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From the Editor



Dear Mustangers

Welcome to the 2025 February Newsletter put together by David Brown. The Club had a great year in 2024 and I am looking forward to having another great year in 2025. This is my 3rd year as President and I want to thank those Board members for all of their help in getting 2024 put together and welcoming the new Board members along with some of the repeat members for 2025.

I also want to give a special thanks to Mimi at Rosies Dinner for letting the club have their Christmas Party there which was a good turn out and success.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2025

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Upcoming CLUB and NON Club Events

Blue: Club Board Meeting

Green: Monthly Club Meeting

NEXT MEETINGS: Board Meeting, Phil Long at 6:30 in the Conference Room

Wednesday, Feb 5th.

EVENTS: Club and Non-Club

February 15, 2025 Club Meeting at Rosies Dinner. Social hour starts at 2pm and meeting starts at 3pm

TBD—CARS 'N COFFEE, University Village Colorado, 4880-5342 North Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO <https://www.uvcshopping.com/>

Get more information on events at www.mustangers.com.

Cruise Controller: Reed Hilterman (cruisecontroller@mustangers.com)

13 Iconic Mustangs That Always Steal the Show

13 Iconic Mustangs That Always Steal the Show ©Provided by AWW Media [US]

The Ford Mustang is a muscle car icon and possibly an American legend. Introduced in 1964, it revolutionized the car world, introduced the Pony Car to the global stage, and is still in production. The first-generation Mustang is arguably the most loved. But over the years, Ford has produced multiple versions of the Mustang, some with outside assistance, that achieve iconic status. This list contains 13 of those Mustangs. The chosen models vary from regular production versions to special editions. To be a part of our list, each one has had to have a strong reception and legacy; in some cases, they are rare.

First-Generation Ford Mustang ©Image Credit: Ford.

We had to start this list with the [first generation of the Mustang](#). Ford introduced its new “Pony Car” in 1964, and the short deck and long hood instantly took people’s breath away. Things improved when Ford introduced V8s to the lineup, initially selling the Mustang with Thriftpower in-line-six engines.

Popularity for muscle cars skyrocketed, and the new Mustang provided fearsome competition for the Pontiac GTO. Frustratingly, Ford took a step backward when the second generation of the Mustang launched in the 1970s.

1965 Ford Mustang Shelby GT350 ©Image Credit: Barrett-Jackson.

One genuine Shelby Mustang is the 1965 Shelby GT350. Arguably, it is the best Mustang ever produced and certainly the ultimate version of the first-generation Mustang. Shelby [offered the GT350 in 1965 and 1966](#), each with a 289 ci K-Code V8 with a bigger carburetor, high-rise intake manifold, and free-flowing exhaust manifolds.

These changes boosted power from 271 hp to 306 hp. The Shelby factory also tweaked the Mustang platform, enabling it to perform on the racetrack. It did so successfully, winning the SCCA Championship in its class for three years running.

1966 Bertone Mustang ©Image Credit: Bertone.

The [1966 Bertone Mustang](#) is a glorious creation. However, the sad thing is that no one knows where it is today. Legendary automotive designer Bertone wanted to get his hands on a Mustang and work magic with it, so he bought a 289 ci fastback Mustang to do that. Bertone gave the Mustang a lower stance and a sleeker body, creating a more streamlined muscle car. A change of note was the new glasshouse canopy. The Mustang disappeared after appearing at the 1965 New York Motor Show and other events. There is no trace of the Bertone Mustang post the 1960s, but many believe it exists somewhere.



1968 Ford Mustang California Special ©Image Credit: Original uploaded by Wiki righter (Transferred by Peter.shaman) – Original uploaded on en.wikipedia, CC BY-SA 3.0/WikiCommons.

In 1968, Ford dealerships in California convinced the Blue Oval to create a particular version of the Mustang to promote their home state. Ford came up [with the California Special](#), based on the regular GT version but with a few changes to differentiate it.

The California Special was designed as a hybrid of the Mustang GT and Shelby, so it had a sportier look. It had fiberglass body components, hood pins, side scoops, and a rear spoiler. It had rectangular fog lamps up front, Thunderbird taillights in the rear, and unique GT/CS logos. Ford only produced 4,118 of them, with 251 rebranded as High Country Specials in Colorado.

1969 Ford Mustang Boss 429 ©Image Credit: CJ DUB – Own work, CC BY-SA 2.0 ca/WikiCommons.

In the late 1960s, Ford wanted to use its massive 429 ci V8 engine for NASCAR. However, to do so legally, Ford had to offer the engine to Ford customers, so it decided to place the engine into its flagship muscle car. That led to the [creation of the Mustang Boss 429](#).

Ford had to drastically modify the front suspension setup to fit the massive V8. But fit it, they did, creating a NASCAR special with 375 hp and 450 lb-ft of torque. Ford, though, had wasted its time, as the 429 V8 only offered a slight advantage in NASCAR competition, and it never raced. But it did give us one of the most insane Mustangs of all time.

PROTON COMPETITION, FORD PERFORMANCE ON LE MANS PODIUM IN MUSTANG GT3 DEBUT

1969 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 Cobra Jet ©Image Credit: Mecum Auctions.

While it may carry the Shelby name, the reality is that the 1969 Shelby Mustangs had very little to do with Carroll Shelby. At that point, he had already canceled his contract to produce them from 1970 onwards. [The 1969 GT500](#) had more Ford involvement than it did Shelby, and it was less agile as a result.

But it still stood out from the standard range. The unique styling was one thing, but Ford did extract more power from the car. Under the hood was the 428 ci Cobra Jet V8, producing 335 hp and 440 lb-ft of torque. It isn't a faithful Shelby, but the 1969 GT500 Cobra Jet is an excellent Mustang.

1971 Ford Mustang Mach 1 ©Image Credit: Cromwell Classics.

Ford introduced the Mustang Mach 1 in 1969, but [its peak was in 1971](#). Ford made a few changes to the cosmetic package, which stood out from the earlier editions. This was thanks to a redesign for the Mustang that introduced a more angular front, a more aggressive stance, and a Fastback body style.

Ford also made the Mustang longer and broader, while the Mach 1 had extras like body-colored bumpers and stripes on the sides and the front hood. The Mach 1 had a 7.0-liter V8 under the hood, producing 370 hp and 450 lb-ft of torque

1978 Ford Mustang II King Cobra ©Image Credit: Ford.

In the 1970s, Ford had to make the best of a bad situation. Thanks to the oil crisis, the new second-generation Mustang was down on power, and its revised looks didn't sit well with the public even if sales were strong. But the best version of this generation [was the 1978 King Cobra](#), mainly for its spectacular design.

The King Cobra had a large rear spoiler, a front splitter, and a bulging hood. Stripes down the side and a bold pattern on the hood added to the look. The 4.9-liter V8 only produced 133 hp and 243 lb-ft of torque, but that didn't stop the King Cobra from looking epic.

1981 Ford Mustang McLaren M81 ©Image Credit: Mecum Auctions.

The striking [Ford Mustang McLaren M81](#) might not be one of the most recognizable versions of the Mustang, but it is one of the rarest, with only ten ever produced in 1981.

After Ford's success at the 1981 24 Hours of Daytona, with a car built by McLaren and Motorcraft, the Blue Oval wanted to mark the occasion. So, they partnered with McLaren's United States engine division to create the M81. McLaren gave the 2.3-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine a "hot rod tune-up." It now produced 174 horsepower (hp), a respectable figure in a fuel crisis era.

1984 Ford Mustang SVO

©Image Credit: Ford.

As the third-generation Mustang wore on, it slowly began to put the troublesome 1970s behind the model. In 1984, Ford gave the Mustang a turbocharged four-cylinder and placed it in [a particular version called the SVO](#).

The SVO's engine produced 175 horsepower, which increased to 205 horsepower in 1985. The torque was rated at 248 lb-ft, and Ford also upgraded the suspension, brakes, and steering. The SVO also had a more aerodynamic body and a new limited-slip differential. It wasn't as powerful as earlier Mustangs, but it was a step in the right direction.

1993 Ford Mustang SVT Cobra

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Ford wanted to go out in style in the final year of the original Fox-Body Mustang. It had earlier created the SVT Cobra editions, and [the 1993 model](#) was the final one for the third-generation muscle car. Under the hood, a highly modified 302 ci V8 was sitting, with GT40 "High Flow" cast iron cylinder heads and roller rocker arms.

The changes meant the V9 produced 235 hp and 280 lb-ft of torque. That was plenty for the time and more time than muscle cars had during the previous two decades. Ford also stripped out the Mustang, shedding some 450 lbs of weight by removing the rear seats and air conditioning.

2003 Ford Mustang SVT Cobra

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The Fox-Body Mustang is one of the most popular muscle car generations. It debuted in 1979 and was upgraded in the early 1990s for the fourth-generation Mustang. Ford knew how popular it was. So, in 2003, it decided to [say goodbye to this fourth-generation muscle car](#) with a bang. They built the SVT Cobra, turning the Mustang into a full-blown sports car.

Under the hood, the SVT Cobra had a 390 hp V8 engine, with added supercharging, good enough for a 0-60 mph time of just 4.5 seconds. It is one of the most underrated Mustang models ever produced and the perfect way to say goodbye to the Fox-Body.

2025 Ford Mustang GTD

©Image Credit: Ford.

It is fair to say that the upcoming Mustang GTD has already become an icon, even if it isn't yet available. This new version of the 2024 Mustang range will have a 5.2-liter V8 engine under the hood, producing up to 800 hp and turning [the Mustang into an all-American supercar](#).

The GTD is based on the Mustang GT3, which currently races in the WEC and IMSA. Unlike the race car, the GTD is road-legal, and only a handful of Ford customers will get the chance to experience it. It is one of the most insane versions of the Mustang ever made.

Thank you letter from Toys For Tots

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January 8, 2025

Rocky Mountain Mustangers
PO Box 7102
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We want to express our sincere gratitude for your donation of \$200.00. Thanks to your generous donation to Pikes Peak Toys for Tots 2024 campaign, we were able purchase toys to cover the shortages in certain age groups and genders.

Your generosity provided a brighter Christmas for several families and put smiles on many children's faces Christmas morning. Thank you!!

You truly make a difference in our community. May your New Year be blessed.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Miller".

Russ Miller
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719-235-1058

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donna Rae Smith".

Donna Rae Smith
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ROCKY MOUNTAIN MUSTANGERS 2025 SUMMER PICNIC! (TBD)

Hi there – this is Lynn Murphy, your 2025 Summer Picnic Coordinator!

We are looking for ideals for this next annual picnic! I need to make arrangements way ahead of time for the ordering of the main food items and drinks. We may be having the event catered which is a thought. At the last Board meeting it was suggested using a food truck for the picnic. Will have to look into reserving a food truck early. Will comments from YOU, the membership!

1. How many will be attending?
2. Are you providing a side dish – Salad, Hot Dish, Desert Appetizer Other?
3. What is your choice of Meat? Beef Brisket? Turkey? Chicken ? Pulled Pork? or 'OTHER'

If 'OTHER' please list your preference.



There will be live music and games (Corn Hole)!

The club will provide cold drinks and water!

We have Saturday July 5th reserved for the picnic in Woodland Park. Will have the club to vote on this.

RMMC LOGO WEAR FROM ALL AMERICAN SPORTS

If you want to get club gear (i.e., shirts, jackets, sweatshirts, ball caps, etc.) printed with the RMMC logos, contact Leslie Fecteau (719-574-4400) at **All American Sports** to schedule an appointment. She is in charge of all club apparel and screen printing. You can select from the existing racks to find something you like; but if it is not in your size/color, she can order it. She already has all the RMMC logos and can usually get your gear ordered and printed within a week. Get your club gear and proudly display our RMMC logos at all car club events.

Respectfully submitted, George Harris



A collection of various tools and equipment arranged on a wooden surface. The items include a pressure washer, a laser level, a tape measure, a wrench, a belt, and several cables. The tools are mostly in their original packaging, which is visible in the background. The items are arranged in a somewhat organized manner, with the pressure washer on the left, the laser level in the center, and the tape measure on the right. The background shows a white wall and a wooden floor.

JANUARY 25, 2025**Minutes of the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Mustang Club
25 January 2025**

Meeting was called to order at 2:50 PM by President Dave Brown.

There were no new members or guests present.

There were no minutes taken at the December meeting.

The treasurer's report was read.

Old Business

Terry Myers has volunteered to be the club newsletter editor. Thank you Terry for doing this. Members are encouraged to submit content to him to help with this task.

New Business

The members need to contact sponsors for 2025. The club flyer cannot be completed until we have the sponsors on board.

There is need for members to get involved in planning club activities. Either take the initiative to plan an event or give your suggestions to Reed.

It is still not known if the club will be able to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade or not.

Lynn Murphy has said that she will chair the club picnic. George Harris said that he would help Lynn with the picnic. Thank you for doing this.

There was a discussion about changing the meeting location. A motion was made to try having the meetings at Rosie's Dinner for the next 6 months. The motion passed with 3 negative votes. This will be included in the club newsletter and on the website.

Dave is going to check with Mark Barton about the club benefits at Phil Long. Some members are complaining that this is not being honored by the dealership.

Registration for the Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup will open on February 2. It will be a 2 day event with both the autocross and the scenic tour being held on Friday and the Show and Shine on Saturday. The Chamonix Hotel will host the RMMR again over Father's Day weekend and there will be a catered reception at the Cripple Creek Community Center. The club must pay club dues of \$150 to the event.

Cars and parts were announced.

The raffle was held and the meeting adjourned at 3:23 PM.

Membership Form

Rocky Mountain Mustangers Club
2025 Membership Form
Please bring to a meeting or mail to:
RMMC, P.O. Box 7102, Colorado Springs, CO 80933



PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

☐ For renewing members check this box if there are no changes from your 2024 information.

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Spouse's name: _____ Children's names: _____

Mustang(s):

YEAR _____ MODEL _____ BODY STYLE _____

YEAR _____ MODEL _____ BODY STYLE _____

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Membership: The RMMC membership year runs from January 1st – December 31st.
Please pay by cash or check ONLY. Make checks payable to RMMC.

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Initial Single Membership (\$50.00) _____

Renewal Single Membership (\$40.00) _____

Honorary Membership (\$30.00) _____

NOTE: Membership renewal is due yearly by the February club meeting.
This form must be signed and dated.

Insurance Release Statement

I hereby understand that I am fully responsible for my automobile(s) and its contents, and agree to hold harmless the Rocky Mountain Mustangers, Inc., its members, and any volunteers from and against any claim for damage, injury, or loss to person or property which might or does arise out of participation in any club sanctioned activity. I further attest that my automobile(s) in a club sponsored event is/are covered by liability insurance as per the requirements of the State of Colorado.

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of your Insurance Company: _____

Information provided on this form is club confidential and not to be released without the club member's knowledge and permission.

Below is a list of club members that you may contact for suggestions and/or questions.

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CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

The Rocky Mountain Mustangers take pride in our Club being an organized club with monthly meetings and events. We enjoy having members of all ages participate and show their love for the Mustang, from a new car to a classic car, a show car and a race car, and up and coming cars. We have had numerous members come and go from the Club for various reasons. The Board of Directors does not want to see any of our members treat other members, or potential members inappropriately, with comments or actions. In accordance with our By-Laws, the Board of Directors will ask anyone found causing embarrassment to the Club to resign.

