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GHMC Lake Francis Camping Trip



Thursday, June 23rd was the day we headed out to one of our favorite campgrounds, Lake Francis Resort. Lake Francis also has a summer camp for under privileged kids that the campground helps to fund and we are happy to be able to help.

This small lake does not allow powerboats so it is perfect for taking the kids where they can fish, swim sail or row the armada of boats that we always bring. With all the rain we had this year the lake was full to the brim and we were

thankful as the weather finally warmed up enough for swimming. I was worried about the weather but it turned out to be almost perfect. Warm afternoons, cool evenings that was perfect for a campfire. Thanks to our resourceful members we never ran out of firewood or marshmallows.

This year, Dennis von Ting and Bill Banovitz joined the Cordeiros & Kirk Stafford going up early to set up camp, so they could help others when they arrived. They were a big help and I know all of us really appreciated that. This year we had 11 campsites and 42 campers including the kids. We use an area called the Round-up plus some nearby campsites. We did notice that they had made some very nice improvements with all new hook-ups for each site. Once our camps were set up we just relaxed and enjoyed the area. We did see another addition, 3 Peacocks were roaming around and making their presence known. Before dinner, Norma and I took Sue Calvert and Louise Boas on a 4 wheel drive trail near the lake, then on to the Colgate Power House to see the huge pipe line delivering water to the powerhouse & watch the Yuba River rushing thru the canyon. It is a spectacular sight especially when you take the stairway to the water's edge. We got back in time to have dinner and some went for ice cream. After dinner we joined Bill Bano around his campfire. *-cont. on pg. 6*



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.

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"Catch me if you can!"

Well, we were all wishing for the rain to end and now it has. But where did spring go to? The weather essentially changed from winter to summer. We all got what we wanted, but it would have been nice to have a little bit of spring weather so we could have gotten used to warmer weather gradually. At least the rain is gone, for now.

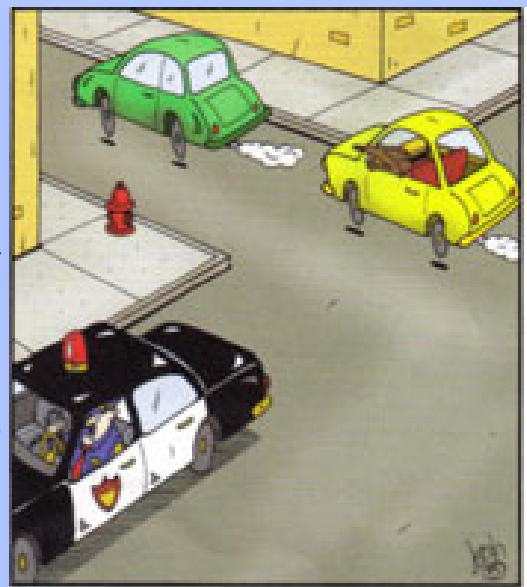
We have had a very active and action packed year of events so far. The recent events on the Golden Hills Mustang Club calendar are our annual camping trip at Lake Francis on June 23rd - June 26th; Cruizin' in the Sun in Pinole on June 26th; the Benicia Torch Light parade on July 3rd; the Fourth of July parade in Fairfield; the annual GHMC garage sale on July 9th at the Lopezano's; driving with Colonel John Folsom on his High Five Tour through our stomping ground on July 12th and the last NorCal meeting before Fun Ford Sunday on July 16th in Pleasanton.

I actually like summer and the hot weather that comes with it. Summer also brings the official car show season with the sounds, the smells, the sights, the feeling. You know what I mean, the sounds of souped up engines, the smell of a car with a carburetor, the sight of a hot rod cruising down the highway, and the feeling you get of driving your very own cool Mustang. Ahhh—heaven.

In June 2000, the remake of the movie "Gone in Sixty Seconds" was released. The movie featured the Eleanor, a highly modified 1967 fastback. This put 1967 fastbacks at a premium to be converted to Eleanor clones and even 1967 GT 500 clones. With the value of the Mustangs so high, the Dynacorn Company started making new 1967 bodies from original Ford tooling molds. Now an original 1967 Mustang fastback was not necessary to build an Eleanor. Another famous Mustang movie was "Bullitt" starring Steve McQueen was released in October 1968. The Bullitt Mustang has also become an icon in its own right. Gateway Classic Mustang, who is well known for making clones and restomods, is re-creating a limited edition 1968 Bullitt Mustang for the general public. Will these Mustangs be as popular as the Eleanor clones were? I have a feeling these unique Mustangs will also become a very hot commodity.

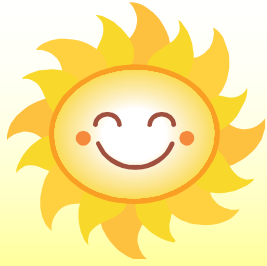
As the summer heats up, so does our Golden Hills Mustang Club calendar of events. We have a lot of great events in the near future including our next City of Suisun park-n-ride clean-up on July 21st; the second annual Grillin' and Chillin' car show in Dixon on July 23rd; the 4th Annual TPS Motorsports Ford Fest on July 30th in Campbell; the Main Street Reunion in downtown Napa on August 20th; the North Texas Summerfest car show in Fairfield on August 21st; Goodguys Rod and Custom Association Hot Rod week on August 22nd-25th, Goodguys Rod and Custom Association 25th West Coast Nationals car show in Pleasanton on August 26th-28th and the 32nd International Mustang Meet in Spokane, WA on September 1st -5th. So there are a lot of events to participate in during the next month or so. I look forward to seeing you all soon at events in the near future.

The Golden Hills Mustang Club's Pony Express program to support our troops overseas has been a huge success. We have received many "thank you" messages from the military personnel we have sent packages to. So please remember to bring items for the troops so we can continue to send care packages to them. We also continue to collect non-perishable food for Mission Solano. -Pres. Kirk Stafford



"What, are you kidding ... a dog chasing a car?! Who do you think I am, the freakin' Department of Animal Control?"





Sunshine Corner

This month I am happy to report that Kathy Pickering is doing well on her road to recovery from the auto accident.

We have two more high school graduates to congratulate: Terri McGuire's son, Chris and George Downs' daughter, Remy.

If anyone knows of any member in need of Sunshine Wishes, please let me know!

Thanks, ~Sue



HA AWARD

During the camping trip at Lake Francis, the vonTing twins, Nicole and Danielle, collected empty aluminum cans, glass bottles and plastic bottles. We all joked that they were starting their college fund with the recycle collection. During the day most of us were at the lake enjoying the water and cool breezes. The recycling effort continued at lakeside. On Saturday most GHMC members left the lake together to prepare for the potluck dinner. The McCabes followed the vonTings out of the parking lot. On the way up the hill from the lake to the camp grounds, glass bottles were rolling out of the bed of Dennis' truck. Dan had to drive as if he was on a slalom course to miss the flying glass. On Sunday, the Cordieros, vonTings and Staffords left together. After they turned on Highway 20, aluminum cans and plastic bottles began to fly out of the vonTing's truck. When the first one flew out, Kirk could not believe Dennis was throwing cans out of his truck. Kirk called the Cordeiros in the lead vehicle and they pulled off onto the shoulder. Dennis came up to the Cordeiros on the shoulder and just blew by them, with bottles and cans flying out right and left. Dennis then pulled over and we got his cans and bottles under control and then continued on the trip home. We all hope the vonTing twins will still be able to go to college after all their hard recycling work went flying out on the side of the road! *-Kirk Stafford*

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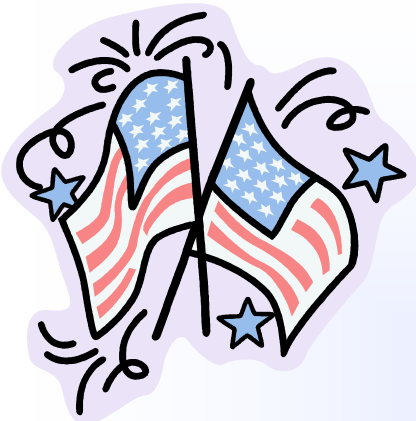
MUSTANG TRIVIAL PURSUIT GAME

Submit a mustang related trivia question and you will receive 5 points. Your question will be posted in the newsletter and answers will be collected at the next general meeting. If a member has the correct answer, they will receive 5 points.

If your questions stumps the GHMC members, you will receive 10 points!!

This month's question is submitted by newsletter editor:

When was the third brake light introduced on the Mustang?



Benicia Torchlight Parade

July 3rd

By Cristy Cordeiro

It was a lovely, hot Sunday evening in Benicia - a perfect evening for a parade. We all gathered at the Southampton shopping center and caravanned on over to the end of First Street to begin the Parade. As usual, our convertibles started the parade with the dignitaries. We were represented by Cat Banovitz, Bill & Dion Watkins, Mustang Sally, Mike and Ryan McCalmont, the von Tings, and Scott & Vickie Souza. This group was followed by fellow GHMC cars driven by the Lopezanos, John & Lisa Rose, Robin & Monica Paulsell, Ron & Liz Normandin, Ileine, Shelby & Austin, Dan & Norma, Mike Brevig, George & Terri, Bill Davis, Larry & Liz Tunac, Jim Perry and his grandsons, and Sue and Eugene. The club was led by Dan in his Mustang Power Car and Kirk in the Corvette Power Car. These two characters had so much fun, we may never see their classic 64 $\frac{1}{2}$ Convertible and 65 Fastback in another parade!

Unfortunately, as happens with hot weather and older cars, a couple of our cars suffered during this event. Jim's car never got to start the parade due to overheating and the Lopezano's made it through the parade, but also got a little hot and needed help home.

Afterwards, Kitty, Tony and Shirley joined the rest of us at Gracie's where we sat outside and were entertained by our own club pirate while enjoying the usual wonderful food. Greg Stevenson needs to join us next year, because I think Ileine's Grandson Austin is going to dethrone him of his clean-rib-bone crown!



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Friday morning we had two pots of coffee going at our site and soon the smells of coffee, hash browns, bacon and eggs cooked outside filled the area. I was glad to see it worked as Sue and Louise joined Norma and me for breakfast. After breakfast it was time to inflate our boats and go to the lake. New members Mike & Tammy Robinette went out with me. It was Mike's first time out with the little boat and before long he was doing "doughnuts" in the water. I gave him a rowing lesson on how to keep both oars in the water and before long he got the hang of it. Some of our group relaxed around the shore line while others enjoyed the water and watched the kids play. It was an idyllic afternoon by the lake. Dinner and another nice campfire finished Friday off.



Saturday morning was almost a repeat of Friday with most of us going to the water as soon as we could. Tim Leathers and his family show up with a canoe, kayak, and a sail boat. Brandon was practicing for a sail boat race that will be held in a few weeks. Cat, Nick, & Karri Banovitz along with Mariska were the last ones to arrive. When they showed up it was time for the Treasure Hunt.



We gathered as many of our kids as we could and I introduced the grandson of Capt. James Monroe, the Pirate who had sailed these waters so many years ago. Capt. Jake Monroe (George Downs) sprang into action and told a story of riches and gold! He said that it was in the sand on the water's edge as he handed them sand sifters and cups. The kids couldn't wait to start digging and soon gold and jewels were found! Also, Austin Bauer found a real silver treasure. A silver crown with the tooth still in it! We told him to take it home and show his Mom & Dad, so he did! Then they found a buried Treasure map and Capt Jake said, "Oh No! My riches have been discovered!" So with

the map in hand, Capt Jake led the string of kids along the shore line over, around and through other picnickers who were watching all of this. Soon it was time to take the 25 small steps from the broken tree branch and find the X made out of rocks. All the little hands started digging and soon a bag was pulled from the ground. This bag contained a Treasure Chest full of "jewels", gold coins and necklaces. Then it was time to share-and-share-alike. A HUGE thank you goes to Sue Calvert, George Downs, & Kirk Stafford for their help in making such wonderful memories for us all.

If that was not enough excitement we still had swimming, boating, games and our famous Pot-luck Dinner that had almost anything you would want. Chicken, ribs, Tri-tips, kabobs, a wonderful assortment of salads, tortellini, Fire



Lake Francis, continued...

House beans, fried rice & rice with marinara sauce and green beans, buttered red potatoes, fruit and desserts including dirt with worms. The kids loved that one!

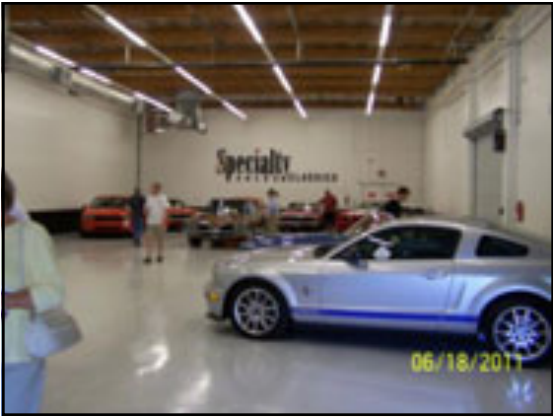
After dinner it was time for our last campfire and the night was finished off with a Flag Ceremony. Terry Burke had brought a United States flag that his father had flown and handed down to Terry. Terry called on our Eagle Scouts: Chris Burke, Dennis vonTing & Tim Leathers along with Life Scout Brandon Leathers. They unfolded the flag, displayed it then re-folded it properly and placed it in the fire. As this was happening, Shelby Bauer played a tune on her violin called Ashoken Farewell while we all stood at attention. As it was placed on the fire, we all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. It was a very moving moment.



Sunday it was time to pack up and leave but we had a lot of memories to take with us. Norma and I want to thank all who attended and helped make this weekend so much fun for kids of all ages!

--Dan & Norma McCabe





SPECIALTY SALES

SPECIALTY SALES CLASSICS Fairfield Store grand opening and car show on Saturday June 18th drew 75 cars, including 6 from GHMC. Bob and Kathy Loya with their 07 Shelby GT500 Convertible, Bano with his 67 Shelby GT350, Cliff Wilson Sr.'s Yeller Coupe, Scott Oster with his 08 Eleanor custom, my 64 1/2 Coupe and Monica drove our 55 Chevy Pickup. After parking, some

quick detailing, and setting up the GHMC raffle pedal car we all took off in different directions to check out the other cars and vendors. Specialty Sales was a new sponsor for our car show this year so I set out to find my contact Alex and make arrangements to present our appreciation plaque and T-shirt. Alex introduced me to John Young with KUIC 95.3 and we arranged to do the presentation live on the radio. I called Dan McCabe over at the Napa Ford display and told them to tune in at 10:45 then gathered the rest of the club and together we made the presentation. They guy's at Specialty were excited, thanked us and said they will be there for us again next year.



Inside the showroom were nearly 50 of the nicest classic, custom, hot rod, and muscle cars all for sale. You could get a 75 Cosworth Vega for \$12,990, a 71 Mach 1 with a 429 for \$69,990, or the mac daddy a 68 Shelby GT500 Convertible for a whopping \$179,990. Throughout the day KUIC, Specialty Sales, and other Vendors raffled off lots of great prizes. There was a



participant's choice award that went to a 61 Studebaker Avanti and Specialty Sales award that went to a familiar 50 Oldsmobile called Cr8fire. Thanks again to Specialty Sales for the great day and their sponsorship of this year's "Biggest Little Car Show".

-Robin Paulsell



Happy Birthday

Let us know if we forgot anyone!

July Birthdays

- 7-5 Shelby Evans
- 7-5 Dion Watkins
- 7-6 Larissa Grady
- 7-11 Jamie Beckley
- 7-11 Joe Warnock
- 7-12 Peter Montagna
- 7-12 Delilah Wilson
- 7-16 Kathy Pickering
- 7-17 George Downs IV
- 7-19 Kris Watkins
- 7-19 Kyle Watkins
- 7-20 Ron Myska
- 7-21 George Downs
- 7-21 John Herman
- 7-23 T. Brian Evans
- 7-24 Kevin Kelly
- 7-25 Bill Herman
- 7-25 Sandy Shields
- 7-26 Greg Pretti
- 7-26 Hideko Wilson

July Birthdays

- 7-30 Karen
- Shepard
- 7-30 Jeff
- Shoemaker

August Birthdays

- 8-2 Michael Cuffe
- 8-4 Elizabeth Sales
- 8-5 Raul Peralez
- 8-13 Remy Downs
- 8-19 Brian Kelly
- 8-21 Bill Watkins
- 8-22 John Fortune
- 8-22 John Rose
- 8-23 Garry Currier
- 8-25 Mac Makinster
- 8-26 Christopher Billings
- 8-26 Tim Leathers
- 8-27 James Smith
- 8-29 Angel Arnold
- 8-30 Xavier Champion
- 8-31 Terri McGuire

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS



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UPCOMING EVENTS



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact</u>
7/23	Chillin' & Grillin' in Dixon - Car Show & BBQ.....	Bill Stephenson
7/26	General Meeting, Stars Recreation Center, 7:30pm	
7/30	TPS Motorsports car show in Campbell.....	Kirk Stafford
8/4	Board Meeting - Larissa Grady, 7:00pm	
8/20	Main Street Reunion, Downtown Napa (pre-'76 models).....	Bill Banovitz
8/21	Tomato Festival, N. Texas Street Business Assoc. Car Show.....	Bill Watkins
8/22 - 8/28	Good Guys - Various events thru the week, car show on the weekend.....	Robin Paulsell
8/23	General Meeting, Stars Recreation Center, 7:30pm	
9/2 - 9/5	Spokane International Mustang Car Show.....	Burke/Stafford
9/11	Fun Ford Sunday, Vallejo Fairgrounds, meet at Denny's Vallejo, 7:30am.....	Bill Watkins
9/17	All Mustang Picnic at Arlington Park in Vacaville.....	Ileine Burke/Kirk Stafford
9/23-25	Ovations beer booth sales/fundraiser at Solano fairgrounds - non-chaired club event	
9/24	Cruising Calistoga, Beer, Wine, Pasta & Car Show	
9/27	General Meeting, Stars Recreation Center, 7:30pm	

2012 Blue Angels Mustang 5.0



As was reported earlier this week, Ford and its partners have created another awesome one-off custom Mustang to be auctioned for charity at the EAA AirVenture event in Oshkosh, WI.

Today Ford has released a group of photos that really show up close and personal all the great details inside and out of this special car. <http://www.themustangnews.com/content/2011/07/photos-2012-blue-angel-mustang-5-0/>

The blue chrome paint job alone is stunning. -themustangnews.com





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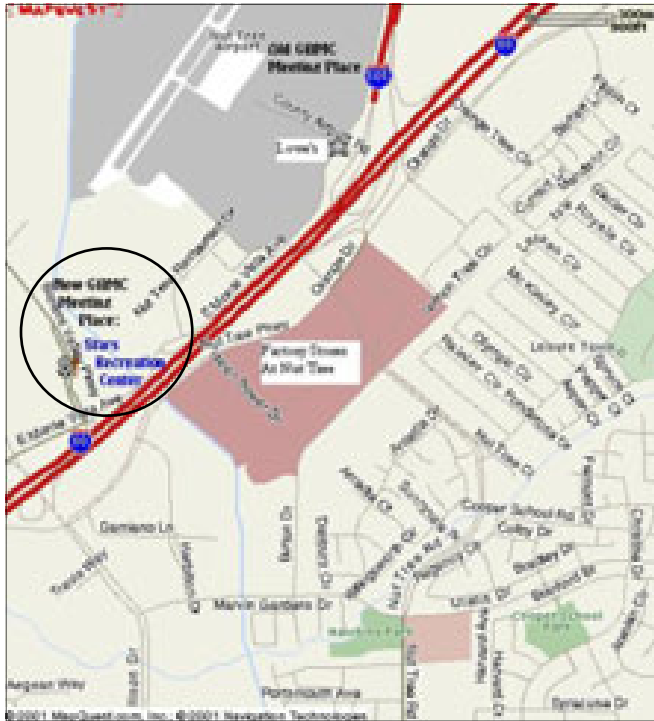
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