



# Pony Tales

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## 2011 Sacramento International Auto Show



For the past three years, Stacey Castle, of Castle Communications, has invited the Golden Hills Mustang Club to the Sacramento International Auto Show at Cal- Expo. As in years past, we were in Building C with the Sacramento Classic Thunderbird Club and Ford Motor Company. Ron Gillingham, Ford's Corporate Display Manager, welcomed us as we brought our Mustangs inside and placed them. I had an idea of whose cars went where but it was Norma who made sure they were color coordinated. This year we had the privilege of having a 2012 Boss 302

in our display. Last year Bill Banovitz and I asked Ron if they would place a specialty Mustang with us and he really came thru with this Competition Orange and black beauty. We had eleven of our classic Mustangs, two pedal cars and one '67 Mustang Jr. surrounding the Boss 302.

Most of us were in the Veterans Parade on Friday but Amy & Craig Beckley were on hand when the show opened @ 10 am. As soon as the doors opened people were there and asking questions about our Mustangs. One young man named Aaron was invited into our display and he took over 400 pictures. His family still has a '67 that was bought new. Craig and Amy did a terrific job opening the show for us! I took my Dad to the Fairfield Veterans Parade then on up to Sacramento for to the Auto Show. As we were walking in, Ron Gillingham recognized my

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## CLUB PURPOSE

The Golden Hills Mustang Club, **established in 1982**, is a nonprofit organization, the purpose of which is to promote the admiration, ownership, care and maintenance of the Ford Mustang Automobile - regardless of model year.

The club provides a social group for its members whereby they can meet, socialize and maintain a spirit of good fellowship, and participate in activities including the use of their Mustang.

The club serves as a medium for the exchange of ideas, information and parts, and is dedicated to furthering the interest of owners and drivers of the Ford Mustang.

# 2011

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# "Catch me if you can!"

Another year in our Mustang adventures is ending. This has been a great year with many new members joining the club. We had lots of fun events, cruises and adventures. Remember we are always open for ideas for new events, so if you have an idea for an event, let's do it!

I would like to thank all of the current board members as well as volunteer chairs who quietly put in hours of work to help this club function. The club could not have made it without your help. Welcome to the 2012 officers and board members that have stepped up to help out. Thank you to Cat for taking another term as Vice President in addition to Sue, Danny, Ileine and Frank for taking another term as board members. Thanks to the new officers and board member for stepping up to lead our club for 2012. I think 2012 will be a great year with a multitude of wonderful club activities and events, so sit back and enjoy the ride.

The recent club events include the annual GHMC Apple Hill run on November 19th; the Napa Valley Cruisers annual Toy Drive at the Napa Foster Freeze on November 26th; the GHMC annual Toy Drive at the Vacaville Foster Freeze on November 27th; Wreaths Across America at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon on December 10th; the annual Benicia Christmas parade on December 10th and the Golden Hills Mustang Club annual Christmas party at the Elks Club in Napa on December 10th.

Since 1964, the Mustang has aspired to be the common man's sports car. Ford wanted it to be the performance machine for the working class Joe. Even though his bank account couldn't sniff the fastest wheels out of Germany or Italy, he could roll fast and in style with his Pony. You may have thought the Ford Mustang muscle car was sufficiently flashy and aggressive-looking. But Ford Motor Co. is making it more so for the 2013 model year with a bigger, more menacing grille and racing-style heat vents in the hood that aren't just for decoration. The 2013 Ford Shelby GT500 will produce 650 hp and 600 lb-ft of torque from its supercharged 5.8-liter V-8, and can reportedly top out at more than 200 mph. While the super Shelby with its outrageous power output is the marquee Mustang attraction, the rest of the 2013 Ford Mustang lineup has been updated as well. It includes a new hood, grille, headlights, more track-related goodies, an available select-shift automatic transmission, and 420 hp from the GT's 5.0-liter V-8.

We already have quite a few events on the 2012 calendar. In January there is a Pampered Chef party scheduled on January 13th; a car show meeting on January 24th and a park-n-ride clean up on January 28th. February 10th-12th is the Snow Train trip to Reno. March 23rd-25th is the Wild Mustang tour to Nevada. Kool April Nites in Redding is April 19th-22nd. Restomods in Reno is scheduled for June 8th-10th; the MCA Golden Gate National Show in Concord is scheduled for June 22nd-24th and the GHMC annual camping trip to Lake Francis is on the calendar for June 28th-July 1st.

A recap of 2011 includes an amazing array of events. The GHMC 2011 club calendar included 11 board meetings; 11 general meetings; 6 park-n-ride clean-ups; 10 car show meetings and seminars; 5 parades; 2 homecomings; 4 days of camping; 5 days working the beer booth for Ovations; 7 cruise events; 45 cars show or displays; 10 multiday events and 18 misc. events. This is a total of 130 events for 2011

I took some time today to reflect upon the achievements of our club over the past year. The Golden Hills Mustang Club is the premier club in this area. This all because of the efforts of the club's members. We are known for our community support and service work and doing for others without expecting anything in return. I want to thank you all for your support and help throughout the year. Everyone's contributions make our club successful and the events fun. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU.

- **President Kirk Stafford**





# Sunshine Corner

This month we sent Get Well wishes to Shirley Eaton and Cliff Wilson, Sr. Both have been under the weather lately, and we all hope they get well soon!

I hope 2012 is a Happy and Healthy year for all of our members! However, if you hear of someone needing a little sunshine, please let me know. My email address is: [slrc@comcast.net](mailto:slrc@comcast.net)

~Sue Calvert

## ATTENTION ALL CLUB MEMBERS:

GHMC convertibles are needed for parades and homecoming games. If you have a convertible and are interested in volunteering to drive parade dignitaries and homecoming couples for events, please contact GHMC at:  
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GHMC Wishes you and your family a joyous Holiday Season!

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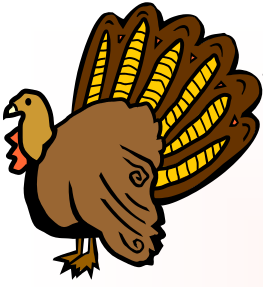
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# Annual Turkey Shoot and Bottle Toss

by Frank Lopez

Center Mass shooting range opened up early just for us Mustangers. We all assembled, got our targets, put on our head gear and went into the range and loaded our guns. We were ready! We had experienced shooters and also first-timers. Right off the bat, Pat got three bullseyes in a row with her 45. Sally, a first-timer, shot a bullseye also with Pat's 45. That is one good gun!

With 18 in attendance there were quite a variety of guns available to shoot, from a small 22 to Dan's giant "canon." We all had a noisy good time shooting at targets and "zombies." After 45 minutes of practice it was time for the actual competition to begin using Pat's 38 snub nose revolver. Everyone took one shot only. Some hit the target, some did not. Three people hit within the bullseye area, but Andy Cordeiro defended his title after hitting the closest to the center. For his efforts, he was awarded a frozen turkey.

After the shooting event, we all went across the street to the empty field for the bottle toss. Cristy was the first to throw the bottle. It landed right in the box. Everyone was very excited to witness a first. This had not been done before! We were ready to declare a winner, but in all fairness, everyone got a turn. Many threw either too far, too short, too left, or too right, but Bill Watkins threw just in front of the box and it bounced in, which required a "toss off" between Cristy and Bill. This time Cristy's shot fell short and Bill's was closer and was declared the winner. He was awarded a \$5 roll of dimes.

Now we were all hungry by then, so off we galloped to In N Out for burgers (and grilled cheese sandwich). We were lucky that we got tables all together, as the restaurant had opened shortly before we arrived. We all enjoyed our lunch and our visit with each other. Next year we hope to get an even larger crowd to see if two-time winner Andy can be de-throned (Just teasing you, Andy!).



# Annual Pumpkin Chucking

By Frank Lopez

On November 20th at 10:00, a small group of Mustangers met at the pumpkin launcher and were ready to go. Although there was a threat of rain, it did not materialize, but it was cold. Pumpkins and apples were launched by all. As in previous years, Kirk served as the "go-fer" who fetched the errant pumpkins and apples that missed the target, but yet stayed in tact. Those were used again for more "chuckings" until we had a winner. Everyone hit the target on a "bounce," but John Dominguez hit the target directly and was, therefore, declared the champion.

At that point we went to Favela's Taqueria for lunch where the perpetual trophy was awarded to John. He said it was the first trophy he has won and was very pleased about that.

We all had a lot of fun. Next year, we will try to have the pumpkin chucking in October when we can expect better weather, and hopefully have a larger group like we've had in the past.

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Dad right away and welcomed him back. We spent the rest of the day talking to people and enjoying the show.

Saturday morning, Norma and I were there early to open the show but not until we had the Ford Team in our display for a photo shoot. Terry Burke got there just in time to take some great pictures. The team really liked our display and Ford reps, Claude & Melanie, wanted to take the



Stevenson's convertible home with them. Soon the building was full of people. We had an information table set up with club flyers & applications plus key chains & note pads from Ron DuPratt Ford. Our display is not open to the public but we can invite people in. I was very pleased to see so many of our members in our booth to help. Ford was very pleased that we were taking good care of their Boss 302. Sunday was another very busy day and it was awesome when Stacey Castle stopped by to thank us for being there. The show ran until 6 pm on Sunday, and then it was time to clear out. It didn't take long as Bill Stevenson and Kirk moved a few of the new Fords and we drove out the side door.

A special Thank You goes to Stacey Castle and Laura Howell from Castle Communications, plus Ron Gillingham from Ford for inviting our club to this show. Norma and I would also like to thank: Bill & Cat Banovitz, Craig & Amy Beckley, Terry & Ileine Burke, Danny & Cristy Cordeiro, Bill & Judy Davis, Brian & Tammy Evans, Tim & Gloria Leathers, Bob & Kathy Loya, Mike & Loretta McCalmont, Scott & Kim Paulin, Kirk Stafford, Bill & Twila Stephenson, Greg & Elise Stevenson, and Joe & Marilyn Warnock, plus any other members we might have missed who came to our display. I was very proud of our club members who represented our club so well.

Thanks!

Dan & Norma McCabe

## ALL ABOARD - SNOW TRAIN TRIP FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup>

Time is running out so if you would like to go with us, please call Tammy @ 916-803-2910 or 707-252-7831.

We will leave Martinez at 9:54am (Train 6) please arrive one hour early 8:54. We need to be all together and ready to board when train arrives. The train stops in Sacramento (Train 6) and we will pick up passengers. Then off to Reno we go. Due to arrive around 4:00pm. We will be walking one block to the Eldorado for check in.

I hope that each of you have a wonderful trip. It is a beautiful trip through the snow and up the mountains, so bring your camera. Train Trip Cost 100.00 per person. Hotel 80.00 per room, single or double. Plus charge for Dinner. - **Tammy**

# Napa Toy Drive

The Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 26th, found the Golden Hills Mustang Club joining the Napa Valley Cruisers to collect toys for the annual CHiPs for Kids Toy Drive. As in years past, we were at the Napa Fosters Freeze. This year the weather was really nice and we had a great turn-out. A local soccer team had a car wash in the parking lot and we did let them wash our '06 GT. We had a nice selection of



local Hot Rods, Muscle Cars and Mustangs for the people to see and they drew a lot of attention from the people who brought toys. We had a lot of little hands helping and I was pleased to see Paige Paulsell enjoying her big chocolate dipped ice cream cone.

The 4 hour event ended at 3 pm and I was please to see all the help we had to load the toys in our 1939 Mercury. A Big



Thank You goes to Terry & Ileine Burke, Frank Lopez and Kirk Stafford who followed us to the CHP office to unload the toys.

The Napa Valley Cruisers thank all the Golden Hills Mustang Club members for their support.



Merry Christmas!  
Dan & Norma McCabe





The VonTing girls delivering food to one of the Food Banks.

# GHMC Toy Drive

By Kirk Stafford

On Sunday, November 27, 2011 the Golden Hills Mustang Club held its annual toy drive at the Vacaville Foster Freeze. We set up our pop-up tent and tables and accepted unwrapped toys from 11am to 3pm. We had a great turn out of club members bearing toys as well as a few non-members with donations. This also resulted in a wonderful car display of many of the club member's prized Mustangs. There was a wide variety of toys donated for a wide range of age groups. We collected sports balls, puzzles, stuffed animals, cars, trucks, , books, dolls, and even a pink stick pony with sound. All the toys were donated to the Foster-A-Dream organization. Their mission is to provide programs and resources that build the hopes, dreams and futures of foster children; and be a guiding source for successful transition into the adult world. Thank you to all the members who donated toys and made this year's toy drive a success.



*Happy Birthday*

Let us know if we forgot anyone!

**Dec. Birthdays**

- 12-1 Isaac Villegas
- 12-2 Courtney Leathers
- 12-3 Jerry Housman
- 12-6 Scott Kuhn
- 12-6 Elise Stevenson
- 12-7 Andrew Schneider
- 12-8 Judy Davis
- 12-8 Ed Wickman
- 12-11 Gary Hein
- 12-11 Joshua Graham
- 12-12 Dave McGraw
- 12-12 Brad Tanis
- 12-14 Lisa Mitsopoulos
- 12-17 Lauma Jurkevics
- 12-21 Angela Billings
- 12-22 Ron Normandin
- 12-23 Ray Peralez
- 12-31 Jayde Champion

**Jan. Birthdays**

- 1-1 Miyuki York
- 1-2 Cristy Cordeiro
- 1-4 Tony McGrath
- 1-12 Joshua Bern
- 1-18 Steve Smart
- 1-18 Tisha vonTing
- 1-20 Brittini Haran
- 1-20 Shelby Myska
- 1-21 Larry Tunac
- 1-26 Chase Myska
- 1-30 Gina Schneider
- 1-30 Deanna Gee

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



Date

Event

Contact



(Note: There is no General Meeting in December. We'll see everyone in January!)

Jan 5.....Board Meeting at the Banovitz home 7:00

Jan 13.....Bingo Night Fundraiser with Pampered Chef! .....Pat S.

Jan 24.....General Meeting 7:30 p.m. for all Club Members Dues and a new application are due for 2012

Jan 28.....Park-n-Ride Clean up 11:00 am.....Kirk Stafford

# Autumn Get Together



The Autumn Get-Together is the last of the 4 car shows put on by the Goodguys at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds annually. Over 1400 cars were entered in this show including several custom and classic Big Rigs indoors. For this show I only brought my Mustang, and as usual we camped out at the fairgrounds RV Park. As with most of the other shows there were dozens of vendors, a car corral, and a swap meet. As usual Revell sponsored a model car make and take for kids as well as model building and pedal car contests. Also at this event they were running an Autocross and with some urging from Greg I entered the Mustang. I only had time for one pass so I opted for a clean steady run since I was the first car out after a cobra had hit the wall. What a blast, I will definitely do this again! I happy to report that after searching high and low a few weeks ago at Ron

DuPratt Ford's trunk-or-treat for the Batmobile, I found it hear at the Goodguys! We had a lot of fun, saw old friends and met new ones, and saw many awesome cars. Remember this show and the All-American Get-Together next March is open to all years' cars and trucks, I hope more GHMC members can join me! *-Robin Paulsell*





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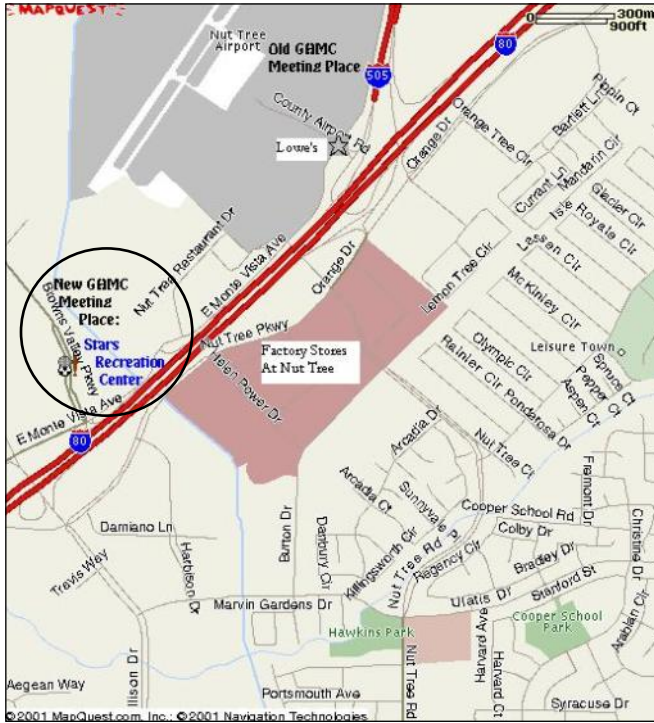
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