

MUSTANG MIRROR

Copperstate Mustang Club



CORNER

By Ken Martin

As I sit to write this article on Christmas Eve, both Mustangs and New Year 2026 are on my mind. I did a Google search about those two topics and AI showed me this! Enjoy!

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PRESIDENT'S

A Mustang New Year's Wish

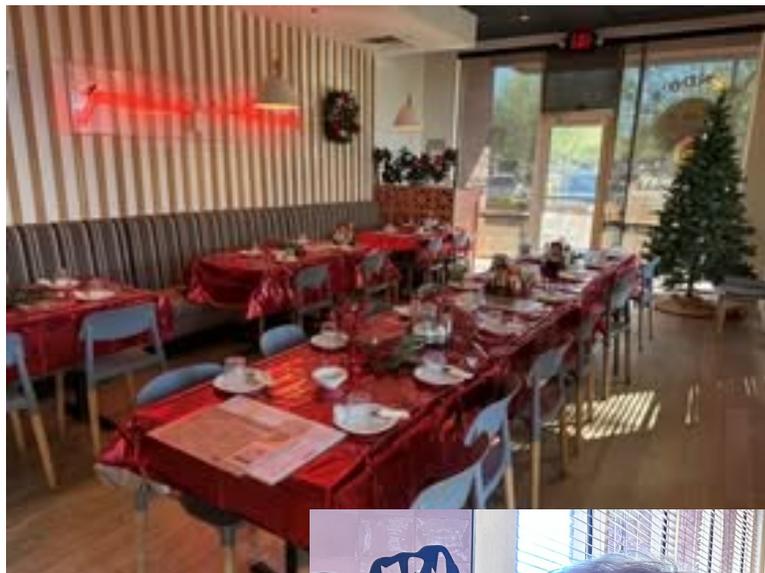
The snow fell soft on Christmas Eve,
But Santa felt a slight reprieve,
"My sleigh is old, the reindeer slow, 2026
I need some real horsepower to go!"
He spied a 'Stang, a shiny red,
With chrome wheels gleamin' in his head.
He hopped right in, the engine roared,
A V8 symphony adored!

Through frosty air, the tires spun,
"This New Year's ride," he said, "has begun!"
No silent night, just booming sound,
As horsepower shook the winter ground.
He left the North Pole far behind,
A turbocharged future to find!

So as the clock strikes twelve and rings,
May your New Year bring awesome things!
With speed and joy in every mile,
A Mustang's spirit, and a wide, bright smile!
Happy New Year! From the open road's call,
May your year be epic, for one and for all!



CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 6, 2025



Joice decorated the tables beautifully for the party.

Good food and friends!



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Our retiring Secretary Alyce & her lovely husband Bob reading over her last official notes for the club. Thanks Alyce for all your hard work for the Club over the years!

THANKS, ALYCE!

I just want to thank Alyce for all her hard work over the years as THE Copperstate Mustang Club Secretary. She's always ready with the forms to renew membership, to tell us what the rules are, to include anyone new to the meetings, to deal with Club insurance, the IRS or to welcome new members into the fold.

Alyce, we love all the work you put into Copperstate, now go and enjoy your time as "just" a member!!!



ROVING REPORTER KATHY SEBESTA AT AHWATUKEE SHOW NOVEMBER 29, 2025



MUSTANG FACTS

DID YOU KNOW:

The Mustang almost went front-wheel drive during the 1980's? Ford and Mazda had a relationship and with front wheel drive becoming more & more popular, the Mustang was almost replaced with the Mazda coupe. However, the very idea caused a massive letter-writing campaign that shut that nonsense down.

The 1st Mustang, often called the 1964 1/2, wasn't ready in April of 1964 when it was introduced. Ford doesn't even officially recognize the 1964 1/2 car, instead calls the first Mustang a 1965. The 1964 1/2 is just an early-production model. Although, Ford does recognize April 17, 1964 as the anniversary date of the Mustang.



A LITTLE JOKE

A Jewish Doctor, and Indian accountant and a lawyer were driving in the country when their car suddenly broke down.

They saw a nearby farm house and knocked on the door, hoping to use the phone.

Due to the late hour, a tow truck was unable to come until the morning. The farmer was generous enough to allow them to stay the night, but he cautioned that there were only two beds in the guest house, so one of them would have to use the bed located in the barn.

The three men went to bed, with the Jewish doctor volunteering to sleep in the barn. An hour goes by and there is a rapid knock on the door of the guest house - it is the Jewish doctor who says "There is a pig in the barn, due to my religious beliefs, I refuse to sleep in there with the pig".

The Indian accountant volunteers to take his place in the barn, and everyone goes back to sleep. Another hour goes by and once again there is a rapid knock on the door of the guest house. This time it is the Indian accountant, who says "There is a cow in the barn, and due to my religious beliefs I refuse to sleep in there with the cow".

After a brief discussion, the lawyer volunteers to sleep in the barn, and everyone goes back to sleep. Three hours go by, and there is a tremendous amount of knocking at the door of the guest house.

The two men rush out of bed and quickly run to open the door - and to their surprise it's the cow and the pig!

CMC GENERAL MEETING DECEMBER 6, 2025

Meeting at Nando Mexican Grill was opened by Ken. Officers and board members present were Ken, Randy, JoAnn, Alyce, Joice, Maureen and Kristen.

New members Brent Mills and Judy McOstrich were introduced and told everyone about their 1965 Mustang black convertible. Joseph Yunk, recent new member, talked about his 2002 Roush.

Ken thanked all the members of the board and officers for their contributions and all the work they did for the 2025 year. JoAnn then introduced Member of the Year as Maureen, the pick of the club for 2025. Newsletter was her biggest project for the year. She was presented with a nice gift from the club.



JoAnn then reported the shopping spree that was done last week. The shoppers went to Target and purchased gift cards and toys in the amount of \$1909. THANK YOU CMC for the donations for the Salvation Army Angels tree.

Next year's New Officers will be:

PRESIDENT: KEN MARTIN
 VICE PRESIDENT: DREW PETERSON
 SECRETARY:
 TREASURER: JO ANN MARTORANO
 SGT. OF ARMS: PHYLLIS PETRONE

BOARD MEMBERS:

RANDY TINSLEY, DAN MARTORANO, MAUREEN BARTELS, KRISTEN MARTIN, JOE PASATERI AND ALTERNATES: ETHEL MARQUES, AND PAUL MARQUES

With the meeting over and lunch eaten, everyone enjoyed the gift exchange.

Meeting adjourned.

Alyce Ancell, Secretary



SHOPPING FOR TOYS

DECEMBER 2, 2025



I think this picture says it all! Shopping for the Salvation Army Angels was a blast! Jo Ann, Drew and I bought ONLY the best toys, including these 2 very cuddly stuffed animals.

BELOW: watching 3 carts full of toys being scanned took a little time!



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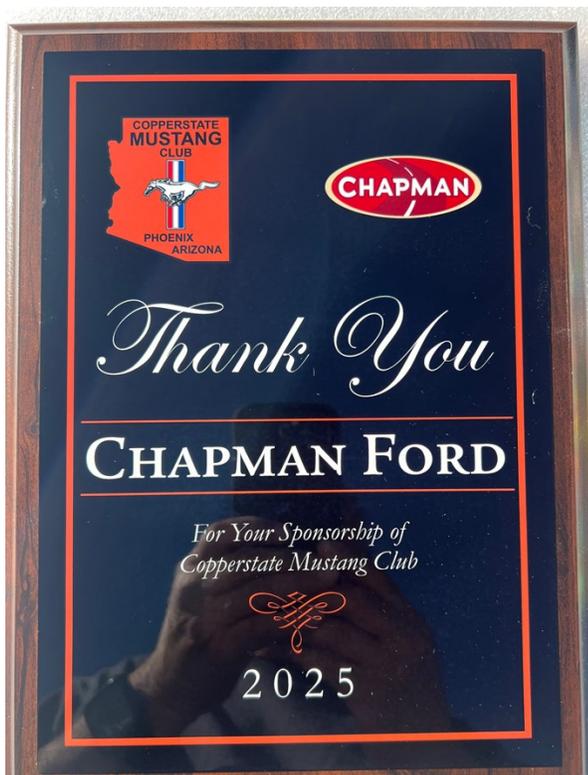
LEFT: Drew and JoAnne discussing if any more gift cards could be bought. Our cashier was a saint—it takes time to check out \$1,500 in toys and 20 \$25 gift cards! MANY thanks to our cashier, Robbin, at Target. (seen below right)

BELOW LEFT: The receipt!

BELOW RIGHT: SUCCESS! 3 carts full of toys and gift cards



CHAPMAN FORD DECEMBER 8, 2025



Randy met with Steve Countryman, General Mgr and Michael Brill, Club Rep with Chapman Ford to present them with our appreciation plaque from the Club. Steve wants to have it mounted in a good visible area of the dealership for all to see, as they were very appreciative of the plaque. He stated they want to be our sponsor for many years to come. What a great sponsor they have been in for us in 2025!



JANUARY 22ND MEET-UP

Let's meet at 10:00am, January 22nd, at the Biltmore Hotel, 2400 E Missouri Ave in Phoenix. We'll be able to see all the Premier cars up for auction during Car Week.

Lunch has been suggested at the "5 and Diner" at 16th Street and Coulter.



FEBRUARY MEET-UP

A nice cruise to Saguaro Lake in Tonto National Forest. Lunch at the Marina. Will finalize date and time at the January meeting. Let us know where else you'd like to cruise to this year!



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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'.

NEW MEMBER CORNER

No new members to report this month.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 17th—Wickenburg Fly-In Classic Car Show 9:00-12:00, 3410 W Wickenburg Way, Wickenburg

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

January 22nd—MEETUP at the Premier Sale of AZ Car Week—at the Biltmore Hotel, 2400 E Missouri Ave, Phoenix, meet at 10:00am, enjoy lunch after

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

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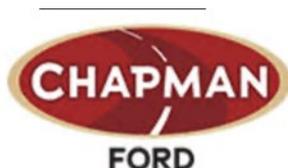
February 28th—3rd Annual American Legion District 11 Car Show, 25250 N 35th Ave, Phoenix, 11:00-2:00

March 7th—5th Chandler Car Cavalcade 9:00 –12:00 at the Car Corral 250 E Chicago St, Chandler

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

April 19th—11th Annual Concours in the Hills, 9:00-2:00 at 12925 N Saguaro Blvd, Fountain Hills

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



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