

# MUSTANG MIRROR

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Ken Martin

For the Love of CARS

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Why do we love cars? Is it the shine of a great paint job? Is it the variety of make and model? It probably has a lot to do with the sound of a great engine and the feel of acceleration on a stretch of straight road. There is another reason why we love cars: they take us places!

Recently Kristen and I drove back to the Hall of Flame Museum in Phoenix, one of our favorite places. In the gift shop we found an amazing book, 111 must see places in Phoenix. The Hall of Flame is #1 out of the 111 places to discover in Phoenix. I decided to fill your mind with a few great local destinations for you, your family, and your car.

**#56:** Japanese Friendship Garden, a collaboration between Phoenix and Sister City Himeji, Japan, displaying four regions of Japan here in Phoenix. 1125 N 3rd Ave, Phoenix, 85003.

**#16:** Buddy Stubs Historical Motorcycle Museum, the home of 135 working motorcycles, and a recreation of Evel Knievel's 1967 shattered Caesar's Palace fountain jump bike.

Free Admission. 13850 N Cave Creek Rd, Phoenix, 85022.

**#34:** The Estrella Star Tower, a 50-foot spiral star-gazing tower in the community of Estrella in Goodyear. 8614 Estrella Parkway, Goodyear.

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER (CONT'D)

#85: The Dessert Botanical Garden, home of more than 50,000 plants and 4,500 species including 500 rare and endangered plants. 1201 N Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, 85008.

#58: Lix Uptown Ice Cream, with a giant pink gorilla, a comfy couch and great ice cream. 3343-3 N. 7th Ave, Phoenix 85013

Happy driving!

### CAR SHOW INFORMATION

With the Car Show 'only' 4 months away, it's time to start collecting raffle items! We're looking gift cards for gas or restaurants. Also gift baskets—think wine, games, or car supplies. Maybe you have old unused unopened gifts just sitting around? Please let Kristen know of any items you collect, so we are able to thank the vendors in the news letter as well as at the show.

Also, consider how you will be able to help the weekend of the show. We'll need judges, assistance with parking, setting up and taking down. We'll also need assistance with the raffle tables and with the check in process. Signup sheets will be available at our monthly meetings, or by reaching out to Randy, Ken or Kristen.

### A COUPLE LITTLE JOKES

I overheard some guy bragging about his Mustang doing 0-90 in 2.5 seconds.

I asked him if that was in kilometers or something else. He replied No - in Decibels!

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What does a mustang order at Starbucks?

A Mach-e-auto.

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Alabama State Troopers were chasing a Mustang east on I-20 toward Georgia.

When the suspect crossed the Georgia line, the first Trooper pulled over quickly. The Rookie Trooper pulled in behind him and said, "Hey Sarge, why did you stop?"

The Sarge replied, "Forget it, he's in Georgia now. They're an hour ahead of us, so we'll never catch him."

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OVER 40 TROPHY CLASSES WITH 1ST & 2ND PLACE TROPHIES

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## CMC GENERAL MEETING JUNE 14, 2025

Officers and Board members present were Ken, Randy, JoAnn, Alyce, Kristen, Joe, Maureen, Joice Drew and Phyllis. Meeting opened with a pledge of allegiance of the flag lead by Phyllis.

Guest introduced was Fran Pizzo He recently purchased a 2012 Boss 302. That's his Red Mustang on the next page.

Show talk included the flyer printed and classes for judging and trophies. The classes can be adjusted as to registrants and other items. Must include the Chapman address on the flyer and also say the Shelby representative from area will be at the show and the Ford Racing trailer will be at the show. There will be plenty of parking for cars and spectators. Everyone is encouraged to ask businesses for donations for show. Chapman will have social media advertising to promote the show. The Chapman employees are very involved and providing things for the show All club members are needed to help with various jobs to be done at the show.

Our club is offering a free 1 year membership into Copperstate to anyone that buys a new or used Mustang from Chapman. A letter is being drawn up and a folder will be provided to the new car owner.

News articles, jokes and stories for the newsletter should be sent to Maureen at GT500@twocool.net.

Reminder for everyone of upcoming events:

June 28 Meet at Music Instruments Museum 10 am entry fee is \$20 for adults

July 26th Drive to Tortilla Flats for lunch: 10:30 am Meet at Frys Grocery on the corner of Idaho and Apache Trail in Apache Junction. Meet in the sw corner of the parking lot near the gas station. We will caravan to Tortilla Flats for lunch. Bob 480 793 4586 or Alyce 408 532 1940

August 16 Meet at Fat Cats 5846 E Longbow Parkway (Recker and 202) , Mesa 10 am for miniature golf

September 20 Lenny's Burger 1245 S Southern Mesa Lunch 11 am

Door prizes were won. 50/50 was won by Maureen.

Meeting adjourned

Alyce Ancell, Secretary

## MEETING PICTURES

### JUNE 14, 2025



Just a few of the Mustangs that came out for the meeting on Saturday.



# HOW FREE FRIES AND A FERRARI LOVER BUILD A SATURDAY NIGHT TRADITION

BY GEORGE SPATOLA

FROM THE JUNE 2025 ISSUE OF THE RODDIN.COM

In the early '90's, Mark Kramer - a Ferrari enthusiast and McDonald's Franchisee - built the first McDonald's on Native American land at the Pavilions. When I took over managing the store, business was slow, mostly to freeway construction delays that impacted traffic and visibility.

At the same time, several fast-food joints in the area were actively kicking out car clubs and their gatherings. So, Shari Fransen-Lopez and I visited these locations and invited the clubs and car owners to our McDonald's instead - with the promise of free fries.

That first Friday, 11 cars showed up (including one truck). The next night, there were 10. By the following Friday, about 20 teens arrived in mini trucks, blasting music. The Salt River Police quickly shut it down and contacted McDonald's corporate marketing. The next morning, I got a call from the marketing director who told me, "If any cars show up tonight, kick them out. No more car shows allowed."

But Mark came out that Saturday night, saw just over 20 cars gathering, and committed to supporting the event. He arranged for security and worked with SRPD directly, even offering the officers free meals. He also made a donation to their teen police program, and the show continued.

The following year, my portable boombox stopped working. That's when Johnny from Johnny B's Entertainment stepped in and offered to bring out his sound system. The first night he played music, the Scottsdale Police showed up in response to noise complaints from across Pima Road. They asked us to shut it down.

Once again, Mark went to bat for the show. I remember sitting in meetings with homeowners and city officials, working to find a compromise. We repositioned the speakers and agreed on set hours for music. The show was saved again – and if you're a classic car owner, you know it is still going strong every Saturday night.

In 1996, the McDonalds set a dinner sales record thanks to the show. The following January, in 1997, the location hosted a charity event that raised over \$10,000 for veterans. Then in 2003, the mall management tried to shut the event down after more than 100 motorcycles showed up one weekend. Mark responded by hiring additional security and even gave one of the mall's VP's a pass for free food at all of his stores. Crisis averted – again!

That same year, while Mark and I were walking the show, he asked me, "Do you want to own a Ferrari someday?" I told him I was aiming for a nice classic Mustang. That annoyed him at first - until I explained I needed four seats. Later that night, he called me outside to show me the Ferrari Mondial - a four seater. He even gave me some seed money for a future classic car and made me promise: after I bought a Mustang, I had to eventually go after a Ferrari. I let that fund grow over the years.

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# HOW FREE FRIES AND A FERRARI LOVER BUILD A SATURDAY NIGHT TRADITION (CONT'D)

BY GEORGE SPATOLA

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MAY 17, 2025

In 2020, while doing volunteer work with veterans, I met Bob. He asked for help selling some belongings, including a few cars. We became friends, though I never sold a single vehicle - he just wasn't ready to part with them.

Then one summer evening, Bob asked, "Do you want to buy my Mustang?" I told him it was out of my price range. He said he didn't care about the money - he just wanted someone who would love the car. We agreed to an "evil split" deal: we'd each write down a price. If our numbers were within \$1,000 of each other, the sale would go through. Otherwise, we'd walk away as friends.

I told Bob I wasn't offering the car's true value - just what I had saved from the fund Mark helped start. He smirked when I revealed my number, then turned his over: "George's number +\$999. We laughed. He was happy I was happy.

Then he called that night and asked, "Would you be mad if I backed out". I don't want to sell my favorite car". I told him it was OK. He promised that if he ever changed his mind, I'd have first dibs.

Later that year, Bob called again. He said he'd nearly crashed the Mustang and didn't trust himself behind the wheel anymore. He sold me the car for our agreed price. Two weeks later, he tragically died in a car accident.

During the COVID years, I spoke with Mark a few times. He reminded me of my promise. Not long before his passing, I found a Ferrari for sale and gave him a call to share the news. He wasn't feeling well and couldn't join in to look at it - that was the last time we spoke

To my surprise, when I went to see the car, it was the same Ferrari that used to show up at the Pavilions show. I now own that car, too.

I still make it out to the show every few months. Every time I do, I sit back, look around, and feel amazed by the community. The families, the longtime regulars, the cars - it's all still there. Still going strong.

**The above article was submitted by Bob Ancell Thanks Bob!!!**

## MUSTANG NEWS

Ford introduced the Raptor Series with the F-150 Raptor, then the Bronco Raptor and then moved to the only car Ford sells today, the Mustang. This Mustang Raptor will get all wheel drive, but will go without a two-speed transfer case and will have NO manual option. It will however, likely sport a 700-hp v-8 with a supercharger 'whining like a mosquito from hell'.

Pricing somewhere around \$90,000 - \$110,000.



In other Mustang news, have you heard of a Mustang Mach 4? It's a rumored 4 door version of the Ford Mustang, potentially as a sedan or coupe with a rear door.

Ford CEO Jim Farley has suggested that a four door mustang is possible, as long as it captures the spirit and performance of the original.

Is Ford creating a family of Mustang models to fit into it's 'No Boring Cars' mentality, which could include a sedan?



## INTERESTING NEWS

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## OUR NEXT MEET-UP!



**ATTENTION:** On July 16th, we'll be going out to Tortilla Flats, northeast of Apache Junction. We can enjoy lunch at the Tortilla Flats Saloon. Meet at Frys Grocery on the corner of Idaho and Apache Trail in Apache Junction, in the sw corner of the parking lot near the gas station. We will caravan to Tortilla Flats for lunch. Bob 480 793 4586 or Alyce 408 532 1940



## HELP PLEASE!

Please send your "First Rides" articles, your "Members Mustang Stories" and any Mustang pictures to Maureen at [GT500@twocool.net](mailto: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 MEMBERS CORNER

We'd love to welcome some new members, but not this month!

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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"

#### ZACH MILAZZO

Zach is a metrology specialist skilled in CMM, 3D scanning, reverse engineering, and GD&T analysis, ensuring high-accuracy part inspections and detailed inspection reports. With a strong background in measurement technology, Zach expertise in modeling for Engine One Performance.



#### CHRISTIAN ESCOBAR

Introducing Alpha Manufacturing Solutions (AMS). The company founded in 2009, is a family owned and certified minority owned business that recently achieved their AS9100D and ISO 9001:2015 certification (with remarkably '0' findings). AND they offer 5 axis machining. Christian Escobar, who graduated 4 years ago from the Arizona State University Polytechnic Campus with a degree in Manufacturing Engineering, does CNC machining for Engine One Performance.

#### RICHARD FLOR

Richard Flor- Operations Manager  
Richard is responsible for overseeing business activities to ensure operational efficiency and effectiveness. His key duties include risk management, implementing policies and procedures, and ensuring compliance with applicable laws and regulations



### Engine One Performance is Hiring!

We're looking to grow our team with passionate and motivated individuals. Join us in a dynamic environment where training is provided and growth is encouraged.

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

**July 4th—HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!**

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

**July 12th—General Meeting—3:00pm 3950 N 89th, Scottsdale, AZ**

**July 26th—CMC Meet-up—Cruise to Tortilla Flats for lunch. Meet at Frys Grocery on the corner of Idaho and Apache Trail in Apache Junction, in the corner of the parking lot near the gas station. We will caravan to Tortilla Flats for lunch. Call Bob 480 793 4586 or Alyce 408 532 1940 for more information**

**August 9th—Board Meeting—2:00pm 3950 N 89th, Scottsdale, AZ**

**August 9th—General Meeting—3:00pm 3950 N 89th, Scottsdale, AZ**

**August 16th—Miniature Golf at Fat Cats — 5846 E Longbow Parkway, Mesa. AZ Meet at 10:00am for golf and then lunch.**

**September 13th —Board Meeting—2:00pm 3950 N 89th, Scottsdale, AZ**

**September 13th —General Meeting—3:00pm 3950 N 89th, Scottsdale, AZ**

**September 20th—Meet at Lenny's Burgers, 1245 E Southern Ave, Mesa at 11:00**

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

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

**October 25th—Copperstate Mustang Car Show**

