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The Feed Bag

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DVMA Holiday Party, Dec. 14

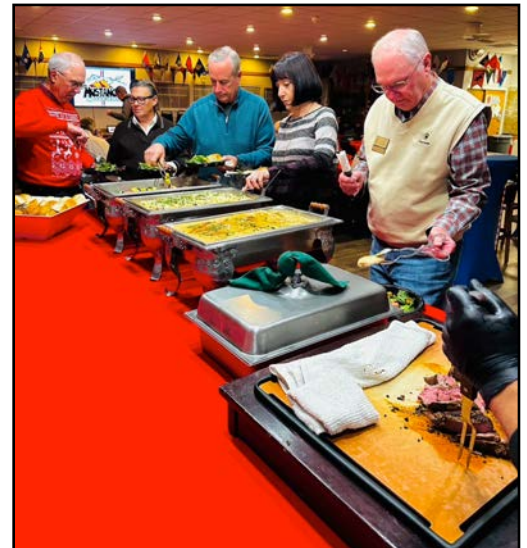
by Gail Vasgerdsian / photos by Golden Chau, Erik Miller, Gail Vasgerdsian

Five DVMA members arrived at the Martinez Yacht Club at 11:00 am on December 14th to decorate for that evening's DVMA Holiday Party. However, mother nature had a different idea - after a day and night of rain and the King Tides at the marina, Mark and I were greeted with flooding on all the streets leading to the yacht club. We found one access road that wasn't totally flooded and were able to get a view of what should be the parking lot, but instead it was a large lake with two lonely cars flooded up to their bumpers, and water all the way up to the steps of the yacht club! It was six hours until the DVMA party. What were we going to do?



We retreated and met up with Carole, Chuck, and Dottie to talk about our options. We started by calling Cindy, the person in charge of the yacht club, who said it had been a very long time since these conditions had happened in the marina. She said that the flood waters "should" start to recede around noon, but we should check the tide charts. Thank goodness Chuck knew how to read the charts, and again it said that the water "should" recede between 12:00 -

2:00. But do we take our chances and hope that happens? We needed a back-up plan, and fast! After talking about options I made a call to Emily at The Cobra Experience, who said the museum would be happy to host the party if needed. Now that we had a plan B, we waited until 12:30 to see how the water was, and luckily by then it had receded over a foot. You could actually see some of the parking lot now, so we decided to continue with the yacht club location. We made a plan to return at 2:30 to decorate, and keep our fingers crossed that all the water will be down. Many thanks to Emily and The Cobra Experience for stepping up for us. They were



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Holiday Party, continued...

sure there when we needed them!

Thankfully, when we arrived at 2:30, the water was down and we could get into the parking lot. A marina resident came by and told us that all the water would be down by 5 pm. That made us feel much better that our decision to stick with the Yacht Club was the right one. We all pitched in and decorated the place to get it ready for the party as fast as we could, then went home to get ourselves ready, too. When we arrived back at 5:00, the parking lot was empty of water. There was some leftover mud and debris, but we could drive in, park, and get into the Yacht Club - what a huge improvement!

After such a tumultuous morning, what an amazing holiday party DVMA had that night! With 48 attendees, great food from Zandonella's Catering in Martinez, and \$6 drinks from the Yacht Club bar, the party was a smashing success. The evening culminated in a wild gift exchange that included many stolen gifts, especially for Bobby Hubbell, who got his gifts stolen four times! That's what happens when you keep picking such cool stuff, Bobby. The location of the Martinez Yacht Club was great (other than the morning flood!), and we've already booked it again for next year. So mark your calendars for Saturday, December 13, 2025 for the next DVMA Holiday Party! It's a big space, but still has a warm and cozy atmosphere, and even a fire burning in the fireplace. What more could we ask for? OK, maybe less water in the parking lot next year...

A huge thank you to DVMA members Paul Bailey-Gates and Carole Klevins for connecting DVMA with the Yacht Club. What an amazing find! Also, many thanks to our new Treasurer Chuck Niethold for handling the holiday party sign ups and Webmaster Julie Kinsey for the online signup form on the [DVMA website](#). And finally, an enormous "Thank You!" to Chuck, Dottie, Carole, and Mark for hanging in there during our crazy Saturday morning issues, and eventually getting into the Yacht Club and decorating/setting-up for the DVMA Holiday Party.



Holiday Party People... and Cake!





President's Message from Susan D'Arcangelo

Another year is in the rear view mirror! Let's welcome in 2025, and let's also welcome all of our new members that joined DVMA in 2024. What a year it's been! We had so many fun times together, and we sure went out with a bang at our big holiday party. If you were there, you know how much fun we had and how great the food was. If you weren't, well, there's always next year...

Looking forward to see what everyone brings to the table for this year coming up. Don't forget to reach out to our tour coordinator Gail if you have any cool event ideas. You can also come to our meetings on the second Wednesday of every month and share your ideas with us. This is YOUR Mustang club - come get involved!

Here's to 2025!

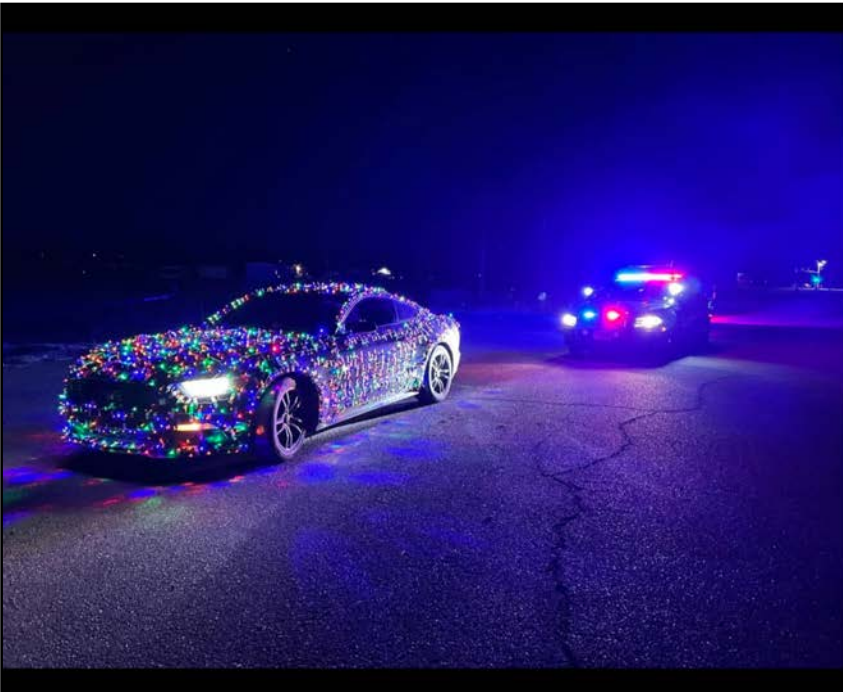
Wishing you all a safe and happy New Year!


Susan D'Arcangelo



Mustang Driver Stopped for Xmas Lights Display

Wyoming Highway Patrol pulled over a Mustang driver for decking out his car in Christmas lights. Like many states, Wyoming has a law against civilian vehicles displaying red or blue lights, which are reserved for emergency vehicles. WHP even posted about it on their Instagram page. What do you think? Did they go too far in enforcing this law down to the last letter? I don't think anyone would have mistaken this festive Mustang for a police car or other official vehicle!




 **wyominghighwaypatrol** As the holiday season approaches, we would like to remind you of a Wyoming statute.


W.S. 31-5-928 - Except as required in W.S. 31-5-929 and this section, no person shall drive or move any vehicle or equipment upon any highway with any lamp or device thereon capable of displaying a red or blue light visible from directly in front of the center thereof.

So while this might look cool and be festive, we would to remind you that it is illegal. Please remember to stay safe when celebrating this season!


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 **denisewierck** Kudos to the vehicle owner for such an awesome display of holiday spirit! ♡

5d 25 likes Reply

 **kmmctague** Spirit of the law missed completely. ♡

5d 21 likes Reply

 **msjacksontwinks** BAH HUMBUB TO YOU!! ♡

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December 2

DVMA Holiday Lights Drive, Dec. 21

by Matthew Hawkes, Erik Miller / photos by Susan D’Arcangelo, Chuck Niethold, Jack Wall

DVMA members got together on Saturday, December 21st for dinner and a holiday lights tour. We began with dinner at Red Robin, and then left to explore the Tunnels of Joy in Brentwood. We started out with 7 cars, but due to the heavy traffic and lack of parking, we lost about half of our group there. Those who found parking walked through the tunnels and marvelled at the lights. After that, we motored on to visit some more festively decorated houses, including one which was the 2024 Holiday Light Fight winner. We all braved the cold and it was a fun way to celebrate the holidays and ring in the new year.



DVMA and Other Events Calendar

Check out the "Calendar View" on page 7

January Events

Jan 4 – DVMA Breakfast, Sherry's Kitchen, 611 Gregory Ln (@ Zio Fraedo's), Pleasant Hill, 9:00am

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

Jan 19 – The Cobra Experience Museum open, Martinez, 10:00am - 3:00pm [Get info](#)

Jan 23 – Movie night at The Cobra Experience, details TBA

Jan 28 – DVMA Board Meeting at Mountain Mike's Pizza, 5358 Clayton Rd, Concord, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Every Friday – Danville Livery Cars & Coffee, 400 Sycamore Valley Rd, Danville, 9:00am - 10:30am [Get Info](#)

Every Sunday – Lafayette Cars & Coffee by Le Pit Club, 3650 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette, 8:00am – 10:00am [Get Info](#)

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 3rd Saturday: "Pre-Stage" Marin 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 [Get info](#)

Every Last Saturday: Delta Cars & Coffee, Java Jacks 160, 208 2nd St, Isleton, 8:00am - 10:00am [Get info](#)

Upcoming Events

Feb 1 – DVMA Breakfast, Heavenly Bistro, 3116 Oak rd, Walnut Creek, 9:00am

Feb 8 – Valentine's Day Ice Cream Social @ Fenton's, Vacaville - Leave 11am from Kinder's, 1776 Arnold Ind. Way

Feb 12 – DVMA Meeting at Fuddruckers, Willows Shopping Center, 1975 Diamond Blvd, Concord, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Mar 16 – Cobra Experience, Martinez: Cars, Kids & Coffee, 8:30am - 10:30am, Museum open 10:00am - 3:00pm

Mar 29-30 – Goodguys All-American Get-Together, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, 8:00am – 5:00pm [Get Info](#)

Apr 5 – DVMA Adopt-A-Street, Seafood City parking lot, 2030 Diamond Blvd, Concord, 8:45am - 10:00am

April 17 – National Mustang Day

May 5 – Snakes at the Farm, Balestrieri Family Farm, 6140 Alhambra Valley Rd, Briones, 12:00pm - 4:00pm

May 17 – Biggest Little Car Show - 40th Annual, Suisun City, [Get Info](#)

June 7 – Cobra Day Car Show @ The Cobra Experience, Martinez

Aug 16 – DVMA drive to Mecum Auction, Monterey

Oct 11 – DVMA End of Season Car Show @ The Cobra Experience, Martinez, 10:00am - 3:00pm

Dec 13 – DVMA Holiday Party, Martinez Yacht Club, 111 Tarantino Dr, Martinez, 5:30pm

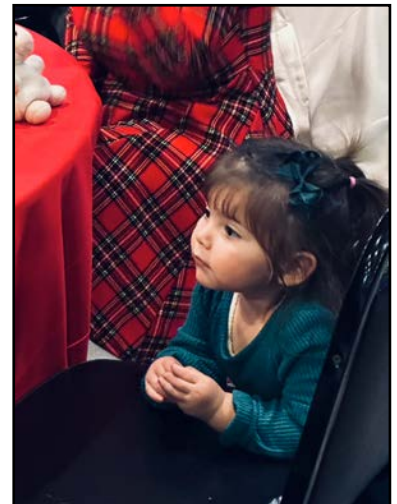
2025 MCA Events

Apr 4-6 – Mustangs at Dezerland, Orlando Auto Museum, Orlando, FL [Get Info](#)

May 23-25 – Ponies in the Ozarks, Ozark International Raceway, Gravois Mills, MO

Jun 27-29 – Horsepower in the Queen City, Lakota West High School, West Chester Township, OH

Happy Holidays from DVMA!!



January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3 9a Danville C&C	4 9a DVMA Breakfast @ Sherry's Kitchen
5 8a Antioch C&C 8a Lafayette C&C	6	7	8 7 pm DVMA Meeting	9	10 9a Danville C&C	11 8a Breakfast Club
12 8a Lafayette C&C	13	14	15	16	17 9a Danville C&C	18 8a Marin C&C
19 8a Lafayette C&C 8a Sundays on Solano 10a Cobra Museum	20	21	22	23 Cobra Experience Movie Night	24 9a Danville C&C	25 8a Delta C&C
26 8a Lafayette C&C	27	28 7 pm DVMA Board Meeting	29	30	31	1

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February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 9a DVMA Breakfast @ Heavenly Bistro
2 8a Antioch C&C 8a Lafayette C&C	3	4	5	6	7 9a Danville C&C	8 8a Breakfast Club 11a DVMA Valentine's Social @ Fenton's
9 8a Lafayette C&C	10	11	12 7 pm DVMA Meeting	13	14 9a Danville C&C	15 8a Marin C&C
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Toys for Tots @ Le Pit Cars & Coffee

by Gail Vasgerdian

Le Pit Club held their weekly Cars and Coffee in Lafayette on Sunday, December 8th. This cars and coffee was the "Le Pit Toy Drive" and Le Pit wasn't disappointed with the turn out, which included 10 members from DVMA and some of their Mustangs. Along with our Mustangs there were many different types of cars. However, the most important reason for this particular Cars and Coffee was to collect toys for "Toys for Tots", to be donated to the Fire Department for this holiday season. And did they receive toys! Car enthusiasts that attended Le Pit Toy Drive filled multiple boxes with toys. There were so many toys that the fire department had to return to pick them up with a larger truck. It was so good to see the outpouring of kindness from our car community. What a difference it will make in so many children's Christmas. Check out the video from the event [HERE](#).

To round out the morning at Cars and Coffee, Old Betsy, the firetruck from Lafayette was present with help from the North Pole. Santa sent 2 Elves to accompany the firetruck. Dressed in their red and green outfits, Larry and Mike the elves were available to take pictures with attendees. What a fun way to enjoy the morning, but where was Santa?????

You can join in the automotive fun every Sunday morning in Lafayette at 3650 Mount Diablo Blvd. from 8:00-10:00am for hot cars, cool people, delicious scones & donuts, plus free coffee across the street at Panache Caffe. Come support our new "Honorary DVMA Member" Simon and Le Pit Club with your Mustang and meet other car enthusiasts.



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Graphic Designer Wanted:

Are you a graphic designer, or just play one on TV? DVMA is looking for someone to help design our 2025 Car Show Flyer and T shirt. The past designs have been great, but we are hoping to really step it up this year and make them amazing!

If you are interested in helping out, please contact DVMA Tour Coordinator Gail Vasgerdsian at 925-699-1464 or mgfbowl@comcast.net. With everyone's help, we can make this year's DVMA End of the Season Car Show the best one yet.

DVMA Member Birthdays and Anniversaries

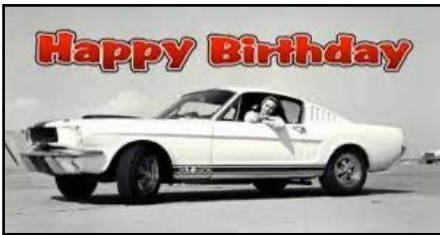
January Birthdays

Parisa Alemazkoor Frances Davis Tony Eistetter Ed Guldner
Anne Haugrud Faith Hoffman Bobby Hubbell Trevor Landers
Cindy Newman Manuel Rojas Steve Spencer Scott Tozzi

January Anniversaries

Chip & Caroline Herman

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!

Scott Tozzi & Don Penrose, 1964 Caspian Blue Thunderbird 390 Convertible


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DVMA General Meeting Minutes, Fuddruckers, Concord, CA. December 11, 2024

DVMA's General Meeting was called to order at Fuddruckers, Concord, CA on November 13, 2024 at 7:00pm by President Susan D'Arcangelo.

Reports:

President: Susan D'Arcangelo - Reminder: Holiday Party this Saturday night. Susan sent a letter to Ed Guldner about combining the Treasurer & Membership positions, and thanking him for his many years of service to DVMA. Made Ed a lifetime member for all he has done for DVMA.

Past President: Harry Davis - No report!!!!!!!

Vice President: Tony Eistetter - No report.

Secretary: Open position! If you are interested, talk to a DVMA Board Member. - Gail Vasgerdsian kindly volunteered to take notes for this evening's meeting

Treasurer/Membership: Chuck Niethold - DVMA finances are in good shape. We have signed up for Constant Contact, can use it for event emails, signups, and payments. Memberships: 70, Members: 162, Cars: 106, MCA Members: 22. Chuck called members who haven't renewed - most are moving or sold their car. Susan wants budget sheets from Chuck. Chuck suggested having a picture day where members can take photos of/with their cars. Photos could be put up on DVMA website.

Newsletter: Erik Miller - The newsletter file didn't crash again this month!

Webmaster: Julie Kinsey / Lisa Schaffer - Lisa will be assisting Julie with the website. She will work with Julie to figure out division of duties.

Tour Coordinator: Gail Vasgerdsian - Le Pit Club Cars & Coffee is every Sunday in Lafayette. New DVMA breakfast location for January 4th: Sherry's Kitchen in Pleasant Hill. Fenton's Valentine's Cruise February 8th. First Goodguys of 2025 is in March. Check Feed Bag for upcoming events!

Sergeant at Arms: Mark Vasgerdsian - No report.

Store: John Haugrud - Still have some 2023 and 2024 Car Show shirts. New members - see John for your club shirt.

Hospitality: William Escoto - Erik announced the birthdays and anniversaries for December.

Board members: Anne Haugrud, Matthew Hawkes, Pat Hicks - No reports.

Car Show: Car Show meetings will start in March and probably be held before the General Meeting. Please join the Car Show Committee if you can help.

Next General Meeting is Wednesday, January 8th, 2025, at Fuddrucker's in Concord. Meeting at 7:00 pm. Come early for dinner.


The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50 pm by Susan D'Arcangelo, President

Minutes submitted by Gail Vasgerdsian.

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President	Susan D'Arcangelo	1967 Fastback "Bullitt" 427
Vice President	Tony Eistetter	1965 Coupe 200
Secretary	Vacant	
Treasurer	Chuck Niethold	2022 Mach E GT
Membership	Ed Guldner	1965 Conv. 200, 1966 Coupe 289, 1973 Conv. 351, 2001 Conv. V6
Board Member	Patrick Hicks	2008 Shelby GT
Board Member	Anne Haugrud	2007 Shelby GT500
Board Member	Matthew Hawkes	2005 GT Coupe, 2006 GT Coupe
Tour Coordinator	Gail Vasgerdsian	2022 GT Fastback
Newsletter Editor	Erik Miller	1967 Coupe 200, 1967 Coupe 428
Sergeant-at-Arms	Mark Vasgerdsian	1973 Conv. 351
Past President	Harry Davis	1985 SVO Turbo 2.3, 2006 GT
Webmaster (appointed)	Julie Kinsey	1999 Coupe V6, 2001 GT Coupe
Hospitality (appointed)	William Escoto	1978 Ghia V8
Storekeeper (appointed)	John Haugrud	2007 Shelby GT500
Historian (appointed)	Vacant	

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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

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