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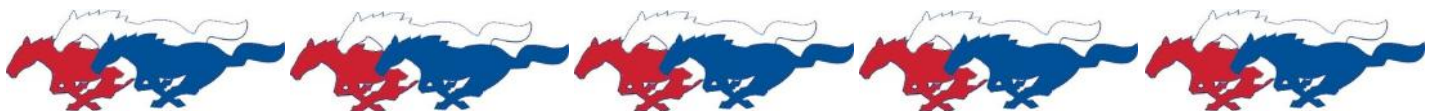
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## Trunk or Treat 2025



**GOLDEN HILLS MUSTANG CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT A THANK YOU TROPHY AND  
A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO DUPRATT FORD DIXON FROM OUR  
40TH ANNUAL BIGGEST LITTLE CAR SHOW**

**SEE STORY ON PAGE 4**



## 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.

# 2025

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# HEADING DOWN THE TRAIL...

With President Bob Fentress



The weather is cooling down and there are fewer car shows and driving events, but we have other traditions happening. On November 11th, we will take part in the Fairfield Veterans Day parade. Saturday, November 22nd is the date for us to partner with the CHP for the annual Toy Drive. The drive is dedicated to the memory of Judy Davis, who had passionately spearheaded the event for many years. Email announcements will be sent with further details.

Watch your postal mail for two important announcements from the club. The first is the official ballot(s) for election of club officers and board members. Please bring your completed ballots to the next club meeting on November 25th or mail them back to the club PO box in time for them to be counted and tabulated at the meeting.

The second mail piece to watch for is an invitation to the club Christmas party at the Napa Elks Lodge on December 13th where the new officers and board will be installed. Be sure to reply right away if you plan on attending so you don't get left out!

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, I extend my thanks to each of you who contribute to the fellowship and camaraderie of this club. Everyone plays a part, so I encourage you to get involved!

Have fun on the road and be safe out there!



## Would you like to get a jump on 2026?

It's not too early to pay your dues for next year! We have a BRAND NEW way to pay your dues, and a new Membership Chairman, Kathy Loya. Please follow the link below to pay your dues :



[Please click here to go to our online membership form :](#)

The link above takes you to our new online membership form where you can fill out your information and either pay by check or PayPal which gives you several options. When you click submit your information goes directly to membership. No need to download or scan the application.

If you prefer to pay the old-fashioned way, by check, please print the renewal application on page 11 and mail it to P.O. Box 497, Fairfield, CA 94533-0049. If you need help with printing or downloading, please call me (707-727-7155) and I can mail you an application. If you are unsure if you have paid or not, please contact me at:

[membership@goldenhillsmustangclub.com](mailto:membership@goldenhillsmustangclub.com)

Thank you!

Please Stay Well and hope to see you soon!

Kathy Loya



# Trunk or Treat 2025

Many years ago, Bill Stephenson from Ron DuPratt Ford came up with the great idea of doing a Trunk Or Treat with our club at the dealership. Sadly, Bill passed a few years ago, and the dealership changed ownership, but we are glad to say that the Trunk or Treat is still going on! The Lincoln Street store was decorated with pumpkins and hay bales to give it a Halloween feel. The big digital sign board on Hwy 80 advertised the event for all to see. Lots of local people came out and brought their kids in costume. Vito's donuts provided fresh hot coffee and a great selection of donuts; plus our

club members had cauldrons of candy to complete the sugar rush!

This year the weather looked threatening but the rain held off and we appreciated the lot being cleared as well as the big tent to sit under. People could see our decorated Mustangs from the street, so many stopped and to see what was happening.

We would like to thank Peter Spitzer, his DuPratt Ford Dixon crew and our GHMC Members for another very fun event! We also took advantage of the day to thank DuPratt for their continued sponsorship of our club.

By Dan McCabe



Photos by Terry Burke

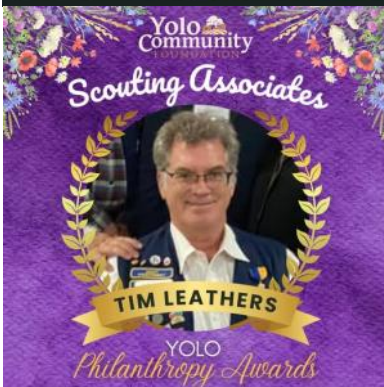




# 2025 DVMA ALL FORD SHOW



Photos By Rob Lo



## HAPPY NEWS

Long time GHMC member, Tim Leathers was honored by the Yolo Philanthropy Awards for his service to the community for his work preserving the historic Woodland Scout Cabin. A former Scouter and Scoutmaster of Troop 131, Tim continues to volunteer his time weekly - handling everything from mowing and weeding to maintenance and supplies. His care goes far beyond upkeep; it's a reflection of his commitment to preserving a vital piece of local history and community connection.

GHMC is very proud of our members who go above and beyond for their community.





# Tech Talk 2.0



Because I participated in an autocross event last month and some of you were amazed at the condition of the tires on my car after the event, I thought that I might talk a bit about tires this month. Yesterday I was inspecting those tires, because I will be participating again at an event at Sonoma Raceway this coming weekend.

I was very pleased with the condition of my Michelin Pilot Sport 4S tires when I removed them from the car. Because I had inflated them properly and monitored the tire temperatures during the event I had no surprises or indications of abnormal wear. The tires performed very well, as I had expected, and were in great condition to be used for this next event. I do not have the luxury of having a second set of wheels and tires to run for track use or street use so I am very diligent about monitoring tire inflation pressures and tread wear.

Keep in mind that tires are a “consumable” item on our vehicles. Regardless of how they are used and maintained they are going to wear out and will need to be replaced. Really, tires are no different than engine oil, filters, transmission fluid, etc. They were never designed to be life of service parts and then disposed of with the entire vehicle which is the world that we live in today. So, when are tires supposed to be replaced?

Well, that is a question that has many answers. And the first way to answer it is with “Well, that depends...” If one drives 10-15,000 miles per year then the answer is when the tread depth reaches minimum. Most of us have done so throughout our lives and not questioned it because it made complete sense. But, what about those who have cars that they only put on 3-4000 mile a year? The tread on these tires is not going to wear down to the minimum tread depth in that same 4-year time frame, so is it OK to keep driving them for 10-13 years until they do wear out?

Absolutely not! Tires, like all things that exist on earth, age. The rubber that they are made with has anti-oxidants in it to help slow this aging process, but it does not stop it. Another condition that ages tires is heat. Not just the ambient heat that the tires exist in, but the heat that they generate as they are rolling down the road, going around corners, and carrying the weight of the vehicle. Each and every time a tire goes through a heat cycle the rubber compound is changed and its performance characteristics are changed. The most common is that rubber becomes harder and the grip of the tire gets lower. Have you ever noticed how hard those old tires ride now compared to when they were new?

Another thing that affects the aging of a tire is whether the car is stored indoors or outdoors. Vehicles stored outdoors are exposed to sunlight that degrades the rubber just as it does the paint and plastic on the vehicle. With high performance summer tires like the Michelin Pilot Sport 4S the rubber compound will begin to crack if the tires are driven on at temperatures below 40 degrees. So, it is very important to inspect your tires regularly whether they are high performance or not. Consider that Paul Walker, an actor in the Fast and Furious movie series died in an accident in a Porsche Carrera GT, one of the highest-performance models in the automaker's history. An investiga-

tion determined that the Porsche was driving on 9-year-old tires and traveling at speeds between 80 and 93 mph when the driver, Roger Rodas, who also lost his life, lost control and collided with a power pole and several trees. This tire age warning also applies to spare tires. It is difficult for the thrifty man or woman to replace a tire that has never been on the ground, but has timed out age wise. How often have you put a new set of tires on your car or truck and only bought 4? Have you considered the sanity of putting that 10-year-old spare on the car when you are on your way home late one evening? The cost of one more tire would have been miniscule to the accident that could follow.

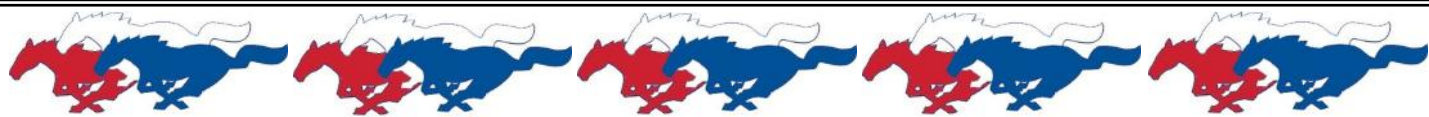
Many automakers, including Ford, Nissan and Mercedes-Benz, tell owners to replace tires six years after their production date regardless of tread life. That is six years from the tire manufacture date, not the date that you purchased the car. It is easy enough to determine the “born on” date of the tire. Simply locate the four-digit code on the sidewall of the tire. The first two digits are the week of the year that the tire was manufactured. The second two digits are the year. So, if you found a code that read 1121 that would indicate that the tire was made on the eleventh week of 2021. If you encounter a three-digit code that means that the tire was manufactured prior to 2000 and you should not use the tire at all, unless it is on your trailer queen that only goes to shows and back to the garage. **DO NOT DRIVE ON TIRES THIS OLD.**

So, my advice here is to take the time to learn how to properly maintain your tires to get the best performance and tire life out of them. If you are not sure of how to do this, take your car to a respected tire shop and have them rotated and balanced if needed. Any good shop will inspect the tires and give you advice on their condition and what you need to get the best life out of them.

As for me, I am going to extract the fun and excitement that I want from my tires driving the car at events because I am not going to be able to wear them out mileage wise in the time that they will be safe to drive on. I am not any different than the next guy or gal in that it would be disappointing to take a set of tires off of my car and buy replacements if the tread was not worn out. I am also not the guy that risks my life or the lives of others around me by driving on tires that are aged out. All it takes is just a moment to ask oneself the question and give an honest answer. Not only your life, but the lives of others depend on it.

As always,

Keep the Pedal to the Metal





# **TAKING DONATIONS NOW!**



**November 22, 2025**

**10am to 2pm**

**Judy Davis Memorial**



## **CHP TOY DRIVE**

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Suite 120, Fairfield CA 94534**

**Office is open Monday thru  
Friday from 8am to 5pm**

**Please drop off new, unwrapped  
toys or gift cards**

**All donations will be distributed  
by Solano CHP, to children  
throughout Solano County**





# THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING!



PLEASE CONTINUE TO THINK OF THOSE LESS FORTUNATE AND BRING YOUR DONATIONS FOR HOLIDAY DINNERS TO THE NEXT MEETING. THE FOOD BANKS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATIVE THIS TIME OF YEAR. IF YOU SEE A 2-FOR-1 SALE, BUY ONE FOR YOURSELF AND SAVE THE OTHER FOR THE FOOD BANK. WE DON'T HAVE A MEETING IN DECEMBER SO NOVEMBER IS THE TIME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU!

## 2025 Christmas Tree Decorations

Our club will be decorating a Christmas Tree this year at the Ford Fairfield Dealership. We will have a 7-foot tree dedicated to our club next to the customer waiting area in the lobby. Ford Fairfield and GHMC are both excited about this opportunity. The decorating will happen on the Tuesday, November 25th, at 4:00pm before the monthly meeting. Watch for an email reminder.

In addition to decorating the tree, we are looking for club members to create and donate ornaments, the more personal to your Mustang and family, the better. The internet has many ideas on how to make them. This should be a good way to let other Mustang owners know about our club.

Contact Jerry Lamphiear at 707-227-4829 or lamphiear@yahoo.com if you have any questions.



## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

**GHMC 43RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY  
NAPA ELKS LODGE**

**NO HOST COCKTAILS: 5:30 PM**

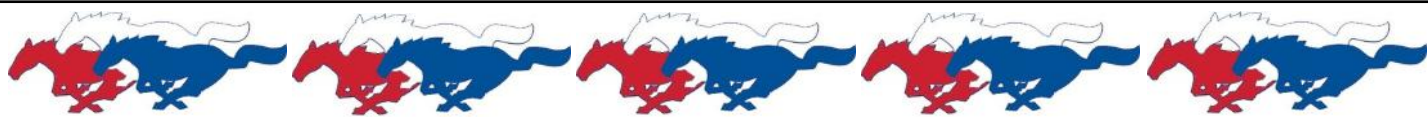
**BUFFET DINNER: 6:30 PM**

**\$40 FOR MEMBERS ★ \$55 FOR GUESTS**

**WATCH MAILBOX FOR INVITATION AND RSVP FORM**

**IF YOU HAVE MOVED IN THE LAST YEAR**

**PLEASE SEND US YOUR NEW ADDRESS**






# ★★★UPCOMING EVENTS★★★



ALL FUTURE EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE

Nov 6	GHMC BOARD MEETING - LOCATION TBA
Nov 8	“APPLE HILL RUN” WITH SAMC MEET UP AT THE MARRIOTT IN RANCHO CORDOVA. 11211 POINT EAST DR. TIME: <u>830.AM</u> DEPART: 8:50 AM WATCH EMAIL FOR MORE DETAILS
Nov 8	GOOD GUYS WITH DVMA—SEE EMAIL
Nov 9	AUTOCROSS EVENT HELD AT THE SONOMA RACEWAY- WATCH EMAIL FOR MORE INFO!
Nov 11	FAIRFIELD VETERANS PARADE - THEME IS FOREVER GRATEFUL - BRIAN EVANS, MEET AT OUR USUAL SOLANO MALL LOCATION ON TRAVIS BLVD. BY THE STARBUCKS/JAMBA JUICE AT 10:15 AM—PARADE STARTS AT 12:30 WATCH EMAIL FOR INSTRUCTIONS.
Nov 22	JUDY DAVIS MEMORIAL CHiPS FOR KIDS TOY DRIVE, PLACER TITLE, FAIRFIELD
Nov 25	TREE DECORATING AT FORD FAIRFIELD, 4:00 PM—GO TO MEETING AFTERWARDS.
Nov 25	GHMC GENERAL MEETING - DENNY’S, 304 PITTMAN RD., CORDELIA, CA 94534 6:30PM – 9:30PM, MEETING STARTS AT 7:30PM - <u>IMPORTANT MEETING - ELECTION OF OFFICERS!</u>
Nov 27	HAPPY THANKSGIVING 
Dec 4	GHMC BOARD MEETING - LOCATION TBA
Dec 13	WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA - DETAILS TBA
Dec 13	ANNUAL GHMC CHRISTMAS PARTY, NAPA ELKS LODGE. WATCH SNAIL MAIL FOR INVITATION

*NOTE: If you sign up to attend a GMHC event but cannot attend, please notify the event chairperson ASAP.  
If you need contact information, please email: [info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com](mailto:info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com)*



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Eric Isaacson  
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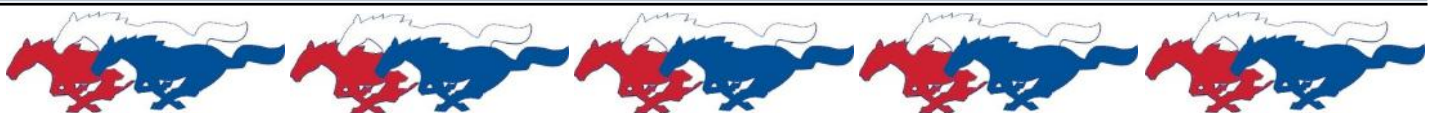
2017 GT, Grabber Blue



Kyle Gardner & Kelly Espinoza

Fairfield, CA

2025 GT, Vapor Blue





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/2 Kim Paulin  
11/6 Cheryl Stafford  
11/7 Jessica Robinson  
11/13 Bob Haran  
11/16 Lisa Pfeifer  
11/22 Vicki Carpenter-Myska  
11/23 Brian Evans  
11/27 Katlyn Usi  
11/28 Dan Cordeiro  
11/28 Evan Robinson



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/1 Alice Troxell  
12/2 Courtney Leathers  
12/3 Karen Bradley  
12/4 Don McEachern  
12/6 Elise Stevenson  
12/14 Lisa Mitsopoulos  
12/14 Kurt Souza  
12/17 Lauma Jurkevics  
12/18 Michele Rebolini  
12/21 John Clark  
12/22 Ron Normandin  
12/25 Austin Bauer  
12/26 Ron Bramlett

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYONE!

## Sunshine Corner



By Yvonne Westberg

Cards were sent to the following:

- ❁ George Pezzolo has not been feeling well.
- ❁ Frank Lopez spent the night in the hospital.
- ❁ Emma Spitzer from Du Pratt Ford, because we missed her at the Trunk n Treat.
- ★ Please keep our members that have had health issues in your thoughts. They could all use our prayers. If you would like to send them a card, email, or text, please do so. It really means a lot to know that others care.
- ★ Remember if you know of someone in need of some SUNSHINE please contact me. You can text or leave me a voicemail.
- ★ or you can email GHMC Info at: [info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com](mailto:info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com)





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**THE GOLDEN HILLS MUSTANG CLUB  
MEETS THE 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT:**

**SEE YOU AT**



**7:30 p.m.  
Denny's Cordelia  
304 Pittman Rd.  
Cordelia, CA 94534**

**NEXT MEETING  
Tues, November 25, 2025**

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**GOT HAPPY NEWS?**



It is always great to share some happy news, especially during difficult times. If you have something HAPPY (retirement, engagement, new grandchild, recognition or an award) to share with your fellow club members, please send me an email: [nrmccabe@gmail.com](mailto:nrmccabe@gmail.com)

