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of the Orange County  
Mustang Club*




*Great Fun  
at our Annual  
Wine Cruise*



## The Orange County Mustang Club

In 1987, a group of individuals who appreciated the beauty and performance of the Ford Mustang joined together to form the Orange County Mustang Club. Their purpose was to promote the restoration, preservation and enjoyment of the Ford Mustang. With this goal in mind, members get together monthly, promote car shows, hold social activities, cruise together, attend parades and join in other activities to foster the love of the Mustang. Any person who appreciates the Mustang, no matter what model or year is welcome to join our club. If you'd like to meet new friends and have fun, inquire with any member or go to: [OCMustangClub.com](http://OCMustangClub.com) for information about joining the club.

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Finances	
<b><u>As of March 2026</u></b>	
Starting Balance	\$19,436.00
Income	\$653.02
Expenses	\$1,422.92
Ending Balance	\$18,666.10
2026 Donations in Bank	\$43.00

**Charity Donations in 2025 = \$10,005**

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## MONTHLY EVENTS

- 1st **Sunday** - Cars & Coffee - Segerstrom Shelby Event Center - Irvine 7:30-9:30am
- 1st **Friday** - Elks Lodge Car Show - 7212 Melrose, Buena Park 4-8pm
- 3rd **Sunday** - Hwy 39 Event Ctr - Car Show & Breakfast - 1563 S State College Blvd, An: 10am-1pm
- Every **Friday** – Garden Grove Main Street - Car Show – Historic Main Street 5-8pm
- Every **Saturday** – Donut Derelicts - Corner of Adams & Magnolia, HB 6-8am

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

# It's our turn to be the guests



## SOUTH

MEETS

## NORTH

## April 25th



## CRUISE

AND

## POKER

## RUN



**\$4750 donated to the Down Syndrome Association of Orange County**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### UP COMING EVENTS

3/18	Chat 'N Chew at Denny's, Santa Ana
3/21	OCMC/MOCC at Lions Automobilia
4/8	General Meeting at Zito's Pizza, Orange
4/15	Chat 'N Chew at Denny's, Santa Ana
4/18	Mustang Anniversary Cruise to Laguna Beach
4/25	North/South Poker Run at MOCC
5/2	Orange Parade
5/3	Annual Club Picnic
5/13	General Meeting at Zito's Pizza, Orange
5/17	MOCC Car Show at Warner Center Park
5/20	Chat 'N Chew at Denny's, Santa Ana
5/23	Strawberry Festival Parade
6/6	Huntington Beach Car Show
6/7	Steve McQueen Car Show at Boy's Republic
6/10	General Meeting at Zito's Pizza, Orange
6/17	Chat 'N Chew at Denny's, Santa Ana



# MEMBERSHIP

Your membership supports the club so we can offer activities and events for you.

If your membership is due, you can send a check payable to the Orange County Mustang Club.

**OR** Pay online at: [OCMustangClub.com](http://OCMustangClub.com)  
 Questions: Sharron Hennings (714) 222-1309



## MEMBERSHIPS DUE NOW OR SOON

Member Name	Mem #	Renewal Date
Michael Castillo	2164	3/1/2026
Mike Hein	2056	12/1/2025
Daniel Morgan	2062	2/1/2026
Tim & Gale Osborn	242	3/3/2026
Omar & Moriah Palacios	1644	3/1/2026
Thomas & Angie Reddick	1917	2/1/2026
Juan & Yasmin Ruiz	2128	2/1/2026



Through the years Rona Brynin has owned seven Mustangs. Last December she joined the OC Mustang Club while shopping for her next pony. It took longer than she hoped but she found it and it's a beauty! She's looking forward to meeting everyone and cruising with us in her 2008 pony.



Wonderful Valentine cakes at our general meeting

WELCOME NEW MEMBER – SONIA PATRICK  
 1966 Classic Ford Mustang with the Coyote Engine.

Sonia Patrick's love for Mustangs started when she received a 1966 Mustang for her 15th birthday. Years later, as a single parent, she sold the Mustang to help fund a down payment on a home for her and her two sons.



In recognition of her sacrifices, her eldest son, Rudy Mendoza, contacted *The Ride That Got Away*, a reality television series that reunites individuals with cherished vehicles they were forced to sell due to financial hardship. The show locates the original vehicle—or a comparable model—restores and customizes it and then reveals it as a surprise. Originally on the History Channel, it's now available on Prime – Season 1; Episode 3.

Sonia has been enjoying her new car and our events. And, yes, this 1966 really does have a 5.0 Coyote Engine.



Jeffrey & Sandy Bobka owned a 1998 Convertible Mustang when they joined the OCMC nearly 4 years ago. Then, they traded for a newer convertible pony; a 2004. Nope, not new enough, this week Jefferey went to Ken Grody to check out some of the newer cars and came home with this beautiful 2023. Sandy can't wait to drive in some parades.



**\*\*\* CHECK YOUR CALENDER \*\*\***

**CORRECT DATE IS MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>. SUNDAY**



**Come join us for a fun day with friends, family, fun games and food!**

**Yorba Regional Park  
7600 E La Palma Ave,  
Anaheim, CA 92807**

**Fun starts at 10:30am.**

Yorba Regional Park does have a \$5 per vehicle parking fee.

**We're looking forward to seeing you there.**

**Only \$5 for members & \$10 each for Non-Members**

**ALL GENERATION**

## **Mustang Anniversary Cruise to Ruby's Diner Saturday, April 18, 2026**

Cruise your awesome Mustang through the twisting canyons, glide onto Pacific Coast Highway and soak up that California sunshine. The blue ocean will be calling your name or is that a Chocolate Shake calling you to Ruby's Diner?



**Meet behind Zito's Pizza  
2036 N. Tustin Street, Orange  
Meet/Depart: 9am - 9:30**

**Lunch at Ruby's Diner  
30622 PCH, Laguna Beach**

**PLEASE RSVP SO WE HAVE A COUNT FOR RUBY'S - [www.OCMustangClub.com](http://www.OCMustangClub.com)**

# PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS



There weren't as many cars as usual for this year's BBQ cruise to Temecula, but by the time we arrived at Phil's BBQ, we had gathered a large group. Several members who live in that area met us there, including Barb and Lloyd DeLong. Janice Jacques & I went to a t-ball game first, while others joined us later for various reasons. The food was delicious!

After lunch, a few headed to the casinos, while most of us continued to Del Vino Winery. The winery is beautifully situated on a hilltop, offering stunning views of the surrounding vineyards. More members met up with us there, including longtime member **Art Stromer** and his friend **Donna**. The day couldn't have been better, with clear blue skies and vineyards stretching out all around us.

Some members enjoyed wine tasting, while **Sandy, Irene, and Francie** kept the dance floor lively. Others took the opportunity to relax and enjoy the scenery. This event has always been a favorite, and once again it proved to be a wonderful day spent together.

## *To Honor and Preserve the Legacy of Motorsports & Car Culture in Southern California for Future Generations.*

The **Lions Automobilia Foundation Museum** is a non-profit corporation founded in December 2019 by So Cal businessman and car enthusiast, Rick Lorenzen. The nearly 100,000 sq. ft. facility not only includes galleries featuring **Southern California's famous car culture and rich motorsports history**, but also the **largest collection of Willys cars and trucks** in North America and the **Home of the Spirit of Lions Drag Strip Exhibit**. Donations support Foundation Operations, Youth and Career Path Programs or to specific project builds.

Meet at Zito's Pizza in Orange and cruise together for a great afternoon in this wonderful trip back in time.



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## The 3rd Wednesday of each month

Chat and Chew Feb. 18, 2026

Barb DeLong

Our February Valentine breakfast was full of chocolatey kisses and fun. We had a full house on the patio. However, some wimped out on a chill that heaters couldn't dispel so we ended up inside the restaurant. That's always an option.

Join us next time at 9 am on Wed. March 18<sup>th</sup> at Denny's, 2314 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Santa Ana (17<sup>th</sup> and the 55). We'll celebrate **ST. PATRICK'S DAY**, so be sure to wear something green or you'll suffer a pinch!



Who's the new waiter at Chat & Chew



Steve likes to wear interesting shirts



May 17<sup>th</sup>

### Shady Trees, Friendly Car Enthusiasts and Mustangs, Mustangs, Mustangs!!!

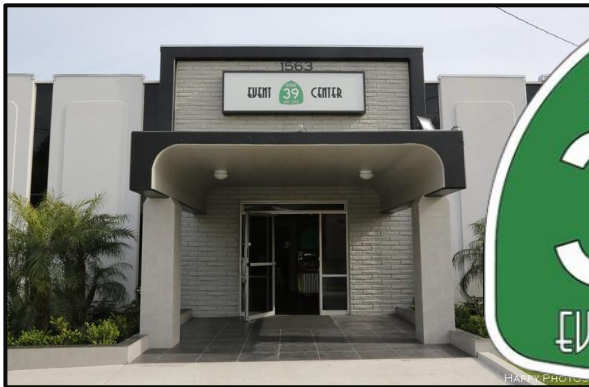
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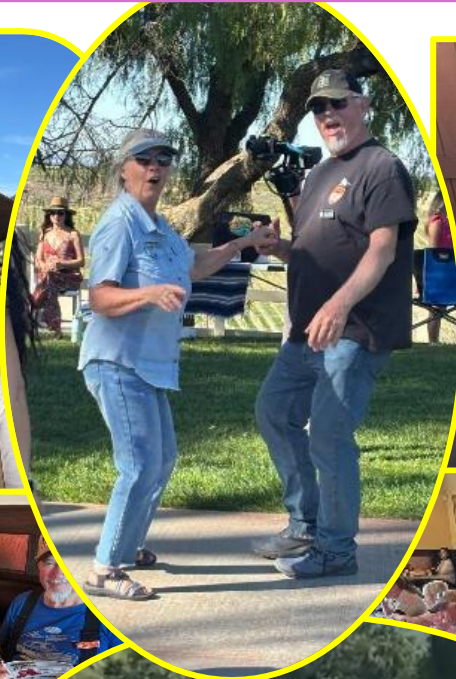
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Several OCMC members celebrated Valentines Day with a brunch and car show at the Highway 39 Event Center in Anaheim. Great friends came together for great food at a great venue. Highway 39 holds a brunch and car show from 10 to 1 on the third Sunday of every month.



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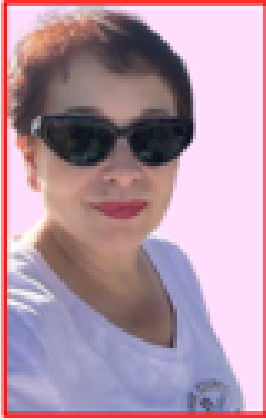


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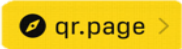
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- \* Meet new Friends that share the love of great cars
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- \* FREE access to our Platform/Website with information and shared forums.
- \* EXCLUSIVE notification when companies need a specific car for their advertisements, product install, parades...
- \* Enjoy the best cake – FREE at our General Meetings

Orange County Mustang Club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 7pm  
 at Zito's Pizza, 2036 N.Tustin St., Orange

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Annual Membership Dues: \$35.00 (1 year) - \$60 (2 years). Membership includes a Primary and an Associate Member.

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*From whom or where did you hear about OCMC? \_\_\_\_\_*  
*All members are required to observe The Orange County Mustang Club bylaws and are required to comply with the Financial Responsibility Laws as prescribed by The State of California. The OCMC reserves the right to refuse membership to any person.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Register online: [www.OCMustangClub.COM](http://www.OCMustangClub.COM)

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