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Ford Summer Road Trip

Rent it, buy it, or borrow it, these cars are memory makers for a summer road trip. This is some of the list you get when you Google "Ford Summer Road Trip Cruiser".

Top of the list for a 2-person tour of beach towns or a drive wherever the paved road may take you has to be a Mustang GT Premium Convertible, which when equipped with the 5.0L Coyote V8 and the Active Valve Performance Exhaust pumps out an impressive 486 horsepower and 418 lb-ft of torque. Get in, buckle up, hang on!

If your road trip is a group adventure, check into the Ford Expedition. It has seating for 8, a twin turbo V6, full tech package and fantastically smooth highway ride quality! Plus, you can tow up to 9,300 pounds of boat or camper behind you.

If you are interested in some off-road adventure, check out the Ford Bronco Badlands Model, with full-time four-wheel drive and seven driving modes, rock rails and a rubber floor. You can even turn your road trip into an open-air ride by removing the doors and roof! The Bronco is called the GOAT, because it "Goes Over Any Terrain".

But some of My best road trip memories happened in a 1965 Country Squire Wagon, complete with wood-like siding and the way-back seats that faced each other. We climbed over the seats, played games in the way-back, watched the world go by as we imagined riding a horse beside the car. We stopped at every historical marker and goofy building on the way. We had 4-50 air conditioning (roll down 4 windows and drive 50mph) and an ice cooler. As the ice melted one of us kids would get washcloths wet and hand them out to everyone in the car. Felt soooo good!

Happy Summer Travels, and don't forget the ice cooler.

MEET-UP AT THE SADDLE BRONC GRILL JULY 18, 2026



Welcome to the Saddle Bronc Grill in Fountain Hills! A small group of CMC met up for a great lunch (below). Highly recommended!

According to Drew & Gail, they serve the best pickles—they're from Nathan's Famous Sweet Horse-radish pickles.



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The restaurant showcases the history and influence of the Apache and the cowboy in the building of central Arizona with all their memorabilia.



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JULY 18, 2026

COWBOY'S RULES!



GENERAL MEETING

JULY 11,2026

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome to the Ice Cream Social!

The Finance Report was given by JoAnn.

The Car Show flyer draft was handed out to all at the meeting, and there were several issues that were found and need to be corrected prior to it being sent out. Hopefully, it will be ready to hand out to all at the next meeting, August 8th.

Melanie told us about a possible point of sale option for the Car Show. Melanie said we'd be able to accept registrations as well as payment for food and tickets for the raffle. It will be free to use, as we are a not-for-profit organization. She will investigate further and report at the next meeting in August.

Drew has offered his home for the Club Christmas Party, and the membership (at the meeting) voted YES! He promises good food and drink for all members of the Club. We will continue the gift exchange, if you are interested. This involves bringing a wrapped \$15-\$20 gift if you choose to join in. His address is 4701 E. Calle Del Norte. Put it in your calendar today!

Michael Brill, Chapman's New and Used Car Sales guy, was our speaker this month. His Mustang of choice is a Blue, 1970 Mach I, which he has brought out to show at a few of our meetings.

Michael wants you to remember that Chapman Ford is offering \$500 off pricing of a new or used car! This is an offer made to anyone in the Club, so be sure to mention Copperstate when you go shopping for a new Mustang, or just ask for Michael!

Michael went on to talk about how happy Chapman is having the Club meeting at their site, as well as the Car Show in October. He has teased us with some special news coming in the next few weeks, so stay tuned!

Randy asked if Chapman would consider showcasing a Copperstate Mustang in the showroom. Michael said it was a good idea and he would check into it for us.

Ken asked if there was a Shelby Rep that would be interested in coming in to talk to us at one of our meetings, or at the Car Show. Michael suggested that it would be great if the Shelby Rep could talk at the Car Show as people were coming into the shaded garage getting ready for the trophy's to be given out. Great idea!

Michael mentioned that Shelly, from Chapman will be the speaker at our August meeting.

Thanks for your time, Michael!

Our lucky winners of the raffle were, Melanie, Gary & Ken. The 50/50 winner was Melanie (yes, that is two weeks in a row for Melanie!). Congrats, all!

Meeting concluded with excellent ice cream sundae's made by Drew! Thanks again, Drew!

GENERAL MEETING JULY 11, 2026



Michael Brill—left—was our speaker at the meeting. He reminded us of a \$500 discount on any new or used car bought from Chapman.

I'm sorry but I did not get a picture of the fabulous ICE CREAM sundae bar that Drew provided for us today!

THANKS SO MUCH DREW!!!



FUTURE MEET-UPS

August 29, 2026, meet at 10:00am at Martin Museum which is dedicated to the preservation of collectible and rare automobiles. Martin's is located at 4320 W Thunderbird Rd, Glendale. There are more than 170 vehicles! Tickets are \$5 for kids under 12, general are \$15 or \$12 for Seniors.

Lunch to follow the tour.



Please mark your calendars NOW! The December Christmas celebration and General Meeting will be held on December 12th, at 2:00pm. Location is VP Drew's home at 4701 E. Calle Del Norte. Dress is casual Christmas, and a gift exchange if you want to join in.

MUSTANG NEWS

Ford Mustang has outsold all of its competitors combined in the U.S. through the first 6 months of 2026. The Mustang has accounted for 59% of the two-door sports car segment. In fact, Mustang outsold the next best-selling non-premium sports car, the Toyota GR86, by more than seven times!



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome Brianna Hughes to the CMC Family! She just bought a new Mustang from Chapman, so hopefully she will join us at our next meeting, or our next meet-up to show off the new Mustang!

A LITTLE JOKE

A pea, a lemon and a potato were leaving a bar at the top of a very steep hill after a long night. The pea, feeling quite energetic, shouted, "Lads! We're all round—let's just roll home!: and immediately shot down the hill.

The lemon wobbled after him, but his oval shape made him list violently from side to side, which did nothing for his unsettled stomach. The potato followed behind, trundling along slowly.

When the potato finally reached the bottom, he found the lemon leaning against a lamp post, looking very pale and clearly sick. The pea, however, was already jumping up and down. "That was brilliant! Let's do it again!"

The potato looked at the lemon, then back at the pea, and said: "Easy peasy, lemon's queasy."

DEATH OF THE STICK SHIFT?

Less than 1% of new vehicles made for the U.S. market in 2025 were stick shifts, which is an all-time low. The demise is blamed on the rise of EV models, and younger drivers who do not know how to drive them—or have access to them to learn.

Volkswagon, Toyota, Honda and BMW are all moving away from the stick shift models at this time.

However, Ford CEO Jim Farley told the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix this year that he has NO plans to make the Mustang automatic only. He said: "Out of our cold dead hands will we not have a manual Mustang". Great quote, right?

Taken from The Washington Post 7/17/26

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'.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 8th—Board Meeting—2:00pm 3950 N 89th, Scottsdale AZ

August 8th—General Meeting—3:00pm 3950 N 89th, Scottsdale AZ

August 15th—Woodward Dream Cruise in Detroit 9:00am to 9:00pm

August 29th—Martin Auto Museum, meet at 10:00am 4320 W Thunderbird Rd, Glendale

September 12th—Board Meeting—2:00pm 3950 N 89th, Scottsdale AZ

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October 10th—Board Meeting—2:00pm 3950 N 89th, Scottsdale AZ

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October 24th—Monsoon Madness Car Show

November 14th—In lieu of the General Meeting, our Pizza Party!

December 12th—Annual Christmas party at Drew's home at 4701 E. Calle Del Norte



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