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This bit of Ford V-8 History is an excerpt from "Geared-Up Faith", a devotional book by Ace Collins filled with classic car history. I highly recommend it! I'm excited to see the variety of V-8s on display at our 2025 Monsoon Madness Car Show held at Chapman Ford Pro Elite in Scottsdale on Oct 25. Registration for Mustang Judged Classes closes Oct 16.

The 1932 Ford design was new, offered in a variety of colors, a modern dash, a slew of options, with a price under \$500! The Model 18 offered a V-8 as a step up from the Model-B 4-cylinder. This was the first time Ford had offered a choice of two different power plants. The company quickly discovered most people ignored the cheaper and less powerful Model B in favor of the power of the V-8.

Police departments across the country placed thousands of orders, impressed with the acceleration and top-end speed. Seemingly overnight, the Ford V-8 replaced Chryslers, Lincolns and Buicks as the cop's car of choice. Bootleggers and gangsters coveted them as well. The car was quiet, easily navigated rough roads, and could reach almost a hundred miles per hour. Women loved the roominess, the smooth handling, and the upgraded interior. Even the wealthy, who could afford almost anything, were drawn to the new Ford. At the end of 1932 Ford had sold more than three hundred thousand cars, most with V-8s.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER (CONT'D)

Bonus review from the infamous Clyde Barrow:

Not long before gangster Clyde Barrow and his friend, Bonnie Parker were gunned down in their 1934 Ford V-8 by 6 police officers in Louisiana, Barrow wrote Henry Ford a letter. Barrow was neither a grammarian nor a speller, but he definitely appreciated a reliable car. It reads: "While I still have got breath in my lungs I will tell you what a dandy car you make. I have drove Fords exclusively when I could get away with one. For sustained speed and freedom from trouble the Ford has got every other car skinned and even if my business hasn't been strictly legal it don't hurt anything to tell you what a fine car you got in the V-8".

See you at the show!

Thanks to Kristen for the assistance with this article!

On October 25th, if you're helping with the car show, please show up around 7am. We'll be setting up Registration, the Coffee bar, Raffle tables, chairs and tables for the entrants near the food trucks.

A LITTLE JOKE

Five Englishmen in an Audi Quattro arrive at the Italian border.

The Italian Customs agent stops them and says, "It's illegal to put 5 people in a Quattro."

"What do you mean it's illegal?" ask the Englishmen.

"Quattro means four," replies the Italian official.

"Quattro is just the name of the automobile," the Englishmen retort disbelievingly. "Look at the papers: this car is designed to carry 5 persons."

"You can't pull that one on me," replies the Italian customs agent. "Quattro means four. You have five people in your car and you are therefore breaking the law."

The Englishmen replies angrily, "You idiot! Call your supervisor over—I want to speak to someone with more intelligence!"

"Sorry," responds the Italian official, "he can't come. He's busy with 2 guys in a Fiat Uno."

ANNOUNCING THE OCTOBER 25, 2025
COPPERSTATE CAR SHOW

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CMC GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

Meeting was opened with all repeating the allegiance to the flag. Officers and board members present were Ken, Randy, JoAnn, Alyce, Kristen, Maureen, Ethel, Joe, Drew and Gary.

New member Jack Clifford was introduced. He told about all his past and present Mustangs and other cars. Current car is 2021, GT Cs white convertible. Former guest member Ted DeSantis was introduced and he told about his cars and connections.

JoAnn gave the treasurer report.

Randy and Ken reported on show information. They said the parking for show cars will be behind the wall and spectators cars will be near front of building. Randy said parking will be designed when more show cars are registered. Judges will be chosen for the judged class. VOLUNTEERS are needed to make the show a success. Vendors are signed up, microphone system will be in place, other clubs have been contacted and can be displayed as a group. Prior show registers have been contacted. Chapman will do advertising and will pay for the trophies that have been ordered.

Everyone is encouraged to get gifts for door prizes and raffle prizes. Kristen asked if you would contact her with names of donors so they can be listed on advertising. 206-305-5565.

Next club event is Sept 20 at 11 am Lunch at Lennys Burgers 1245 E Southern Mesa

50/50 drawing was won by Ethel. Several raffle prizes were won by Drew, Dan, Bob, Ethel, Randy and Maureen.

Thank you Drew for serving ice cream.

Meeting adjourned.

Alyce Ancell, Secretary

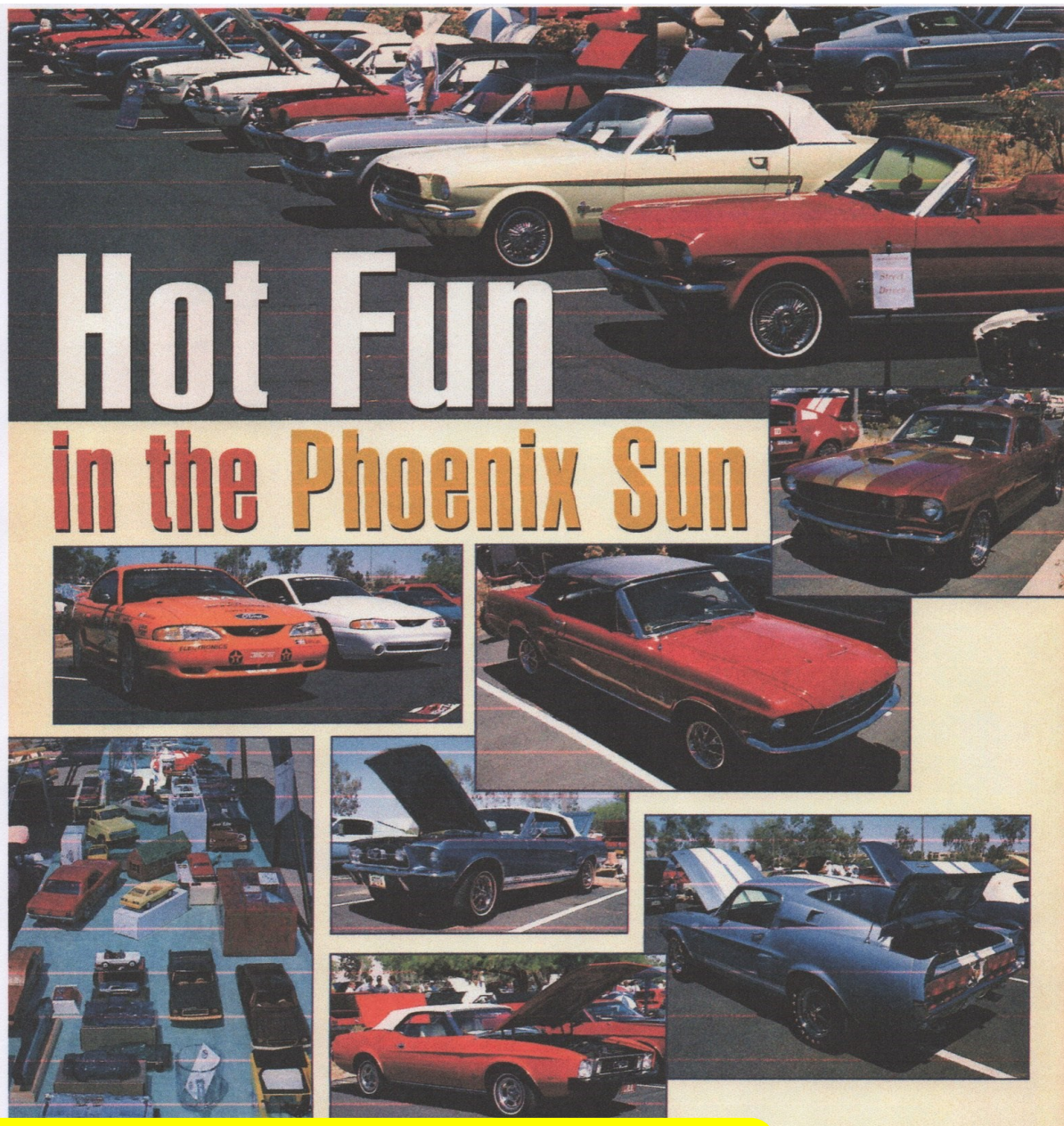


BLAST FROM THE PAST
 FROM THE CLUB HISTORIAN DAN MORTORANO
 FROM THE MUSTANG ILLUSTRATED 9/1996



BLAST FROM THE PAST

FROM OUR CLUB HISTORIAN DAN MORTORANO (CONT'D)



Hot Fun

in the Phoenix Sun

THE COPPERSTATE MUSTANG CLUB HOSTED A COOL SHOW

BY BOB WALLACE

With the temperature nudging the century mark, it was unseasonably hot the first weekend of May, even for Arizona. But warm weather didn't deter approximately 100

Mustang owners, and crowds of Mustang enthusiasts, who showed up for the Copperstate Mustang Club's Round-Up '96 car show.

The fun started Friday evening, with over three dozen Mustangs joining a in cruise from the Mesa (suburban Phoenix) Holiday Inn show

headquarters to Shep's 50's Drive-In. Once there, roller-skating waitresses served up some great burgers, fries and thick shakes, while a disc jockey played classic fifties, six-

ties, and seventies rock 'n' roll well into the night. They may not have been dancing in the streets, but there was plenty of partying in the parking lot at Shep's!

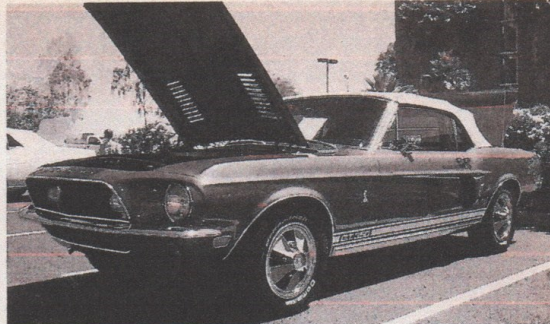
By 7:00 a.m. Saturday, the Mustangs were already lined up for show registration and park-

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FROM OUR CLUB HISTORIAN DAN MORTORANO (Cont'd)



Jim and Pat Hardwick are seen here receiving Mustang Illustrated Magazine's "Editor's Choice" award for their Acapulco Blue 1967 GTA convertible. They also won second place in the 1967-68 Street Driver/Daily Driver class. We've heard that Jim hasn't been seen anywhere since then without his Mustang Illustrated cap.



Another blue beauty was Mike Holt's 1968 GT 350 convertible. This carefully restored Shelby took first place honors in the Shelby/Boss Concours Stock category.



First place in People's Choice 1964 1/2-66 Closed went to Bob Ragona's extremely clean 1965 coupe. The Wimbledon White coupe's mascot shows excellent taste in reading material.

Lynden Carson's red 1966 GT fastback was a stunner. Non-stock radial tires cost it some points in the Concours Stock class, but it still claimed a second place trophy.



Rarer than rare is an apt description of Mark Haas' 1985 1/2 Mustang SVO, one of 11 of its vintage to be equipped with the optional "Competition Prep" package. The turbo'd and intercooled 2.3L screamer tied for third place in the 1974-93 People's Choice class.

ing. The Copperstate Mustang Club offered four MCA-style judged categories, Concours Stock, Concours Stock Driver, Modified, and Daily Driver, for all 1964 1/2 through 1973 Mustangs, plus several classes of People's Choice for all year and model ponycars through 1996. There was also a Pony Corral, for anyone who actually wanted to sell a Mustang, plus a Mustang toy and model display and contest for collectors of mini-Mustangs.

The show broke up at 4:00 p.m., and after a

couple hour break to clean up and cool off, the Copperstate Mustangers headed off to a Southwest-style barbeque, followed by the presentation of awards to lots of well-deserving Mustang owners. The two most anxiously awaited prizes were Best of Show, which went to John Crume's newly-restored and superb 1967 Shelby G.T. 500, and the *Mustang Illustrated* Editor's Choice award (an *MI* cap and t-shirt, and complementary one-year subscription to *MI*). If we'd been able to take any one car at the show

home with us, it would have been Jim and Pat Hardwick's beautiful 289-powered blue 1967 Mustang GTA convertible, so we were almost as pleased to give our informal prize to the Hardwicks as they were to win it.

It may have been a little hot by our Southern California standards, but the C.M.C. put on a cool show, with lots of great Mustangs and friendly people. If you live anywhere in the Southwest, this is a "don't miss" event! 

BLAST FROM THE PAST

FROM OUR CLUB HISTORIAN DAN MORTORANO (Cont'd)

Our own JoAnn Mortorano's 1996 Midnight Blue Convertible was highlighted in the March, 1997 edition of the Mustang Illustrated Looking good, JoAnn!

"HOUSE-ABOUT" THIS BEAUTY?

A funny thing happened when Mesa, Arizona's JoAnn and Dan Mortorano went house hunting. They bought a car. In August of 1992, the Mortoranos were looking at a house listed in the mountain town of Strawberry, Arizona. Although the house was nice, there was something parked in the driveway that was even nicer. A Wimbledon White, 1966 Mustang convertible. Although the car was not for sale, the power of persuasion — and \$7,500 cash — prevailed. Instead of getting herself a new home, Mrs. Mortorano got herself a classic Mustang convertible instead.

For the first six months, JoAnn was simply content to drive her new pony around town. Then the car show bug bit hard. Hard enough to convince husband Dan that the car needed a total cosmetic restoration. But there was just one catch. The convertible absolutely HAD to be ready in time to compete in the Copperstate Mustang Club's Mustang Roundup '93, just one month away.

If that wasn't enough, JoAnn also decided to change the exterior color, and the interior! A tall order to be sure. "I had my mind set on dark blue, and that's all there was too it!" says JoAnn.

Luckily for Dan he had friends like Tim and Charleyne Sheehan, Mitch Fields, and Roger Bushnell around to lend him a helping hand. After stripping the convertible down to its bare essentials, Dan performed all of the bodywork at home

GIRLS JUST WANT! TO HAVE FUN!



prior to handing the car over to Maaco Auto Painting located in Phoenix. It was there where the Maaco crew lavished the ragtop in multiple coats of Nightmist Blue acrylic enamel.

Once back home, Dan and Tim Sheehan upgraded the convertible's interior to pony status installing a combination parchment and blue reproduction interior kit obtained from the folks at California Mustang. While he was at it, Dan also installed one of Custom Autosound's AM/FM/cassette stereo tuners. And just so nobody mistakes JoAnn's '66 for another Nightmist Blue ragtop, her husband erased all doubts by personalizing the car with JoAnn's name inside the white GT stripe kit, where the words "Mustang" would normally reside. Pretty cool, huh? 🐎

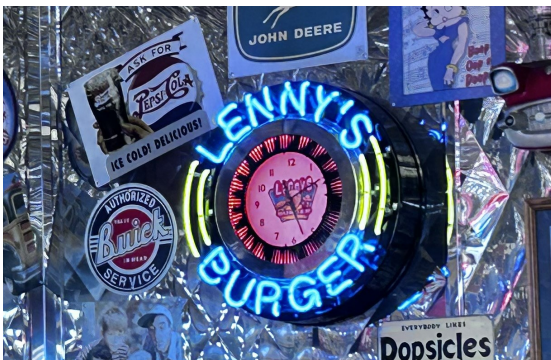


1966 MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE
OWNER: JOANN MORTORANO
MESA, ARIZONA

LENNIE'S BURGERS MEET UP SEPTEMBER, 2025



Lenny's is a burger joint in the style of old diners. The place has lots of old signs and best of all the food was good! Check it out if you weren't able to join us September 20th.



LENNIE'S BURGERS MEET UP SEPTEMBER, 2025



MUSTANG NEWS



There is always room for good old-fashioned American Muscle—and Ford has delivered:

This is the 2026 Mustang Boss 429. It's powered by a 7.3L V-8 engine, nicknamed the Godzilla 429, at 729 horsepower. It will travel 0 to 60 in 3.3 seconds, with a top speed over 200 MPH. It also has a manual transmission—of course!

Only 2,500 units will be made. And the base price is only around \$115,000.



OCTOBER MEET-UP MONSOON MADNESS CAR SHOW

Setup for Registration and Club tables to begin at Chapman Ford at 7:00am. The Show begins at 9:00am till 1:00pm. Vendors will also be arriving at 7:00am. Trophies to be awarded at 12:30pm. Breakdown begins at 1:00pm.

NOVEMBER 1, 2025 Pizza Party

At Barro's Pizza, 2041 N. Arizona Ave at 4:00pm. Free pizza and pop, but the rest of the menu is on you!

December 6, 2025 Christmas Party

Join us for the Christmas Party at Nando's 6715 E McDonald's. Bring the family! There will also be a Gift Exchange—if you would like to join in, bring something under \$20.

HELP PLEASE!

Please send your "First Rides" articles, your "Members Mustang Stories" and any Mustang pictures to Maureen at GT500@twocool.net.

Also, please let me know of any typos or issues you find in the newsletter!

We're also looking for any Ford Mustang Recalls to include in the Newsletter, as well as any car show pictures or other Mustang events you attend.

Let me know of any other upcoming car shows or events to include with the 'Calendar of Events'.

DON'T MAKE ME COME AFTER YOU!!!!!!!!!!

NEW MEMBERS CORNER

Ted DeSantis was a member 15 years ago but is back again! He had several Mustangs that he has rebuilt over the years including a 1965 Convertible, which he bought for \$750, rebuilt and sold for \$25,000! He's looking for a 1966 if anyone knows of one. Welcome Back, Ted!

Our 2nd new member, is Jack Clifford is from Iowa and has a 2021 GT California Special. He's very excited to be a part of the club, and to be a part of the Car Show next month. Welcome, Jack!

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SANTOS HERNANDEZ

Mr. Santos Hernandez, the founder of Innovative Concepts International and Engine One Performance, has 45 years of experience in billet components and manufacturing. Santos specializes in component testing, and research to keep all manufactured components updated to the latest manufactures specifications. Also Santos specializes on engine and cylinder head development for LS, LT, Hemi, Coyote, Dark Horse, Shelby and GT. "Quality is never an accident, it is always the result of intelligent efforts"

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RICHARD FLOR

Richard Flor- Operations Manager
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Engine One Performance is Hiring!

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1. **CNC Manufacturing Partner or Individual**- We are seeking a company or skilled individual experienced in CNC manufacturing to collaborate with us on precision projects.
2. **Shop Assistant** - a hands-on role assisting with engine operations and daily shop tasks. You'll work closely with the owner and receive full training to learn the ropes.
3. **2 Bilingual Technical Marketing & Media Coordinators** - Help us share our story and promote our work through marketing and media. Must be bilingual; training provided.

If you are enthusiastic, eager to learn, and ready to be part of a growing company, we'd love to hear from you! Remember, quality is never an accident, it's always the result of intelligent efforts.

Contact Santos Hernandez at 602-367-9046

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 4th—Pony Only Car Show in Prescott Valley, AZ

October 5th- Mustangs By The Bay, San Diego

October 11th—American Legion Post 35, 224– W Chandler Blvd

October 11th —Board Meeting—2:00pm 3950 N 89th, Scottsdale, AZ

October 11th —General Meeting—3:00pm 3950 N 89th, Scottsdale, AZ

October 18th—Trunk or Treat Car Show, Tucson, AZ

October 25th—Copperstate Mustang Car Show

November 1st—Pizza Party at Barro's 2041 N. Arizona Ave at 4:00pm. Soft drinks and pizza will be covered by the Club, anything else is on you.

November 8th—Alzheimer's Walk 1700 W Washington St, Phoenix 9:00-11:-00

November 8th—Board Meeting—2:00pm 3950 N 90th, Scottsdale AZ

November 8th—General Meeting—3:00pm 3950 N 90th, Scottsdale AZ

November 21—Westworld of Scottsdale Final Event of the Year

December 6th—Christmas Party and General Meeting at Nando's 6715 E McDonald's bring the family!

January 1st—HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 10th—Board Meeting—2:00pm 3950 N 90th, Scottsdale AZ

January 10th—General Meeting—3:00pm 3950 N 90th, Scottsdale AZ

January 17-25th—Barrett Jackson Auction at Westworld of Scottsdale

February 14th—Fountain Hills Car Show, 9:00-2:00 in Fountain Park, Fountain Hills

February 14th—Board Meeting—2:00pm 3950 N 90th, Scottsdale AZ

February 14th—General Meeting—3:00pm 3950 N 90th, Scottsdale AZ

March 17-21st—Mecum Auction at State Farm Stadium

May 17th, - Florence Car Show, 9:00—3:-00 on Main St in Florence

