories were made for our club and its members.

A Special DVMA Story:

For those of you who know Dennis and Jennifer, there is an extra-special connection to Mecum Monterey.

The 2025 Mecum Monterey trip was where Dennis and Jennifer first met.

And look at them now—enjoying DVMA events together and making memories with the club!

You never know who you might meet through DVMA or at one of our events. Sometimes a simple cruise or car event can turn into something much more meaningful.

That's what makes being part of DVMA so special. It's not just about the Mustangs. It's about the people, the friendships, the adventures, and the memories we create along the way.

Until Mecum Monterey 2027… keep the Mustangs rolling and the DVMA stampede strong! 🐎

DVMA Finds a New Breakfast Favorite at JP's Bistro

by Gail Vasgerdsian

On Saturday, August 1, DVMA members gathered for our monthly breakfast, but this month's event came with a pleasant surprise. Due to an unforeseen circumstance at Huckleberry's, it was time to find a new location to add to our breakfast rotation—and thanks to a recommendation from Chuck and Dottie, we discovered a real winner: JP's Bistro in Martinez.

Conveniently located in the Muir Station Shopping Center just off Center Avenue, JP's Bistro proved to be an excellent choice. The restaurant offered plenty of parking, giving the nine beautiful Mustangs that rolled in plenty of room to line up and show off for everyone to admire.

A special thank you goes to Dottie for arranging our reservation. The owners of JP's Bistro reserved a large corner table just for our group, which turned out to be the perfect spot. With 12 DVMA members in attendance, the conversation quickly became lively, the laughter grew louder, and the corner echoed with the kind of camaraderie that makes our monthly breakfasts so enjoyable.

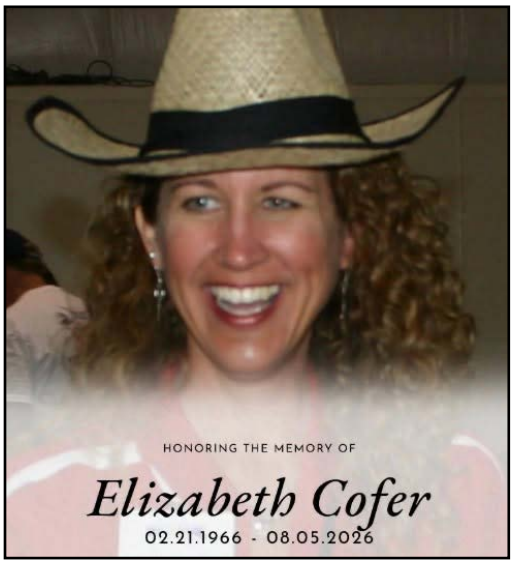
The food certainly didn't disappoint either. Everyone enjoyed delicious meals served in generous portions, and the friendly service made the experience even better. One of the highlights was the server's willingness to provide individual checks, making it quick and easy for everyone to settle their bills—something every group can appreciate.

By the end of breakfast, there was little doubt that JP's Bistro had earned a permanent place in the DVMA breakfast rotation. Its convenient location just off Highway 4 makes it easily accessible from all parts of the area, and the welcoming atmosphere, great food, and excellent service made it an instant favorite.

We hope to see even more DVMA members at our upcoming monthly breakfasts. Be sure to join us the next time we return to JP's Bistro—it's a breakfast destination you won't want to miss!

In Memoriam: Elizabeth Cofer

We recently lost a DVMA legend when Elizabeth Cofer passed away on August 5th. Elizabeth's stepfather joined DVMA in 1982, and she and Dean later in 1997. While a member, Elizabeth held the positions of President, Board Member, Treasurer, and Membership Coordinator, not to mention serving on the National Board of MCA. She was essential to the planning and execution of DVMA's two National shows, plus did work for Bay Area Crisis Nursery, Concord Tourism Board, and the American Cancer Society. She had an infectious energy that touched everyone around her, and we will miss her greatly. If you knew and loved her and would like to attend her celebration of life on October 3rd, you can RSVP HERE.



DVMA Seeking Donations for Car Show Raffle

There are a couple of ways that DVMA members can help out with this year's Car Show raffle: Tour Coordinator Gail Vasgerdsian is looking for gift cards. Some ideas for gift cards are:

- Fandango/Cinemark movie theater
- Safeway, any grocery store
- Starbucks/Peets
- any restaurants
- any automotive repair/store/oil changes
- Home Goods

.... anything else you can think of!

There is also an **Amazon gift registry** where members can purchase raffle prizes to donate to the cause. Just check out the **list of needed items here**, select what you want, check out, and the items will go straight to Gail to be included in the show raffle. Couldn't be easier!

Gail is also in need of baskets or containers for making raffle baskets.

*DVMA and Other Events Calendar

August Events

***Sep 5 – DVMA Breakfast, Katy's Korner, 2550 San Ramon Valley Blvd, San Ramon, 9:00am**
***Sep 9 – DVMA Car Show & General Meetings at Fuddruckers, 1975 Diamond Blvd, Concord, 6:00pm - 8:00pm**
Sep 10 – Autos of Alamo, Alamo Plaza Shopping Center, Alamo, 4:00pm – 8:00pm Get Info
Sep 12 – Orinda Classic Car Show, Orinda, 10:00am - 2:00pm Get info
***Sep 15 – DVMA vs Diablo Corvettes Sim Racing event. Shift Arcade, 6000 Bollinger Canyon Rd, San Ramon, 7:00pm**
Sep 19 – Sacramento Mustang Show, UTI, 4100 Duckhorn Dr, Sacramento, 8:00am - 2:00pm Get info
Sep 19 – Pittsburg Day on the Green Car Show, Buchanan Park, Pittsburgh, 8:00am - 3:00pm
***Sep 19-21 – DVMA Monterey Overnight trip, Hyatt Regency, Monterey** Register here
Sep 20 – La Gran Fiesta & Car Show, Brentwood City Park, 2nd & Oak St
Sept 25 – Italian Catholic Federation Festa d'Italia Car Show & Pasta Feed, 500 Fairview Ave, Brentwood, 4:00pm - 8:00pm
***Sep 26 – Cobra Experience Swap Meet, 777 Arnold Dr, Martinez, 8:00am - 1:00pm** Get info
Sept 26 – Contra Costa Mega Show, Antioch Fairgrounds, 1201 W. 10th St, Antioch, 11:00am - 5:00pm
Sep 27 – Nostalgia Day Car Show (entries sold out), Livermore, followed by a **BBQ at Jack and Craig's house** Get info
Every Friday – Danville Livery Cars & Coffee, 400 Sycamore Valley Rd, Danville, 9:00am - 10:30am Get Info
Every Friday – Sunvalley Mall get-together, Sunvalley parking lot near Domino's Pizza, 4:30pm
Every Saturday – Hot Concord Nights @ Vineyard Shopping Center, 5100 Clayton Rd, Concord, 5:00pm 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 Friday – Downtown Antioch First Fridays, 2nd & G St, Antioch, 6:00pm – 10:00pm
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 Sunday: Cobra Experience, Martinez: Cars, Kids & Coffee 8:30am - 10:30am, Museum open 10:00am - 3:00pm

Upcoming Events

Oct 2-4 – Shelby Spin: Overnight tour with The Cobra Experience - Details TBA
***Oct 3 – DVMA Adopt-a-Street, Seafood City parking lot, 2030 Diamond Blvd, Concord, 8:45am - 10:00am**
***Oct 3 – DVMA Breakfast, Sherry's Kitchen, 611 Gregory Ln (@ Zio Fraedo's), Pleasant Hill, 10:00am**
***Oct 10 – DVMA All Ford Car Show @ The Cobra Experience, Martinez, 10:00am - 3:00pm** Register here
Oct 18 – Pittsburg Elks Charity Car Show, 210 Marina Blvd, Pittsburg, 10:00am - 3:00pm Get info
Oct 24 – Hot Rods 4 Paws car show, Downtown Antioch, 10:00am - 2:00pm Get info
Oct 31 – Stangz on the Straits, Crockett, 9:00am - 3:00pm Get info
***Dec 5 – DVMA Holiday Lights Drive**
Dec 6 – Car Show & Toy Drive, 3550 Pacheco Blvd, Martinez, 10:00am - 2:00pm, info: 925-681-8027
***Dec 12 – DVMA Holiday Party, Martinez Yacht Club, 111 Tarantino Dr, Martinez, 5:30pm**

Ready to break through and have some fun?

Click here to register for the DVMA Car Show now!

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4 9a Danville C&C 4:30p Sunvalley	5 **9a DVMA Breakfast Katy's Korner**
6 8a Antioch C&C 8a Lafayette 10a Moraga Pit Stop	7	8	9 **6 pm Car Show Meeting 7 pm DVMA Meeting**	10 4p Autos of Alamo	11 9a Danville C&C 4:30p Sunvalley	12 8a Orinda C&C 10a Orinda Show
13 8a Lafayette 10a Moraga Pit Stop	14	15 **7p Sim Racing**	16	17	18 9a Danville C&C 4:30p Sunvalley	19 8a Sacramento **Monterey Overnight**
20 8a Lafayette 10a Moraga Pit Stop 8a Cobra Exp C&C 10a Museum open Brentwood show **Monterey Overnight**	21 **Monterey Overnight**	22	23	24	25 9a Danville C&C 4p Festa D'Italia 4:30p Sunvalley	26 8a Orinda C&C **8a Cobra Swap Meet**
27 8a Lafayette 10a Moraga Pit Stop Livermore / **J&C BBQ**	28	29	30	1	2	3 © BlankCalendarPages.com

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2 9a Danville C&C 4:30p Sunvalley Shelby Spin	3 **8:45a Adopt a Street 10a DVMA Breakfast Sherry's Kitchen** Shelby Spin
4 8a Antioch C&C 8a Lafayette 10a Moraga Pit Stop Shelby Spin	5	6	7	8	9 9a Danville C&C 4:30p Sunvalley	10 **DVMA Car Show!**
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18 8a Lafayette 10a Moraga Pit Stop 8a Cobra Exp C&C 10a Museum open 10a Pittsburg Elks	19	20	21	22	23 9a Danville C&C 4:30p Sunvalley	24 10a Hotrods 4 Paws
25 10a Moraga Pit Stop	26	27	28	29	30	31 9a Stangz on Straits © BlankCalendarPages.com

DVMA at Danville Livery C&C

by Gail Vasgerdsian

The last Friday of July brought another great morning of fellowship and horsepower as members of DVMA gathered at the Danville Livery Cars and Coffee event.

Representing the club were five Mustangs, one Corvette, and one Expedition, with their respective DVMA members proudly displaying their vehicles alongside the many other makes and models that filled the parking lot. As always, the Danville Livery provided an outstanding backdrop for a morning of automotive enthusiasm, with everything from classic cruisers to modern performance cars on display.

One of the highlights of this gathering was the strong turnout from our DVMA families, with many of the members' wives joining in the fun. It made for an enjoyable morning of catching up with friends, meeting fellow enthusiasts, and welcoming conversations among both longtime and newer members.

Of course, no Friday morning at the Livery would be complete without a stop at the Bagel Street Café. Over fresh bagels and hot coffee, many DVMA members gathered around the tables, sharing stories, talking cars, and simply enjoying each other's company. These moments of camaraderie are what make these weekly gatherings so special.

If you've never attended the Danville Livery Cars and Coffee on a Friday morning, consider stopping by. You never know which DVMA members will be there, what interesting vehicles will be on display, or what great conversations await. We hope to see even more members join us at a future Friday morning gathering!

Cars With a Story

by Erik Miller

Pruett Farms & Winery hosted its annual Cars with a Story event on Thursday, August 6th. While always an eclectic gathering featuring a wide array of makes and models, this year's show was noticeably heavy on Fords. In addition to eight Mustangs and a Cougar representing the DVMA, a couple of other Mustangs and several beautiful Thunderbirds graced the grounds.

The winery's owners share a deep passion for automobiles, appreciating the special place these vehicles hold in our lives and the multi-generational memories created with them. As guests enjoyed fine wine and a barbecue dinner, they were invited to share their own automotive journeys. Some highlighted family heirlooms bought new decades ago—cars that once brought newborn babies home from the hospital, served as driver-training vehicles years later, and now belong to those same children as adults. Others regaled the crowd with tales of youth and mischief: races won and lost, evasions of the highway patrol, epic road trips, and even children conceived in the backseat. A few shared stories of lifelong longing, recounting how they finally acquired the dream cars they had admired from afar for decades.

More than just a car show, this is a truly special, intimate gathering. For anyone who appreciates not just classic steel, but the human stories behind it, attending next year's event is highly recommended.

It's DVMA Membership Renewal Time

September means that summer car shows are starting to wind down, pumpkin spice lattes are back, and it's time to renew your DVMA membership! Thanks to our membership coordinator/Treasurer Chuck Niethold, it's easier than ever this year. Just click THIS LINK to sign up and renew online.

Upcoming Event: SIM Racing, Sept 15

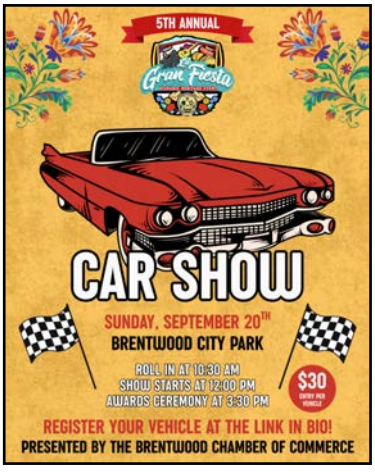
After soundly beating the Diablo Corvette Club at the last SIM racing event, they cried foul, and said that the only reason they lost is because we made them drive Mustangs. So, to prove once again that DVMA drivers can't be beat, we are taking them on again, this time in Corvettes, so that there will be no excuses. Stop by Shift Arcade in San Ramon anytime to get in some virtual practice laps in a GT3 Corvette at Laguna Seca Raceway. Use the code IKnowHarry for your special discounted price. Then register for the big showdown race on September 15 at 7:00pm. HERE IS THE LINK to register.

Upcoming Event: Sacramento Show & Cruise

If you're planning on going the big 29th Annual Sacramento Mustang & Ford Show on Saturday, September 19th, Golden Hills Mustang Club has invited DVMA to cruise up to the show with them Saturday morning. The show will be at a new location, the Universal Technical Institute, and there will be tours of the UTI campus that day. Sign up for the show online Right HERE.

Upcoming Event: Brentwood Gran Fiesta

DVMA has been invited to attend the 5th Annual Gran Fiesta Car Show in Brentwood. This show is part of a larger community event with food, music, etc., so it should be a really fun day. Cars that preregister will all get to park together. So, please SIGN UP early before the show is sold out and use this promo code to save 30%: "CAR30" Once you've registered for the show, let DVMA know that you're going HERE, so we can make sure we all get to park together.



A Beautiful Day for the DVMA Annual Picnic

by Gail Vasgerdsian

Saturday, August 29th, turned out to be the perfect day for the Diablo Valley Mustang Association's Annual Picnic at Rodgers Smith Park in Pleasant Hill. With beautiful weather, great food, plenty of Mustangs, and 45 DVMA members in attendance, it was a wonderful opportunity to relax, have some fun, and get to know fellow members.

The Mustangs began arriving, and before long, 28 DVMA Mustangs were proudly lined up in the parking lot. Our old and new DVMA flags were flying high and proud, supported under the tires of Harry Davis' and Mike Symmons' Mustangs. Along with the American flag, it was quite a sight! There was no way anyone passing by could miss the impressive display of Mustangs and flags.

And speaking of people passing by, we had a couple of unexpected—and very welcome—visitors!

While we were setting up, a black Dark Horse pulled into the parking lot. The owner had been passing by and spotted the two Dark Horses (Derek and Chuck's) already parked. He stopped to check them out, explaining that he had never seen another Dark Horse in the area. It was a great opportunity to admire another beautiful Mustang and share a little Mustang conversation. And hopefully a new DVMA member.

Later, a white 2006 GT convertible pulled in. The owner lives just around the corner from the park and had seen a line of Mustangs driving by. Curious about what was happening, he followed us to the park to check things out. As luck would have it, Mark and Gail knew the owner from years ago, when his children attended the same elementary school as their child.

After visiting with us for a while, he headed home—but it wasn't long before he returned with some exciting news. He had signed up to become a DVMA member!

So, I am proud to announce that Mick and Meredith Willemsz are DVMA's 100th MEMBERS!

Welcome to DVMA, Mick and Meredith, and congratulations on becoming our 100th

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member! What a great way to celebrate reaching this milestone as a club at our picnic.

Once everyone had arrived, Derek welcomed the group and thanked the outgoing board members for their service. He then introduced the incoming board members. It was a great way to recognize those who have helped make DVMA what it is, and to welcome those who will help lead us into the future.

Then it was time to eat!

Lunch was catered by Zandonella's Catering in Martinez, with desserts and drinks provided by the club. The food was enjoyed by everyone, and there was plenty of time to sit back, relax, and enjoy some good conversation. Of course, one of the best things about a club picnic is the chance to get to know members you may not normally have an opportunity to talk with at our other events.

There was plenty of fun to be had after lunch, too. Games were set up on the lawn, including tic-tac-toe, axe throwing, and cornhole. A large Jenga game was set up on a table, providing plenty of entertainment and, undoubtedly, a few laughs along the way.

Of course, no DVMA event would be complete without checking out the Mustangs!

With 28 ponies in the parking lot, there was an incredible array of years, models, colors, and styles to admire. From classics to modern-day Mustangs, convertibles to coupes, and everything in between, there was something for every Mustang enthusiast to enjoy. Members had just as much fun looking at the cars and talking about them as they did enjoying the games, food, and fellowship.

By the end of the picnic, DVMA had once again enjoyed another fantastic event. From our members and their Mustangs to the great food, games, fellowship, and that perfect August weather—what more could you ask for?

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who attended and helped make the 2026 DVMA Annual Picnic such a success. We hope to see even more members—and even more Mustangs—at next year's picnic!

Keep your eye on the Feedbag for the 2027 Annual Picnic date. We'll see you there!

Danville Hot Summer Sunday

by Gail Vasgerdsian

Sunday, August 30th, brought beautiful weather, a great turnout of cars, and another memorable day for the Diablo Valley Mustang Association (DVMA) at the Danville Hot Sunday Car Show.

The morning got off to an early—and VERY rushed—start. Due to an unorganized parking situation at the show and a lack of communication from the show's organizers, DVMA's ponies had to make a quick adjustment. Rather than waiting around, DVMA members, along with our friends from Golden Hills Mustang Club, gathered our Mustangs and corralled them along Prospect Avenue, with a few more proudly positioned at the corner of Hartz Avenue.

And what a sight it was!

All told, we had approximately 30 Mustangs on full display, creating an impressive sea of ponies for everyone along the street to enjoy. From classic beauties to modern muscle, the different makes, models, styles, colors, and personalities of each Mustang once again emphasized why the Mustang remains one of America's most beloved and high-demand performance cars. There truly was something for everyone to admire.

Of course, one of the best parts of any DVMA event is the opportunity to socialize. Members enjoyed catching up with old friends, meeting new Mustang enthusiasts, and simply spending time together sharing our passion for these incredible cars. Our friends from Golden Hills added to the fun, making it a great club-to-club gathering.

The show itself ran from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, making for a long but enjoyable day. With plenty of time on our hands, members had the opportunity to walk the show and check out the outstanding selection of vehicles throughout Danville. There were plenty of unique and beautiful cars to see, and the streets provided a perfect backdrop for a community car show.

We also had the opportunity to meet Mustang owners up and down Hartz Avenue. Several conversations turned into invitations to join DVMA and to bring their ponies to our upcoming DVMA car show in October. You never know when a simple conversation about Mustangs might

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lead to a new club member!

And, of course, no day on Hartz Avenue would be complete without taking advantage of the many restaurants in the area. Members had plenty of opportunities to grab lunch, relax, and enjoy the atmosphere of downtown Danville. Throughout the day, a live band and DJ kept the music going and added to the festive atmosphere.

While everyone was enjoying the cars, food, music, and camaraderie, judging was also taking place. The Danville Hot Sunday Car Show takes a unique approach to judging, with various dignitaries, special guests, and members of the community participating in the process.

At the end of the day, 35 trophies were awarded—and two of them went home with Mustangs!

Congratulations to Dennis Churich of DVMA and to Paul Troxell of Golden Hills Mustang Club, both of whom galloped away with trophies!

CONGRATULATIONS, DENNIS AND PAUL! 🏆🐎

All in all, it was another eventful and successful day for DVMA and our friends from GHMC. The weather was perfect, the cars were spectacular, and the company was even better. Despite a somewhat hectic start to the morning, our members made the best of the situation and turned it into another great Mustang outing. Because when you put together great Mustang owners, beautiful weather, good friends, and our true passion—the ponies, you know you're going to have a great day!

Until the next adventure… keep those ponies galloping!

DVMA General Meeting Minutes, Fuddruckers, Concord, CA. August 12, 2026

DVMA's General Meeting was called to order at Fuddruckers, Concord, CA on August 12th, 2026 at 7:03 pm by President Derek Schaffer.

Reports:

President: Derek Schaffer - Really happy with the fantastic turnout tonight! If you haven't voted online, come get a ballot from Lisa. Personal note – after a year as President we have had a lot of fun, met so many great people and even though we are moving out of the area, we will come back for events, staying in the club. John held a judging session in place of the Car Show meeting this month, thank you for everyone that showed up and participated, a lot of great information was handed out and discussed
There haven't been any new car show registrations in 30 days

Past President: Harry Davis - Shift Arcade SIM Racing – go online and sign up, we need a minimum of 6 drivers from DVMA, Corvette has 6 already, we will all be driving Corvettes this go round since everyone drove Mustangs last time. Go practice, use discount code "IknowHarry". 1:25 is the time to beat. Fast race driver of the day gets first prize. Only Harry is signed up at this point

Vice President: Tony Eistetter - Thank you to Derek and Lisa for a great year, we built up membership, wishing you safe travels. Clayton Car show, I passed out car show flyers to all Fords. I am going to Good Guys and will pass out more flyers there

Secretary: Lisa Hauer - Please sign in – sheet on the table by the door with the treats. Come get a ballot at any time if you haven't voted

Treasurer/Membership: Chuck Niethold - Not in attendance

Current Memberships: 97, Members: 174, Cars: 138

Newsletter: Erik Miller - Thank you, Gail, who has been contributing the bulk of the content; everyone is welcome to send in articles and photos from events they attend.

Webmaster: Lisa Hauer - Stepped out to tally votes for new board members

Tour Coordinator: Gail Vasgerdsian - The Amazon wish list for car show raffle prizes and good bag items is still up, would also like movie tickets, gift cards, throw together a basket of your own and contribute it. Frank is getting donations from Monument and O'Reilly. Gail recapped the past months events and listed the upcoming events. She is open for suggestions of events, cruises, etc. See event calendars for upcoming events.

Sergeant at Arms: Mark Vasgerdsian - We have T-shirts for sale for $15.

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

Hospitality: Erik Miller - Read the birthdays and anniversaries.

Board members:
Matthew Hawkes - Nothing.
Vince Casey - Shared details of events he attended.
JT Aquilina - Not in attendance.

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Old Business: None

New Business: Frank and Ravi introduced themselves and told some of their background and reasons they are running for President.
Dennis (and Jen) went to Monterey for a cruise of original Shelby's – 13 cars in attendance, shared photos and videos to the DVMA Facebook page.
Brad is coming up on one year of membership – at the car show, he recently received an email from Mitch Kalin (sp), the West Coast is going to host a Boss show for the first time.
Harry has a car he is selling for someone else, see him for details if you are interested

Derek announced the results of the election. Congratulations to the new board!

President – FRANK POWELL
Vice President – MARK VASGERDSIAN
Treasurer – CHUCK NIETHOLD
Sergeant at Arms – DENNIS CHURICH
Tour Coordinator – GAIL VASGERDSIAN
Secretary – open position
Board members at large – RICHARD SCHROEDER, JT AQUILINA, VINCE CASEY

Next Car Show Meeting is Wednesday, September 9th, at 6:00pm, Fuddrucker's in Concord. Everyone: Please come get involved in your club's car show!

Next General Meeting is Wednesday, September 9th, at 7:00pm, Fuddrucker's in Concord. Come early for dinner. All are welcome!

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, September 22nd at Round Table Pizza, 2960 Treat Blvd, 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 8:30 pm by Derek Schaffer, DVMA President.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Hauer, DVMA Secretary.

For Sale

DVMA member Mike Symmons has some 351 Cleveland parts for sale, restored exhaust manifolds and a new cam & lifters. If you're interested, you can see his ads online HERE & HERE.

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Tim Kuchac Craig Lindsay Anthony Metten Chuck Niethold Dottie Niethold Mayra Rojas
Lillian Schroder Mike Symmons Mark Vasgerdsian Jack Wall Mick Willemsz

September Anniversaries

Vince & Tracey Casey Mark & Starla Colburn Ron & Suzanne Freitas
Patrick & Tamara Gaynor Jim & Debbie Peirano Helene & Joe Perry Richard & Lillian Schroder

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!

Bill & Ann Armstrong, 2017 Blue Convertible Ecoboost
Mick & Meredith Willemsz, 2006 White GT Convertible 4.6

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President	Frank Powell	2013 Mach 1
Vice President	Mark Vasgerdsian	2014 Convertible V6
Secretary	vacant	
Treasurer/Membership	Chuck Niethold	2022 Mach E GT, 2025 Dark Horse
Tour Coordinator	Gail Vasgerdsian	2022 GT Coupe
Board Member	Vince Casey	1968 Shelby GT350 Fastback
Board Member	JT Aquilina	2012 GT Coupe, 1997 Convertible
Board Member	Richard Schroder	2016 GT Coupe
Sergeant-at-Arms	Dennis Churich	1967 Shelby GT500
Past President	Harry Davis	1985 SVO Turbo 2.3, 2006 GT
Appointed Positions		
Newsletter Editor	Erik Miller	1967 Coupe 200, 1967 Coupe 428
Webmaster	Lisa Hauer	1967 Coupe 427, 2025 Dark Horse
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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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
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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, For Sale and Wanted ads.