



November 2024

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President's Corner

I hope everyone is doing well. Let me start off by saying I would like to thank everyone who helped with our Super-Cruise. We had great weather! Thank you for the items put on the silent auction table. Thank you for the door prizes. Thanks to all the people who gave to our Money Tree this year. Great prizes were given away. We all stepped up as usual, like one big family. I love all of you for that. We gave away \$4,000.00 to Villa Rica Shop with a Cop & we gave \$4,000.00 to Fullerville Mission. This should help a lot of less fortunate kids & adults, being so close to Thanksgiving & Christmas.

Don't forget your membership dues are due in November. They are \$36.00 for the year. I hope you all plan on renewing this year! We want you back in 2025.

Our next meeting is on November 5th at the Olive Tree. Dinner is at 6:00 o'clock. The meeting starts around 7:00 o'clock. Come and support your club & Mike at the Olive Tree. I hope to see a lot of there so you can show your support for your new board members. They are:

President - Jimmy Derrick

Vice President - Ronny White

Treasurer - Keila Spurlin

Secretary - Kim Eckert

Sponsorship - Judy Igarashi.

These will be your new board members when they are voted in on Tuesday.

Just think about it; we have one meeting left and our Christmas party. I hope we have a lot of members in attendance like last year! We could not have asked for a better turn out than we had last year. It was crowded, but we believe that problem is solved, since Brother's has expanded to a dedicated event space next door. So lets fill their new space this year and enjoy each other's company!

I hope I have not left anything out. As one last comment I want to say "thank you" from the bottom of my heart to all the members who have stood beside me for the past 3 years. I appreciate your support more than I can express. Thank you very much. God bless all of you.

Danny Davis

Vice President's Report

We just held our Super Cruise-In on October 19th. It was a fantastic event. I applaud Danny and the members of our club for the prework, and the effort put in prior to this event. The 5 "P"s come to mind when reviewing the performance of our club (proper preparation prevents poor performance). There were many club members there, bright and early on Saturday morning, to assist with the setup and the tear down of the tables and tents. I thank all who brought the auction items and the gift cards. There was an assortment of items displayed and many bids were placed to help raise money for our charities. Thanks also to those who have supported our cake walk this past year. Not only did it raise money for our charities, but all who participated

had fun. The Prize Tree for the Super Cruise In was full of gift cards and cash for our participants. The generosity of our club members and our participants was second to none. Most of our participants who won money, donated it back to the club for our charities.

It was extremely exciting watching as each winner came to the table to claim their prize. It was an emotional moment when Danny presented two of our charities a check for \$4,000 each at the end of the Super Cruise In. It is easy to see how the hard work done in our club touches so many lives.

In closing, I want to remind all, it's the little things and memories that mean the most to people. Thank you once again for all you do for the club, and I look forward to seeing each of you at the next meeting, the Christmas dinner, and next year's Cruise Ins.

Jimmy Derrick

Sponsorship Report

Carroll Food Mart.	Danny
Southwire	Nick
Teals Body/frame.	Danny
Advance Auto, in kind	Danny

Three month late window	
Morgan Oil	Gene
Lewis Thomas	Gene
Lake Carroll Lawn.	Gene

Our older cars often develop a leak from time to time. Most are fairly easy to correct without a great deal of expense. I am preparing the '66 GT Fairlane for the paint shop and needed to wash off the dust prior to begin wet sanding. I had worked on this windshield leak some time back and thought I had it resolved. After washing, I checked the passenger side floor board for dampness...WET!

Last resort issues are called that for a good reason. My glass man, whom I have known for 20 plus years was contacted. "Help!" He came out this past Monday to begin surgery on the existing windshield. The Fairlane has a glue in as opposed to a rubber seal; more difficult to remove.

Approximately 2/3 removed we hear a crack, not the smoking type.

Doug had observed the existing glass fit too close to the edge and commented, this doesn't appear to be correct for this car. Doug Porter is a seasoned veteran in his field and also loves working on the older cars and trucks. He has a 1960 F100 that he restored several years back.

Quick service, he called me Wednesday wanting to install the new glass Thursday, which we did. I found the source of the water invasion and repaired two small pin holes with JB Weld, great stuff on small jobs.

The new glass dropped into place much better aligned than the one we removed. I am blessed to have good reliable vendors to assist me in this hobby that I have chosen to help liquidate my 401 savings. Got to spend it... can't take it with you! Cost of the new shaded windshield \$420. No complaints here. Thank you Doug!

Don Edwards

Secretarial Report

Attached are the minutes of our October meeting. Thank you Lynn for filling in for me last month. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Kim Eckert

Treasurer's Report

Included in this issue of "Spark Plug" is the October Treasurer's report. A financial report of our Super-Cruise 2024, as required by our Bylaws, Article XII, Section 1, is also attached herein. Our Bylaws also require that any income generated by a Cruise-In or Show is to be designated for charitable purposes. We generated \$1831 and donated \$8000 to charities (the difference coming from our operating fund), thus complying with this requirement, leaving \$1000 in the charity fund for the Villa Rica Food Pantry, as approved by the membership in 2024. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Raylene Carroll

Our Next Meeting



Our November meeting, also known as our Annual Meeting, will be held on Tuesday, November 5th, at the Olive Tree Restaurant in Villa Rica. We will elect our 2025 Board of

Directors during this meeting. **Only members with paid dues for 2025 are allowed to vote, so please bring your \$36 dues with you if you haven't paid already.** If you plan on eating, please be there by 6pm. Our meeting will begin at 7pm.

November Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Birthday to:

Gina Derrick	11/6
Don Edwards	11/15
Alex Eison	11/12
Bob Igarashi	11/4
Steve Moon	11/9
Carol Moyses	11/13
Lynn Norris	11/8
Jeannette Ranero	11/26
Gloria Reed	11/23
Walt Smith	11/8
Jenny Smith	11/19
Nick Ware	11/18

Happy Anniversary to:

Jeff & Leah Glover	11/30
John & Mary Thornton	11/1

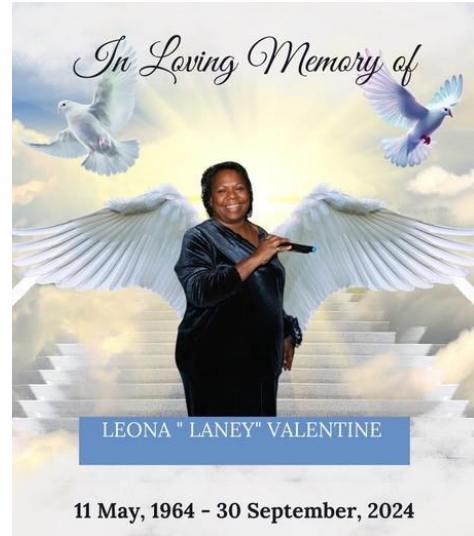
Dues are Due!

Our Bylaws clearly state that our dues are due on November 1st. We fudge a bit and allow payment at our November meeting. Our 2025 officers must be members to be elected and YOU must be a member to vote them in. It's important to continue your membership. Why? Well, first, we want you back! It has been great having you in the club, we've gotten to know you, and we've enjoyed working beside you. We'd like to continue this. And second, if you drop out and later decide to rejoin, you may have to reapply all over again. So do the easy thing and rejoin today! Make a point to come

to the meeting on the 5th, or send in your \$36 to the club PO Box. Do it now!

Our Sympathy

The Golden City Cruisers extend their heartfelt sympathy to the families of these two loved ones who passed away recently:



Ms. Leona "Laney" Valentine, 9/30/24, sister of Robert Torrence



[Mrs. Edwin Valentine](#), 10/2/24, mother of Michael Valentine

May the pleasant memories of these beloved family members be with you forever. Amen

**Golden City Cruisers Car Club
Olive Tree Restaurant
Villa Rica, Georgia
October 1, 2024**

Danny Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The club recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Membership matters – Danny Davis

Billy Glover thanked members for their concern over his recent hospital stay and for the support after their great grandchild's death. He also reported that Raymond Baker is trying an experimental cancer treatment. Raylene Carroll continues to recover from surgery. Robert Torrence's sister passed away.

Vice-president's report

Jimmy Derrick reported the potential problems with our parking lot due to Gold Dust Festival last month were managed well by our members. He thanked Nick and Lynn Ware for the Cake Walk number tiles.

Secretary's report

The September minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report was approved as printed in the newsletter.

Sponsorship report The sponsorship chair reminded members of sponsors due this month. Also printed in newsletter.

Activity report – Billy Glover

We had fourteen cars in the Gold Dust Parade. Our trip to Laurel Glen assisted living facility was postponed due to weather. We will be visiting the Carrollton Senior Center in November.

Unfinished business – general discussion

Danny Davis requested door prizes, silent auction items and money tree funds for the Super Cruise-In. Don Edwards will manage parking. Young's BBQ will have biscuits and coffee for our early morning set-up as well as their usual items for lunch. Members are encouraged to arrive at 8:30 to help with set up.

Plans for our Christmas party were discussed using Brothers Steakhouse, Mirror Lake Golf Club or Sutton's. The membership decided to use Sutton's in Carrollton for this event on December 3.

The nominating committee presented a slate of officers and asked for any other nominations. There being no other nominations, the slate of officers for 2025 is:

President-Jimmy Derrick
Vice-president- Ronnie White
Recording Secretary-Kim Eckert
Treasurer-Keila Spurling
Sponsorship-July Igarashi

This slate will be voted upon next month.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45

Respectfully submitted for Kimberly Eckert by Lynn Ware

Golden City Cruisers

Treasurer's Report

October 2024

DATE	CASH/CHECK #	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION	DEPOSIT	PAYMENT	BALANCE
10/1/2024		Balance	\$16,262.83		\$16,262.83
9/17/2024	Debit Card	Donation for Kensley Rae Shirley		\$ 105.79	\$16,157.04
10/1/2024	Check #1210	Kopps Creative Carton - Sponsorship	\$ 100.00		\$16,257.04
10/1/2024	Check #476	Classic & Custom Rest - Sponsorship	\$ 250.00		\$16,507.04
10/1/2024	Check #1210	Dave Kopp - Membership Dues	\$ 36.00		\$16,543.04
10/1/2024	Check #476	Bo Spurling - Membership Dues	\$ 36.00		\$16,579.04
10/1/2024	Check #1153	Nick Ware - Membership Dues	\$ 36.00		\$16,615.04
10/1/2024	Check #466	Randy Thompson - Membership Dues	\$ 36.00		\$16,651.04
10/1/2024	Check #2208	Ronny White - Membership Dues	\$ 36.00		\$16,687.04
10/1/2024	Check #3266	Darrell Smith - Membership Dues	\$ 36.00		\$16,723.04
10/1/2024	Cash	Sulli Sullivan - Membership Dues	\$ 36.00		\$16,759.04
10/1/2024	Cash	Don Edwards - Membership Dues	\$ 36.00		\$16,795.04
10/1/2024	Cash	Bryant Deal - Membership Dues	\$ 36.00		\$16,831.04
10/1/2024	Cash	Jason Milam - Membership Dues	\$ 36.00		\$16,867.04
10/2/2024	Debit Card	Walmart - 2 Rolls Red Tickets		\$ 24.48	\$16,842.56
10/10/2024	Debit Card	Donation for Edwen Valentine		\$ 100.00	\$16,742.56
10/17/2024	Withdrawal	\$500 for Raffle - Octorber Cruise		\$ 500.00	\$16,242.56
10/18/2024	GCC Check #3543	Ragtops/Run Boards Ad - Super Cruise		\$ 225.00	\$16,017.56
10/19/2024	Cash	Super Cruise - Entrance Fee	\$ 1,515.00	\$ -	\$17,532.56
10/19/2024	Cash	Super Cruise - Cake Walk	\$ 116.25	\$ -	\$17,648.81
10/19/2024	Cash	Super Cruise - Drinks	\$23.00		\$17,671.81
10/19/2024	Cash	Super Cruise - Raffle	\$ 438.00	\$ -	\$18,109.81
10/19/2024	Cash	Super Cruise - Silent Auction	\$ 606.00		\$18,715.81
10/19/2024	Cash	Super Cruise - Donation	\$ 207.00	\$ -	\$18,922.81
10/19/2024	Cash	Return Change for Cruise In	\$ 100.00		\$19,022.81
10/19/2024	Check #11433	Michael Valentine - Membership Dues	\$ 36.00	\$ -	\$19,058.81
10/19/2024	Check #3623	David Sisson - Membership Dues	\$ 40.00	\$ -	\$19,098.81
10/19/2024	Check #400	Jeff Glover - Membership Dues	\$ 36.00		\$19,134.81
10/19/2024	Check #2055	Lee Culberson - Membership Dues	\$ 36.00		\$19,170.81
10/19/2024	Check #10732	J Collins - Sponsorship Renewal (2 Yrs)	\$ 500.00		\$19,670.81
10/19/2024	Check #39052222	Scott Evans - Bal of Sponsorship Ren	\$ 150.00		\$19,820.81
10/19/2024	Check #030043	Morgan Oil - Sponsorship Renewal	\$ 100.00		\$19,920.81
10/19/2024	Check #7491	American Pie - Sponsorship Renewal	\$ 100.00		\$20,020.81
10/19/2024	GCC Check #3544	Villa Rica Shop With a Cop - Donation		\$ 4,000.00	\$16,020.81
10/19/2024	GCC Check #3545	Fullerville Mission - Charity Donation		\$ 4,000.00	\$12,020.81
		Total Cash on Hand	\$ -	\$ -	\$12,020.81
		Less HardShip Fund			\$1,500.00
		Charity Fund - Villa Rica High School			\$1,000.00
		Total Operating			\$9,520.81

Golden City Cruisers Super-Cruise 2024 Financial Report

Taken in at Super Cruise		Expenses for Super Cruise	
Cake Walk	\$116.25	Flyers	\$99.26
Drinks	\$23.00	Ragtops/Running Boards - AD	\$225.00
Raffle	\$438.00	Gradick Communications - AD	\$250.00
Silent Auction	\$606.00	Withdrawal - \$500 for Raffle	\$500.00
Donation	\$207.00	Total	\$1,074.26
Entrance Fee	\$1,515.00		
Total	\$2,905.25		
Total Profit from Super Cruise			\$1,830.99

Activity Committee Report

November 5, 2024

Well, here we are in November, and except for one remaining event, we have worked our way through the Activity Committee's list of planned events.

We have had excellent visits to various destinations and wonderful participation in all events, and I hope this final event will also have good participation.

We have been invited by our club member and friend, Tanya Debick, to visit the Carrollton Senior Center to have a "Meet and Greet" with the seniors. The date is Tuesday, Nov. 12th. Our visit is scheduled from 10:00 am until 11:00 am. The plan is to have a mini car show and allow the seniors to vote on their favorite 3 cars. The car show winners will receive a certificate. The idea is to let the seniors have some participation in the event.

The Carrollton Senior Center is not a live-in facility for seniors; all seniors drive themselves or are furnished with other means of transportation. They come to the center for activities, companionship and a good meal.

The senior center is located at 220 West Avenue in Carrollton.

I hope everyone will attend this event and bring a little fun and excitement to the senior's daily routine.

Rick Horne / Billy Glover

P.S. - and, just in case you have forgotten 2024, turn the page for some memories...



May 2024 Picnic, Little Tallapoosa County Park



June 2024 Villa Rica, Senior Center



June 2024, Donald & Carolyn Threadgill Garage Visit



August 2024, Mustang Museum Visit



September 2024 Gold Rush Parade



October 2024 Corinth Baptist Church Fall Festival

What's a Fox Body???

Being a card carrying member of the GM club (I have to say 'GM' now since I recently sold my Chevy truck and bought a GMC from John Thornton), I have often heard people referring to the Fox body Mustangs. It finally got the best of me, and I had to find out who was Fox? And what is so special about the Fox bodies? Well, I must admit, it is a fascinating story, and these cars played a very large role in Ford's success with the Mustang. (If you are reading this article on your tablet or computer, there are many links to other fascinating stories that will help you dig further into the Fox bodies.) With over 50 families in the GCC, it is surprising that we haven't had more Fox bodies than we do! But we have had **two very special** Fox bodies, and one of them is still in the club! Do you know the owners? You'll find out soon. Read on...Nick

FOX BODY MUSTANG HISTORY

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The Fox Body Mustang is the third generation of Ford's iconic muscle car, lasting from 1979 to 1993. They're referred to as the Fox Body Mustangs since they used the new Fox platform. As one of the longest-running generations, the Fox Body saw quite a few major changes over the years.

Many consider the Fox Body as a return to what worked for the first-generation Mustang. It was a step away from the failings of the [Mustang II](#). The Fox Bodies were popular at the time, but they've grown in popularity even more over the past few years.

The third-gen Mustang has gained a reputation as a wrencher's dream, and with the right [Fox Body mods](#), it can drive like one too.

WHAT LED TO THE FOX BODY?

The first-gen Mustang was out-of-this-world popular. But in 1973, the oil crisis caused gas to shoot up 55 cents per gallon. That may not seem like much, but it amounts to almost three dollars after adjusting for inflation.

The Mustang had been increasing in size and weight since its debut. By 1973, it had gained 500 pounds, tanking the fuel efficiency. The Mustang II cut through all that fat, but a lot of performance was also lost. The Mustang no longer felt like a muscle car. People were hungry for a machine that felt the same way as the first-generation Mustang.

The oil crisis was over by 1975, and people were back to buying full-sized sedans. But the shadow of the 1979 energy crisis was already forming. It was clear that even though Americans wanted power, they also



wanted fuel efficiency. To meet both needs, Ford went back to the drawing board to prepare for the next generation of Mustangs.

WHO DESIGNED THE FOX BODY MUSTANG?

Three design teams, two from Michigan and one from Italy, worked tirelessly on sketches and clay models for the Fox Body. Some of the designs were based on the Mustang II, while others drew inspiration from the popular wagons of the time.



It was Jack Telnack's influence, though, that encouraged the team to take risks with the new design.

Jack Telnack was the vice president of design at Ford of Europe. Plus one-third of the team worked at the Ghia studio in Italy. So it shouldn't be a surprise that the Fox Body Mustang shows some European influence.

While the Mustang II looks like a shortened variant of the first-gen models, the Fox Body is unique. It was also about 100 pounds lighter than the Mustang II, which improved fuel efficiency and reduced drag.

MUSTANG II VS FOX BODY MUSTANG

Specification	1978 Mustang II	1979 Fox Body Mustang
Wheelbase	96.2 inches	100.4 inches
Length	175 inches	179 inches
Curb Weight	2,646-2,751 pounds	2,530-2,672 pounds
Base Price	\$3,731	\$4,494
Production Numbers	192,410	369,936

FOX BODY MUSTANG YEARS

The Fox Body generation spanned over a decade, beginning in 1979 and ending in 1993. Fox Bodies made between 1979 and 1986 had four squared headlights around a slanted grill. This feature gave them a unique look that led to their affectionate “Four Eyes” nickname.

Here are some of the differences between each model year.

1979 - The First Fox Body

A refreshed running horse logo and quad headlight arrangement adorned the new Fox Body. The logo looked more like its muscular old-self than on the Mustang II.

The convertible had still not made its reappearance in 1979. So the only two body styles available were the coupe (notchback) and the fastback (hatchback).

The interior of the 1979 Mustang was also completely redesigned. There was enough space to comfortably seat four, even with a smaller back

seat. There was also a larger engine bay, along with added trunk space. A full instrumentation bezel displayed a trip odometer, tachometer, ammeter, and oil pressure gauge.



The Mustang community praised the new Fox Body design. For the first time since 1964, the Mustang was chosen as the official Indy 500 Pace car. Ford celebrated this accomplishment by making 10,478 [“Official Pace Car” Fox Body hatchbacks](#), which featured a flip-up sunroof over the T-top.

1980

In the early Fox years, there were some cosmetic and interior changes. Updates included high-back bucket seats, full color-keyed interior trim, and brighter halogen headlights. A pricey optional carriage roof was available for the notchback, simulating the top-up look of a convertible. Replica Recaro bucket seats from the Pace Car were available for both the coupe and fastback.

Ford developed a Sport Option for the 1980 Fox Body. It touted styled-steel wheels and a black rocker panel along with window moldings, wide body side moldings, and a sporty steering wheel.

1981 - Hatchback Models Outsell Coupes

The 1981 Fox Body didn't feature many changes or upgrades. The interior trim improved some, and a T-bar with twin lift-off glass panels was offered. 1981 was the first year that hatchback models outsold coupes. This trend continued through the rest of the Fox Body years.

1982

The 1982 GT was a particular favorite, as it had the most potent small-block V8 engine in recent Ford history. "The Boss is Back" became the tagline for the '82 GT. It was the fastest Mustang in years with its high output 302 cubic-inch V8.

Other features included a two-barrel carburetor, a more aggressive camshaft, a bigger and smoother exhaust system, and a four-speed overdrive manual transmission. Though this GT was celebrated, it did result in a temporary retirement of the Cobra Package.

The engines offered for the 1982 Fox Body included a 2.3L 4-cylinder, 3.3L 6-Cylinder, 4.2L V8, and a 5.0L V8. The H.O. (high-output) V8 engine package wasn't tied to the GT, either. It was available as an optional engine for any '82 Mustang at a pretty steep price.

1983 - The Mustang Convertible Returns

The convertible returned in 1983, the first time in 10 years that it was an option for Mustang buyers. Cosmetic changes included a rounded nose bearing a narrower, sloped, horizontal-bar grille. This created a 2.5% reduction in aerodynamic drag, making the Fox Body even sleeker.

The running horse logo changed to a blue Ford oval on the grille. The taillights wrapped around the sides, closer to the central license plate. Seat and door trim was added, along with more legible gauge graphics.

The 1983 Mustang GT came with wider tires, a slightly larger rear anti-roll bar, stiffer bushings for the front control arms, high-effort power steering, and a wide swathe of matte-black paint on the grille.

The Mustang Turbo GT was added mid-year in both hatchback and convertible form. It was Ford's re-engineered version of the turbocharged "Lima" 2.3L 4-cylinder engine offered in '79. Ford marketed this GT to sell, but the high price cost along with a lack of air conditioning and an automatic transmission caused it to flop.

1984 - The Mustang SVO Is Released

The 1984 standard lineup included the entry-level L notchback and hatchback, the LX model, and the new V6 convertible.

Ford also offered a few special editions, which included favorites like the GT350 and new legends like the first Mustang SVO. (SVO stands for Special Vehicle Operations, a performance group within Ford Motor Company that developed high-performance vehicles and performance parts.)

1985

In 1985, the economy L model was dropped. This was also the last year for carburetors on Fox Bodies. The next year saw the switch to electronic fuel injection (EFI).

1986 - Fox Bodies Switch to EFI

The Fox Body saw a decade-high sales total of 224,410 for the 1986 model year, underscoring it as a hit among American muscle car enthusiasts.

The V8 and V6 engines offered smoother driving due to the viscous (fluid-filled) engine mounts, which were copied from the 1985 SVO design. It was also the first year for the third brake light on the Mustang, but there were very few other changes to the car. Unfortunately, it would be the last year for the SVO.



1987 - The Fox Body Gets a Makeover

The Fox Body underwent a major redesign in 1987. It received aerodynamic headlights, a smoother nose, triangular inboard parking lights, and wrap-around turn signal lamps. Most of the exterior moldings had a black finish.

The 1987 LX featured a simple slot on the grille with a horizontal bar that featured a small Ford oval. Other features included a body-color bumper, color-keyed rear bumper, and integral rear spoiler.

The GT boasted sculpted rocker panel skirts, a dummy scoop ahead of each wheel, “cheese-grater” tail lamps, and a grille-less front. There was also “Mustang GT” lettering on the rocker extensions and rear bumper cover.

1988

The 1988 model year saw few changes. Yet, the Mustang's popularity continued from the renewed Fox design through 1988. The success was mostly due to the fact it was a high-performance car available at a low cost.

The 1988 GT made it on Road and Track's "Ten Best Cars in the World" and Car & Driver's "Ten Best" lists.

1989 - Foxes Get More Moddable

Two changes that occurred in 1989 included a higher capacity battery for the LX model and the deletion of the T-bar roof as an option. Ford also shifted from "Speed Density" induction to "Mass Air" induction the same year. This offered no performance increase but made the car more receptive to aftermarket mods and tuning.

Mustang's LX V8 package was switched to the LX 5.0L Sport in 1989, featuring the GT's multi-adjustable sport seats. The convertible received standard power windows, and Saleen made 160 SSC Competition Mustangs.

1990

Ford added an airbag to the Fox Body's steering wheel in 1990 due to federally mandated "passive restraints" that came into effect that same year. The addition of the airbag effectively eliminated the tilt-wheel option. Door map pockets and clear coat paint became standard on the 1990 Fox Body. Optional leather interior trim was also available. Although prices began to rise, they still remained competitive as gas became more available and other muscle cars hit the market.

-----**BREAK**-----

And this brings us to our first unveiling. It is our own **Cherrie Glover** who not only owns a 1990 Ford Mustang "Fox Body", she BOUGHT her 1990 brand new! Setting the stage, Cherrie had been hauling kids, mulch, plants, or who knows what around in a Pontiac Lemans station wagon for 11 years. In



March of 1990, daughter Leigh had her own car, and teenage son Jeff was hanging with his own friends. It was about time for a change. She couldn't describe to Billy exactly what she wanted but then a Fox body drove past them. That sealed the decision! No other car would do. So off to John Bleakley Ford they went. Bleakley would have to do a dealer swap to get the car she thought she wanted. When it arrived at the dealership, she immediately drove the station wagon to see it. She

was beyond excitement (hysteria may be a better word) when she called Billy at work from the salesman's cubicle, practically in tears, saying she wanted to drive this Mustang home today, and didn't want to see that Lemans wagon again! Billy was left to talk with the salesman who was probably snickering on the other side of the desk. They arranged to meet the next day and complete the paperwork. Cherrie waited anxiously while her new car was serviced and cleaned, then drove her new car home before any money changed hands or paper was signed. Again, this was 34 years ago! And as they say, the rest is history...except for one small detail. The Lemans wagon was not a trade-in. Bleakley had no use for it. A week later the Glovers got a call from the dealership wanting to know what to do with the wagon! So, Billy and Cherry had to go back and get the old car. I think we know who had to drive it home! It was given away to a good home where it lived several more years.

Cherrie's Mustang has a 5.0 V-8 sitting between those handsome pony wheels, not original to the



car. It is a sporty GT fastback model finished in Wild Strawberry and Titanium. The car was repainted over 30 years ago after a tornado hit Douglasville. Like the outside, the interior is immaculate, defying the 34 years of use. A modern radio, wheel upgrade, and repaint are the only non-original things on this car! Even the driver is original. Nice!

...and now, back to our Fox body story...

1991

The base Mustang price broke \$10,000 for the first time in 1991, followed by a drop in sales. A new power top for the convertible was added that year, which folded closer to the body for a cleaner look. The V8 received new alloy, five-spoke wheels that were 16-inches in diameter.

1992 - The 1992 1/2 Limited Edition Is Released

The slow sales in 1991 continued throughout 1992. There also weren't many cosmetic and performance changes. The only notable change was the addition of color-keyed body side moldings and bumper rubber strips to the LX model.

During the middle of the year, Ford released a 1992 1/2 Limited Edition Mustang. It was a Vibrant Red convertible with white wheels, a white interior, and a special rear spoiler. There were only 3,333 models produced.

1993

Despite virtually no changes, the last year of the Fox Body Mustang saw a large turnaround in sales. However, Ford did release a 1993 Limited Edition, which was an LX convertible available in either Chrome Yellow or Vibrant White.



Image Credit: Ford

SPECIAL EDITION FOX BODY MUSTANGS

Ford introduced several special edition models over the course of the third generation. These are some of the more rare Fox Bodies out there.

Cobra Fox Body Mustangs

The Mustang's first generation was famous for its many special editions, and Ford finally returned to that in the third generation. The Mustang II really only had one special pony: [the Cobra](#). Thankfully, Ford decided to take the Cobra into the third generation.

1979 Cobra Mustang

The 1979 Cobra carried the egg-crate style grille over from the Mustang II. Yet in 1980, that grille was replaced with a Pace-Car style slat grille. It also was updated to feature a rear-facing hood scoop plus front and rear spoilers. The optional V8 was no longer available.

1993: Return of the Cobra

The last year of the Fox Body Mustang saw the return of the Cobra, but this time it brought friends. Ford released the 1993 Mustang SVT Cobra and Cobra R. The SVT Cobra ran on a higher output Cobra 302 engine. The 302 had special big-port "GT40" heads, a revised cam, and a stronger five-speed manual gearbox. It also featured rear GT stock interior and rear disc brakes rather than drums.

[The Mustang Cobra R](#) was meant for racing, and that's exactly how it was designed. It came with no back seat, no air conditioning, and no power accessories to cut curb weight by 60 pounds. Ford made only 107 units and sold to licensed racers only.

In 2019, the 11th 1993 Cobra R sold for \$132,000 at auction, the most expensive Fox Body Mustang ever sold.

Special Services Mustangs

1982 was the first year for [Special Services Mustangs](#), made specifically by Ford for law enforcement agencies.

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Our second GCC unveiling may catch you off guard, unless you took the opportunity to view this collection in the first visit we made in 2019 to the garage of our very own, Donald Threadgill!



Donald's Special Services Fox Body Mustang was a 1989 model, used on the Florida Highway Patrol. He sold it shortly after we visited his collection in 2019. It is still in Georgia so you may see it somewhere. As a former police car, you expect it to be stripped of most things that made it serviceable. Donald knew that and knew what to look for. All the SSP (Special Services Package) markings were in the right place. Being a 1989 model, it represented Mustang's 25th anniversary, making this car even more special. Although painted like the original service car

when he bought it, it lacked the proper markings and decals in places that spoke to its true heritage. With the right research, they were all restored as original.

Gone also was the lightbar, siren, and "alley light" bar on the roof. (The mechanical chrome siren is in the center of the bar, flanked by the white "alley lights" and blue mechanical revolving lights.) But Donald is resourceful and found an original bar and with a friend's help, rebuilt it in his garage. He found the rubber grommets plugging the holes in the trunk lid where two antennas used to be, which spoke volumes about the car's usage. He found confirming marks in the trunk where a signal amplifier used to be. This was not made to be a chase vehicle, which explains the lower output 5.0 engine! And it explains the 118,000 mile odometer reading. This was a LoJack search vehicle whose purpose was to triangulate on the low power signals from LoJack devices to locate stolen vehicles! Of course, Donald replaced all of that with working LoJack equipment.



It also explains why this car had a 5 speed manual transmission while most FHP cruisers were automatics! It seems that the cruisers had so many radios and radar detectors in the center stack that the manual shifter would not fit. In fact, the automatic shifter had to have a special bend to make it clear the electronics. But Donald's car would have had one less radio on the stack, allowing shifts into 3rd gear without crashing your knuckles into a volume control! Like so many of our prior cars, this one is gone, but not forgotten.

...and now, back to our Fox body story...

The Mustang SVO

Ford developed the Special Vehicle Operations (SVO) division during the Fox Body generation. The SVO's mission was to develop high-performance cars with a focus on motorsport.

The [1984 Mustang SVO](#) was a turbo 4-cylinder hatchback with the first air-to-air intercooler. The SVO team made a few modifications to increase torque and max horsepower. They revised the chassis and added a pair of shock absorbers called “Quadra-Shocks.”

GT350

In 1984, the GT350 made its return. The GT350 was available in either a hatchback or convertible. It featured an Oxford White body, a Canyon red interior, and side stripes with the GT350 markings. These [20th Anniversary GT350s](#) came with either the 2.3L 4-cylinder turbocharged engine or the 302 cubic-inch V8.

Saleen Fox Body

Saleen Automotive designed the first [Saleen Mustang](#) in 1984. Since then, they've become synonymous with performance-oriented Mustangs. The first Saleen Mustang featured aerodynamic body panels and racing suspension components.

Twister II Mustang

In 1985, Ford made 90 Twister II Mustangs to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the [Twister Special](#). There was also a short-lived revival of the Turbo GT.

7-Up Promo Mustang

Around mid-January 1990, Ford announced a “Special Edition” LX 5.0L convertible. The LX featured a Deep Emerald Green clearcoat metallic paint, GT aluminum wheels, a white leather interior, and the GT’s sport bucket seats.

There was an optional Special Value Package available for these models. The package consisted of air conditioning, a premium AM/FM cassette stereo, and a clock.

The 1990 “Special Edition” was actually a failed 7-Up promo, where fans had to sink a half-court shot at the NCAA basketball finals. But the promo was canceled at the last minute. These Mustangs were in production from March 1989 to April 1990.

Ford only built between 3,600-3,800 “Special Edition” LX 5.0L convertibles.

LEGACY OF THE FOX BODY MUSTANG

Ford’s Fox Body Mustang was the first ever to use [MacPherson strut front suspension](#). This was a massive step toward making America’s favorite pony car better at cornering. This style of front suspension is still used today in many modern vehicles including the Mustang.

Due to the newer style front suspension, the Mustang became flexible in the types of engines that could fit under the hood. During the Fox Body’s run, you’d see various I-4 engines, including the SVO’s turbocharged four-cylinder, straight-six, and many variations of everyone’s favorite pushrod 5.0 V8.

Now, many enthusiasts favor [Coyote-swapped Fox Body](#). The nimble and light Fox is the perfect partner for the raging power of the Coyote engine. Combining the two gives you the best of both worlds.

Technically, the [SN95 Mustang](#) (1994-2004) is also built on the same Fox platform as the Fox Body Mustangs. That’s why you see many people who are able to swap 1999-2004 Mustang SVT Cobra IRS setups over to their Fox Body.

In all, the Fox platform spanned 15 model years and involved 11 nameplates. But the Ford Mustang was the best-selling and longest-lasting model in the bunch.

Thanks to [cjponyparts.com](#) for a very inclusive document on the Fox bodies. Check them out for your Chevy and Ford truck parts, as well as a wealth of knowledge and parts on Mustang.

So, this is what I learned...there was no Mr. Fox. The word Fox was simply a codename for the CHASSIS that many different Ford products used in that era. So, there really isn’t a singular “Fox BODY”. The Mercury Zephyr, Capri, Cougar, Marquis, and Ford T-bird, Fairmont, Mustang, LTD, and others all used the same platform. Confusing, but brilliant. If I have missed anyone in my search for Fox “body” Mustang owners in our club, I apologize. Send me an email and a picture and I’ll get you in a future Spark Plug newsletter! Nick

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8/15/24

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Douglasville Police Dept.
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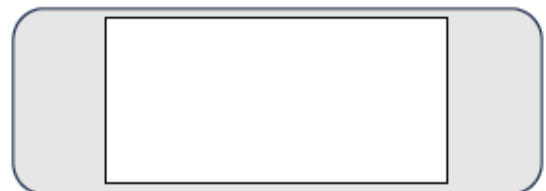
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Golden City Cruisers Agenda
November 5, 2024

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| 1. Call to Order | Danny Davis |
| 2. Pledge of Allegiance | |
| 3. Membership Matters | Danny Davis |
| a) Anyone sick or in need? | |
| b) New members? | |
| 4. President Report | |
| 5. VP Report | Jimmy Derrick |
| 6. Secretary Report | Kim Eckert |
| 7. Treasurer Report | Raylene Carroll |
| 8. Sponsorship Report | Don Edwards |
| 9. Activity Report | Billy Glover |
| 10. Unfinished Business | Danny Davis |
| 11. New Business, Election of 2025 Board | Danny Davis |
| 12. Adjourn | |
| 13. 50/50 drawing (All money raised goes to the Charity Fund) | |

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TO THE MEETING - THANKS**