

MUSTANG MIRROR

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

KEN MARTIN

Groundhog Day, Valentines Day, President's Day! Don't forget Super Bowl Sunday February 8th (Go Seahawks!) There's also National Pizza Day February 9th and even Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day February 7th.

But here in the Mustang Mirror, we need to think about Cars. Here is what is special for Car Lovers in February.

February Historical Milestones:

Feb. 4, 1922: Ford Motor Company acquired the Lincoln Motor Company for \$8 million.

Feb. 6, 1911: Rolls-Royce introduced the "Spirit of Ecstasy" hood ornament.

Feb. 17, 1911: The first electric self-starter was installed in a production vehicle, eliminating the hand crank.

February Market Trends & Buying:

Best Time to Buy: February is considered a prime time to purchase used cars, offering a wide selection and good deals.

Lower Prices: New-vehicle transaction prices often dip in February after the holiday season, according to Kelley Blue Book.

Improved Affordability: In recent years, February has shown improved new-vehicle affordability compared to the previous December, despite high overall prices.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER (cont'd)

Incentives Rise: Incentives, particularly on SUVs and trucks, often rise in February as inventory increases.

February Safety & Data:

Fewer Accidents: Data indicates that February historically records fewer fatal motor vehicle accidents, following a trend of lower traffic volume in winter months.

Vehicle Inventory: Dealership inventories often begin to increase in February as they prepare for spring, leading to better selection for consumers.

Happy February!

IN MEMORY

Long-time member Chevie Neeper passed 1/15/26. No service will be held, at Chevie's request. As many of you may remember, she drove a 1966 Candy Apple Red convertible Mustang. During her time here in the Copperstate Club, she was the 'travel agent', setting up trips for the club all over the state and beyond. She will be missed!



BILTMORE HOTEL MEET-UP JANUARY 22, 2026



What a great Meet-Up! The cars are first rate! I saw McLarens, Packards, Porsches, Mercedes-Benzs, Renaults, Maseratis, Rolls-Royce, Shelybys, and even a Corvette and TransAm too! No actual Mustangs though, which is crazy, but a very enjoyable time! Enjoyed chatting with those who were there to buy and those who were trying to sell. Heard some crazy numbers being passed around!

This is the front end (left) and side view (below) of a 1964 289 Shelby Cobra! In my view the best car in the auction! Asking \$1,000,000—\$1,500,000



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Or how about this
1929 Rolls-Royce
Phantom II?

This pretty little
1972 911
'Carrera RS 2.7
Factory Develop-
ment Car' ask-
ing \$700,000—
\$900,000



And ljust ook at
this 'La Ferrari'!

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Asking price for this 1974 Pontiac TransAm was \$100,00 - \$120,000

This 1958 Fuel Injected Corvette (below) was going for \$100,000 -



Check out the trunk of this 1957 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL.

That LUGGAGE was custom made to fit the trunk!

Such luxury!

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You have to love the style those older cars have!
Check out a few of the hood ornaments on display.



MUSTANG FACTS



Designed, engineered, and tested in-house. The Mustang Dark Horse SC is the first production vehicle from Ford Racing and the pinnacle of Dark Horse performance. The SC of course stands for Super-Charged.

They took lessons from the Mustang GTD supercar and knowledge gained in motorsports to create a track-prepped machine for drivers with an unapologetic need for speed. The Eaton TVS R2650 supercharger is mounted to a 5.2 L V8 and helps make this such a fun addition to the Ford lineup.

Mustang Dark Horse SC is the most advanced, powerful and track-capable Dark Horse ever, and was introduced at the Detroit Car Show, going on now. The first was just sold at Barrett Jackson on 1/29/26 for \$1.25 Million!

A LITTLE JOKE

A policeman is walking down the street one day when he notices a very small boy trying to press a doorbell on a house across the street. However, the boy is too short and the doorbell is too high for him to reach.

After watching the boy's efforts for some time, the policeman moves closer to the boy's position. He walks across the street, walks behind the little guy and places his hand kindly on the child's shoulder, leans over and gives the doorbell a good ring.

Crouching down to the child's level, the policeman smiles and asks "What now, little man?"

The kid says "NOW WE RUN!"

CLUB TRAILER

As you all know, Gary Ellsworth has been storing the Club trailer out at his place. It's time to decide what to do with it. Gary says that it needs an exterior restoration, (see pictures) and he isn't sure about the title either. I've been through the files and found some information from 2013. Let's discuss at the next meeting in February.



CLUB TRAILER



ROVING REPORTER KATHY SEBESTA



We were in the Caribbean and on a couple islands and I actually saw a few Mustangs! I only saw about four, but I got pictures of three different ones.

Two on St. Maarten and a blue one on St. Barts, I saw that one all over the place. Downtown, by the airport, and driving around.

HEY! That one below looks like MY car!



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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Happy
Valentine's
DAY

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

February 1st—Cars & Coffee 1430 W Warner Rd, Gilbert 6:00am—

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

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 11th—Board Meeting—2:00pm 3950 N 90th, Scottsdale AZ

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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

CRUISES

Every Friday—East Valley Cruisers 2:00-6:00 at Signal Butte & Main St

3rd Saturday—1850 S Val Vista Dr, Mesa 7:00am –10:00am



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