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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

National Memorial Day Parade – The parade was held on Monday, May 25th. We had 3 convertibles and 2 coupes attend the parade this year due to a last-minute request to take veterans from the Korean Veterans Association. We all made the best of the day and spent some time with the National Capital Region Mustang Club. We experienced light rain traveling to DC and in the staging area before the parade. At the time 4 CVMC cars entered the official starting area of the parade, the rain stopped! Dave Dickey and I put our convertible tops down. We finished the parade, put our tops up, and the rain started AGAIN! We all had a rough time getting home due to the downpours! Here is the link to the parade video yesterday, 4 of 5 of the CVMC cars appear 2 hours and six minutes into this video (2:06), <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1EBkXUkAQK/>. The 5th car, Dave Lythgoe's white Shelby convertible and all Mustangs from Mustang Club of Maryland and the National Capital Region Mustang Club appear at 2:38. For pics, go to <https://photos.app.goo.gl/ZuwkFBFSsLEupa7t6>.

Departed Former Member - I am sorry to report that former 2010-2016 club member, Mark Abrams passed away suddenly on 18 May 2026. Mark attended car shows, cruises, and the Motortrend Auto Show. He jumped right in and assisted in planning club events to

include the Mustang 50th Anniversary at Quaker Steak and Lube. Mark loved his 2011 Roush Mustang, I remember he told us he had a very difficult time getting home after a Motortrend Auto Show due to the heavy snow falling. He was a kind man that loved to have fun, he will be missed. To honor departed members, we build a photo album, here are a few pics of Mark and we'll continue to add pictures as we find them, <https://photos.app.goo.gl/RgUfEjEFqPrgNUzp8>.

To see his obituary,

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/timesdispatch/name/mark-abrams-obituary?id=61532407>.

To see a full list of departed members, go to the end of this webpage,

<http://www.centralvamustang.com/photos.htm>.

2026 Great American Pony Drive – your club President completed another exciting trip with the Great American Pony Drive. This year we participated in the 37th Annual Fun Run to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of Route 66. This is a 2-day event driving the longest stretch of Route 66 from Seligman to Topock, Arizona, 165 miles going through Hackberry and Oatman. The total trip was 19 days, 4 on my own, 15 days with my friend Kellye, 9 of the 15 days was with the driving club, the Great American Pony Drive that included other Mustang drivers coming from across the country and one couple from Germany. I traveled through 14 states and stayed in 13 hotels. I picked up my friend Kellye from the Oklahoma City airport, we traveled to Winslow, AZ and met up with the Pony Drive group, after 9 days with the group, Kellye and I went to the end of Route 66 in Santa Monica, CA. On the way east, we took in sites that we missed going west like Meteor Crater. I had to get Kellye back to the OKC airport (she still works!). Once I was certain her flight departed, I started home and ran into severe thunderstorm in eastern Oklahoma that included hail! I thought, my gorgeous Mustang would never be the same. Once I arrived at my hotel for the night, I saw only one dent from the hail, I could not believe my eyes! I made it home on Mother's Day completely exhausted, however full of great memories! For pictures of the trip,

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/cav1e6sdFmNWZFKU8>.

Pony Drive trips are usually held in April-May, I hope you will get the opportunity to join me sometime! The Pony Drive website is <http://ponydrive.us/>.

As we are aware of events, we'll post them on the Google online [calendar](#), our [Facebook](#) page, the newsletter, and a one page events list at www.centralvamustang.com/events.pdf. The events list is great to spread the word about the club and plan your weekends! Print off a few and hand them out to potential members. CVMC is an active club! I hope you take advantage of a few of the events, fun is guaranteed! If you have suggestions for 2026 events or other ideas for your club, I'm listening! Contact me at cvmcpresident@gmail.com.

Past Events

May 9	Bon Air Victorian Day Parade
May 9	Breakthrough Car Show, Pamplin Park Petersburg

May 25	Sandston Memorial Day Parade- CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER
May 25	National Memorial Day Parade

Upcoming Events – See club calendar or Facebook page for details.

Jun 5-7	Ford Nationals – Carlisle, PA CVMC plans to share a tent with the National Capital Region Mustang Club again this year. When registering for the Ford Nationals, please be sure to choose NCRMC to ensure we get the numbers needed to keep the tent and a great location! This year Carlisle plans to celebrate 60 years of the Ford Bronco, 50 years of Roush, and a special display of cars honoring the 1964-1965 World's Fair.
Jun 13, 7:30 am	Richmond Ford-Lincoln Mustang & Classic Ford Cruise-In Meet behind Richmond Ford & Lincoln at 2002 Westmoreland St on June 14th at 7:30. As a club cruise over to Richmond Ford Lincoln to attend the annual Cruise-In! All Mustangs and Ford Classics both new and old are welcome. We will have food, live music, prizes, and fun for the whole family! Come show off your Ford and meet your fellow Ford family members right here on their lot!
Jul 4, 8:30 am	Beaverdam Independence Day Parade
Jul 14, 6:30 pm	CVMC Officers and Board of Directors Meeting
Jul 18, 10:30 am	CVMC Picnic Waller Mill Park, 901 Airport Rd, Williamsburg, VA. We have Shelter #2 reserved! Here is the exact location, https://maps.app.goo.gl/tdM6BDJoXcUUvuoE8 . We are planning for KFC or other restaurant chicken this year as the main protein. Anyone attending needs to bring side dishes & dessert to share, plastic utensils & napkins, non alcoholic beverages for their family, foldable chairs, sunscreen, mosquito repellent, and any remaining food for your group. Please check out the park's website for activities that are available at the park and plan to bring any equipment you need to participate. Park Information and Amenities https://www.williamsburgva.gov/675/Waller-Mill-Park

Jul 26, 9-11 am	Ford's Garage Cruise-In Location: 11275 W Broad St, Glen Allen, check Facebook event and calendar for more details as this date gets closer!
Sep 19, 8am-5pm	41st Annual Mustang and Ford Show As of 5/27, 12 vehicles registered, registration \$30 until Sep 12, <u>save \$5. \$35 after Sep 12 display only, not judged including day of show!</u> T-Shirt design in progress by Chris Evans Website - http://www.centralvamustang.com/show/fall/index.html Sponsors - https://cvmc-41st-annual-mustang-ford-show-sponsorships.cheddarup.com Proceeds from the Spring and Annual Mustang and Ford shows will go to the local charity Hitting Cancer Below the Belt, Inc. HCB2 offers screening services, prevention education, and community engaging events which increases screening rates and educates the public about colon health and colorectal cancer prevention.

Be sure to let Dave Dickey, our Mustang Club of America Director at 67sprint@comcast.net know when participating in MCA shows. The 2026 schedule can be found at <https://mustang.org/events/>.

Membership - to renew, complete the [online-renewal application](#) to ensure we capture changes to your address, phone numbers, email address, and exquisite Mustangs. Congratulations to the lifetime CVMC members with 20 consecutive membership years!

Happy Birthday to the members born in June!

Regarding members facing illness or hospitalization, please contact Michelle Jordan, CVMC Secretary. She will take care of informing the club members.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, 6/4/2026, 7:00 PM - in person and using Zoom video conferencing.

In Person Location

Tucker High School, 2910 N Parham Rd, Henrico, VA 23294

Zoom Video

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74470170897?pwd=LzVaWUI3c0ZQY3p4S2k5b3hvQk9mUT09>

Meeting ID: 744 7017 0897

Passcode: 7NHYiR

Please, before the meeting, go to zoom.com and download the app. I am available if you want to test your audio and video capabilities. Several join and just listen in with no video, don't be

discouraged by the technology, listening only is OK!

Merchandise

CVMC logo t-shirts, hats, drink cups, stickers, etc. will be available for sale at the meeting! To see the current inventory, cost, pictures, ability to pre-pay with a credit card, go to <https://cvmc-merchandise.cheddarup.com/>. With Cheddar Up, we can handle cash, check, credit card, and Apple Pay.

CVMC Monthly Meeting Minutes May 6, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Graham Marsteller, Vice President, with 29 in attendance.

- I. New Members & Visitors: Pappy with a 78 F150 and Paul with a 2013 Ford GT.
- II. Old Member News: No news
- III. Member Updates: None
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Cathy presented the Treasurer's report for April. Of note, Graham sold the old club trailer which will be reflected in next month's report.
- V. Membership Report: Sandy reported that we are at 143 members.
- VI. Mustang Club of America: Please see Dave's report in the monthly newsletter.
- VII. Past Events: Graham reviewed a list of recent past events including the National Mustang Day cruise to Michie Tavern, the CVMC Board of Directors meeting, and the Spring Show.
- VIII. Parades: 5/9, Bon Air Victorian Day Parade. 5/25, Sandston and the National Memorial Day parade.
- IX. Upcoming Events: Upcoming events include David's Automotive, the Breakthrough Car Show at Pamplin Park, Ford Nationals in Carlisle, PA, and the Richmond Ford meet up. There is also the CVMC picnic at Water Mill Park in July, and the Fall show is set for September.
- X. Other Upcoming Events: See our website and Facebook for the most up to date listings.
- XII. Website/Facebook Updates: Kathy is still in search of old club newsletters.

- XIII. CVMC Merchandise: Embroidered CVMC logo merchandise now available, \$75 minimum order, polo shirts are \$25 each (includes shipping and tax)
- XIII. Open Agenda: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.

SUMMER FUN

The new issue of the Hanover County review has David K. (previously Kathy's) 2008 convertible on the cover! David was contacted several weeks ago by a member of Hanover County staff, they were looking for a red Mustang convertible for a photo shoot to promote their new tourism program. This was taken in the median on Rt 30 between Meadow Event Park and Kings Dominion. If you look closely, you can see the couple was actually sitting in the backseat of the car to take this picture

There's even a video taken with a drone where you can see the car for a few seconds with David driving as they were entering the county.





Memorial Day Parade in Washington. Looking great, Chris. Good job!



Jim got best in show with his 68 Mustang convertible at David's Automotive show May 9!



Robert and his 65 Mustang participated with a thrown together "Andy's Car Club" to put on a display at Springfield Park Elementary School



I have started my 2025 research of club activities for our MCA Presidents Award. That report is due in Headquarters by 30 June. Any 2025 club activities you participated in (may have points). That will help me meet the minimum 100 points to qualify for a 2025 award. The application has to be in Headquarters by 29 June. Please let me know.

Nomination to the MCA Board of Directors has a deadline of June 10. All the information, bios & your picture, for that nomination are listed in May's official club magazine issue "Mustang Times" on page 41. The list of MCA Executive and National Directors are usually found on page 4 of the club magazine. A magnificent story, with colored pictures, of a super-rare 33,000 mile 1972 HO convertible, pages 42 to 49.

For those club members that have antique cars (Mustangs) 25 years or older Virginia *does have* a *tax exemption* registration fee for those cars. I will share information at the meeting.

If you lose or misplace your membership card you have 60 days to notify the office to request a free membership card or the replacement cost will be \$10.00. Also, if you would like a back issue of "Mustang Times" the cost will be \$6.00. Their telephone number is 850-438-0626.

For those members who do not receive "Mustang Times" you will find a complete listing of the 2026 MCA National Shows by going to the website www.mustang.org, choose event, then MCA Calendar date by scrolling down for the date and location of the MCA show you are looking for.

To register for any of those shows you **must** register using MCA's registration website www.mcashows.com and look for the show you want to register for. Most everyone knows the shows fill up fast so make your hotel reservations early. If something does come up and you cannot attend the show, you can always cancel your hotel reservations within the time limits stated on your hotel reservation; usually within 48 hours.

For those of you that have an interest in MCA's financial status check out April's "Mustang Times" published Balance Sheets on pages 56 & 57

For our new members, you can join MCA on line. There are 4 different tier levels (1 for overseas country membership) discussed in MCA's website www.mustang.org. "Mustang Times" is the "official club" publication. Included with your membership is access to Ford's X-Plan pricing and is available in the USA to current Digital and Standard members. The only way to

obtain this distributed magazine is with your membership application. Worldwide membership is over 15,000 and growing. When you join MCA please email me at (67sprint@comcast.net) or Sandy Robbins at (CVMCmembership24@gmail.com) so we can keep up-to-date on new MCA members for our club President's award of the pasted 19 years. The magazine has beautiful colored pictures, great stories, Mustang modifications, and information from our President, Jeff Mays; editor, Donald Farr; and the Judges Corner on pages 4, 6 and 8. As a member you can advertise your Ford parts you want to discard, sell your Mustang at (no charge for advertising) or use Ford's X plan to buy another Mustang or one listed on pages 78 to 79.

As always check our newsletter and/or events calendar, Facebook, and Car Club Council of Central Virginia (CCCCVA) for any upcoming shows or activities.

Spring is here, continue to wash your hands often to stay healthy.

Articles by Dave Dickey
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MCA – CVMC Gold Card Judges:
1964 ½ to 1966 – Dave Dickey
1967 to 1968 – Dave Dickey



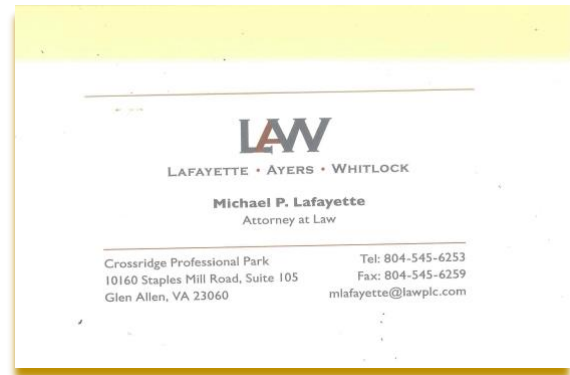
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Windsor 289 cu. in. w/ 4-barrel carburetor
Motor produces about 210 hp, 21,150 miles
w/ 1,150 actual miles since full restoration
White exterior w/ burgundy interior and console
Automatic Transmission, Dual Exhaust

New:

289 cu. in. motor, carburetor, transmission & rear end
Newly painted body & undercoated
Tires w/ aluminum wheels
All external trim and lights
Fuel tank & completely rewired with original style wiring
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Original factory stock car with body, undercarriage and interior in good overall condition; Arcadian Blue with White Top; 121K Original Miles; 289 V8, Manual Trans; PS, AM Radio, Solid Body and Floors/Subframe/Undercarriage; well maintained, runs and drives beautifully; responsible mature owner; drive and enjoy "as is" or would make for an easy restoration; recent new gas tank; call for additional details and pictures. Clean Virginia Title. Best Reasonable Offer considered for quick sale. Andrew (571) 253-8625



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