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GHMC CELEBRATES



This year the Mustang Birthday, April 17th, which has become known as National Mustang Day, fell on a Monday. So GHMC decided to celebrate on Sunday during the Open Day at the Cobra Experience. As you can see in the picture, it was a beautiful day to celebrate our beautiful ponies.

Read more about the Mustang's Birthday 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.

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MOVING FOWARD By President Sue Calvert

Hey Everybody!

ALL HANDS ON DECK!! It's almost Car Show Time!! It seems like we went from the winter that wouldn't end, straight into summer! It's wonderful to see our full calendar for the month of May. There are TWO local car shows on the calendar before we even get to our "Biggest Little Car Show!" If you can, please sign up for the Will C. Wood High School and Rodriguez High School car shows. The teens in our community deserve our support. Let's show the next generation what we are all about!

Please, Please, Please plan to attend our final car show meeting at 6pm on May 10th. We will meet at the Suisun City Waterfront Park (our car show site) and go over the layout, parking, vendors, timing and everything else that goes into making our annual car show such a huge success. We will probably get some dinner after the meeting.

If you attended our last General Meeting you know that I was happy to introduce Paul Troxell as our new Tech Advisor. Paul has a vast knowledge of the inner workings of our cars – and he has a lot of resources to find answers (if he doesn't know it off the top of his head.) Paul will also be writing a monthly article for Pony Tales, so please be sure to check out this newest feature.

Sadly, we recently learned of the passing of Gil Baumgartner, GHMC's founding member. Gil started the Golden Hills Mustang Club 41 years ago and has left quite a legacy. Please read about his funeral arrangements inside this issue.

I hope to see many of you at the Car Show Meeting on May 10th.

Take care!

Sue Calvert



IT'S TIME TO PAY FOR 2023

A Big Thank You to those who have already paid, however we still have a handful members who are NOT in good standing. If you are unsure whether you have paid or not, please write to me (Norma McCabe) at:

membership@goldenhillsmustangclub.com

If you would like to send your check in the mail there is an application on our website, or contact me to have one mailed to you. If you would like to use PayPal there is a link on our website - Click Join Our Club and scroll down to: **pay online for Membership Renewal (\$30)** or you can go to your PayPal account and send money using the email: membership@goldenhillsmustangclub.com

Whether you pay by check or online, please fill out a new application for our records and either mail it to P.O. Box 497, Fairfield, CA 94533-0049 or email it to the above address.

Thank you! Please Stay Well and hope to see you soon! Norma McCabe



National Mustany Day April 16, 2023

This year with April 17th falling on a Monday we decided to celebrate on Sunday the 16th and once again the Cobra Experience hosted, this time as part of their 3rd Sunday Cars, Kids, & Coffee Museum open day. 11 GHMC mustangs participated and were joined by a half dozen mustangs from DVMA and another 30+ from other people. Special thanks to the Cobra Experience for allowing GHMC to set up a club booth and reserve parking. This allowed Paige, Brenda, and myself to get the word out about the upcoming Biggest Little Car Show on May 20th and promote GHMC and the MCA. We had several people stop by to tell us how much they enjoyed the MCA National

last year and thank us for hosting it. The Cobra Experience Museum opened at 10 and was bustling with activity, GHMC President Sue Calvert and VP Dan McCabe led most of our group in to explore. Also in attendance with mustangs were Dan & Cristy Cordeiro, Paul & Alice Troxell with Paul's parents, Roger Driver, Tom Iniguez, George Pezzolo, Brian Evans, and Allen Tapia. Jake & Peggy Mathews drove their van out and helped staff the club booth. Dan & Cristy Cordeiro led a group over to Gracie's in Vallejo for lunch with their 64 1/2 Convertible. We all had a great time and hope to see more members next year.

By Robin Paulsell



Benicia Classic Car Show

By Joel Edelmann

A "small but mighty" group of Golden Hills Mustangers participated in the 28th Annual Benicia Classic Car Show on Sunday April 23, 2023. It had been several years since GHMC had participated in this show, so it was great to recommence the clubs attendance at this popular event which draws 400+ pre-1990 American made classics, and approximately 5,000 spectators!



GHMC was represented by Rob Lo in his 1967 Brittany Blue Coupe, Jim & Ian Isaacson in a 1967 Candyapple Red Coupe, William Vallejos in his Springtime Yellow 1966 coupe, and Joel Edelmann in his 1966 Candyapple Red Convertible. Dan and Cristy Cordiero were also participating with Boyz Under the Hood in their beautiful 1932 Ford Roadster. All of us were able to secure prime locations near the waterfront on the First Street Green located at the corner of 1st Street and East B Street in beautiful downtown Benicia. All registered participants were treated to a tasty pancake breakfast after parking and prior to official opening of the show.



Robin and Paige Paulsell who had just returned late the previous evening from the MCA Board Meeting in Dallas attended

the show, and distributed flyers to promote GHMC's upcoming Biggest Little Car Show on May 20, 2023. Many other Fords were happy to receive flyers, so we will hopefully pick up some additional participants for our show as a result of the numerous flyers that were handed out. Bob Fentress was also spotted perusing and admiring the field.

This year's Benicia Classic Car Show was the 28th annual, and benefits the Benicia High School Panther Band as a major fundraiser for them. The event is the biggest fundraiser to support the high school marching band, as well as the color guard, jazz, and concert music programs. The show draws more than 400 pre-1990 classic cars and trucks, and almost exclusively features American-made vehicles.

The show included oldies-type music, t-shirts, raffles, and awards as well as the high school's own traveling musicians at various spots around the venue.

One last pretty cool feature of the show of note is that the 2023 Benicia Classic Car Show Oldies Playlist has been uploaded onto Spotify. If you're a Spotify user, you can find it to enjoy all the tunes here:

https://open.spotify.com/ playlist/4ppqOTMzPwAfDUwkzqQ5y4? si=ZR33s9TJQrWATnuF1GyGlg





What's That 3rd Pedal For? 2.0

Last March you read about GHMC member Nicole von Ting participating in The Cobra Experience's "What's the 3rd Pedal for?" This was teaching people how to drive a manual transmission vehicle. It was a huge success, so they did it again on Sunday, April 23rd, and this time GHMC's Vice President, Dan McCabe "volunteered" (Thanks Brian) to be an instructor and use his '98 Saleen 5sp Convertible as a classroom. Also, another volunteer brought his 2017 Shelby GT350! Learning to masclutch that were day ua, Jake, Ethan, Samantha, Avery, Ethan, Sandra & Amelia. There were a few more volunteers along with Emily Lambert who put this all together on a beautiful Sunday afternoon.

It was nice to meet all these people who were all very nice and eager to learn. As they found out it was not as hard as they thought and each one went away with a little more driving knowledge and confidence.

We can't say enough about the Cobra Experience and want to Thank Emily and the other Volunteers for sharing their knowledge and teaching our young & old car enthusiasts.

By Dan McCabe







9023 Kool April Nites

For over 20 years, Members of the Golden Hills Mustang Club have teamed up with Napa Valley Cruisers to drive up to Redding for Kool April Nites. This is a weeklong event that has Show 'n Shines all over town including at the local High Schools. A drive-in movie night, a wonderful cruise on Friday, and the huge show on Saturday all make for a very fun time. Most of us drive up on Thursday and return on Sunday. This year, Tammy Robinette had made all the hotel reservations for both clubs and when we got there they had coned-off all of our parking spots., so that we were able to save our spots for the entire weekend. Also, we had a nice welcome gift in our rooms. Thank You, Tammy, for making all the arrangements and we are sorry that you were not able to make it.

We spend Thursday getting there, then getting checked in for the show. Our packets that we picked up included the windshield sticker that lets you into the Friday night cruise and the big show, along with a nice KAN coffee cup and two wristbands that allow you into the concert and car show.

Friday morning we had to decide what event to go to, knowing that we needed to be back in time for our annual early dinner at Logan's Road House. This year, some went to the High School while others went to the San Francisco Deli

Show 'n Shine that had over 200 cars & trucks. After another great Logan's dinner, (Thanks Brad Parson for setting it up) it was Cruise time! Almost 1,700 Classic cars & trucks cruise 4 wide and it takes a while to make the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile loop. The streets are lined with thousands of cheering spectators who really appreciate all the classics. First time Kool April Nites attendees , Paul & Alice Troxel , and Tom Iniguez with his girlfriend , Terry Leanio , were very impressed with the cruise. In fact , Paul & Alice loved their ride with me in our '69 Sportsroof! This year the 90+ temps did take a toll on some of the cruisers but that was better than rain!

Saturday morning we left the hotel at 6:15 am to assure we could park on the grass. You would need a motorized vehicle to see the entire 1,700 classic's on display; it is a specular sight to see! It's a good thing the Asphalt cowboys griddle up a good pancake and sausage breakfast to get us started! Thousands of people attend this show! It is the biggest event of the year in Redding. Many thanks to Danny & Cristy Cordeiro for bringing their Pop-up to keep us Kool. This show is for all pre-79 cars and trucks, but there is plenty to do and see if you drive a newer vehicle. We hope more will attend next year!



Just to wrap up last month's ramblings on tire pressure, contact patches. Take care of your tires and they will take race. care of you.

with a high boiling point (depending on the fluid 400-600+ can always stop safely so that we can go fast again! degrees), and this allows it to perform in the brake system without boiling. When the fluid boils in a brake system, Please email me at Dieselgunner@comcast.net if you have bubbles develop, and the braking efficiency declines rapid- any questions or suggestions. ly causing the pedal to feel spongy or go all the way to the floor creating a very dangerous situation. As the brake fluid ages it picks up moisture from the surrounding environment, more so during the winter months and in high humidity conditions. AND, since water boils at 212 degrees it lowers the boiling point of the brake fluid. This lowers the amount of braking that can be applied and causes the system to develop the spongy pedal or no pedal condition. Water and contaminants in the system will also cause corrosion and sludge to build up.

Remember, modern braking systems are very sophistilet's get an idea of what to check your tire pressures with. cated compared to the drum brake systems that were used You will need a tire pressure gauge. Of course, it is as easy back in the day. Modern braking systems often include anti as doing a fast search on the InterWeb by typing in "Best -lock, traction, and stability control systems within them. Tire Pressure Gauge". Now one could spend a lot of time To maintain their performance, they require regular servicreading every listed site, but you will find that generally ing just like the oil in our engines, the fluid in the transmisthey just repeat the same information. I prefer digital gaug- sion, and the coolant in the radiator. Even if you only bring es, even though they require a new battery every few years, your classic car out when the weather is the nicest, you because they are easy to read. The most important thing should change the brake fluid on a regular schedule. There about checking your tire pressures is DOING IT! Since I are test kits for testing brake fluid for moisture and contamhave an air compressor in my garage, I can check the tires ination, and they can be found on the InterWeb. If you are and add air if needed. If you are not so equipped, a stop at not a certified "Shadetree Mechanic" see your service techjust about any reputable tire shop can get the deed done for nician and ask them to test, and if needed, flush your brake free! However, remember that you have been driving on system. Use the brake fluid that meets or exceeds the specithem and the tires are now heated up. When tire tempera-fication by the car manufacturer (it is in the Owner's Manuture goes up, so does pressure. So best accuracy will be had al). If you are adding fluid regularly have your system inwhen checked cold. If your tires were properly inflated spected IMMEDIATELY. This could indicate a leak and during the cooler months, they will be over inflated now could be a very dangerous situation. Just to give you an that the weather has warmed up. I recommend checking idea of how important the brake fluid is, nearly all who put them weekly, and cold if you can. If you can't make the tire their cars on the racetrack flush the brake system with fresh shop your first stop on Saturday morning, before you do fluid each time they track the car. That would be excessive the rest of the running around. And, just to remind you, the for a car only driven on the roads and highways, but a must several square inches of tire that contacts the roadway are if you want to be able to confidently slowdown from say where it all happens. Acceleration, braking, cornering, all 130MPH to 40-50 MPH in order to make a turn on the happen on those four (less is you drive at the limit) little track and do it over and over for the length of the session or

You will be rewarded with brakes that work more effi-Now, how about another thing that most often gets neciently, have higher protection from boiling (on those highglected? When was the last time that you had the fluid in speed mountain runs), and increase system component life. the brake system flushed? Did you know that even if the However, the most important benefit of all is that you will car does not get driven that the fluid's performance decays? be able to stop safely each and every time, protecting the Yes, brake fluid is "hygroscopic". That means that the lives of the ones you love along with your own. Not to brake fluid has the ability to attract, absorb, and hold water mention the car that you have invested so much time and from the surrounding environment. Brake fluid is designed money in. We all like to go fast, let's just make sure that we

By Paul Troxell





A BLAST FROM THE PAST

From the Desk of the Historian, Ileine Burke It's Car Show Time! Here are a few fun memories of past GHMC Car Shows.





HAPPY NEWS?

DOES ANYONE HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

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



CONGRATULATIONS



Lt. Dennis vonTing was a member of GHMC when he began his career as a correctional officer working for the Solano County Sheriff's Office in 1996. He became the commander of the Honor Guard Team and was instrumental in bringing them to our car show each year for the opening ceremonies. We will miss him this year as he retired on April 27th. We would like to thank him for his service and dedication to our community as well as his contributions to our club.

Happy Retirement and Happy Trails, von Ting Family!

In Memoriam



Gilbert Leon Baumgartner
June 26, 1936 - April 24, 2023

We are sad to announce the passing of Gil Baumgartner on Monday, April 24, 2023. We had learned about his falling a few days before but sadly he didn't survive the pneumonia that followed. He joined his lovely wife Laura who had passed a little more than 100 days before.

The car community mourns his loss as he was a major contributor to our hobby. He founded our club, Golden Hill Mustang Club in 1982, but his true love and expertise was with the early Thunderbirds, or Baby Birds as they are referred to. His wealth of knowledge on every aspect of restoration and authenticating the Birds will be sorely missed. He was just a congenial as he was knowledgeable and he was a frequent presence at all the locals car shows and we always enjoyed visiting with him and thanking him for starting our club. We wanted to honor him at our 40th Anniversary dinner but Laura's health would not permit it and he wouldn't come without her.

Funeral arrangements are:

Visitation will be held on Monday, June 5th 2023 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Bryan-Braker Funeral Home (1850 W Texas St, Fairfield, CA 94533). A Rosary will be held on Monday, June 5th 2023 at 1:30 PM at the same location. The Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, June 6th 2023 at 11:00 AM at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church (1050 N Texas St, Fairfield, CA 94533). Graveside services will be held on Tuesday, June 6th 2023 at 1:15 PM at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery (5810 Midway Rd, Dixon, CA 95620).





** UPCOMING EVENTS **

	ALL FUTURE EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE
May 5	Will C. Wood Annual Lunchtime Car Show Meet at Vacaville Post Office @ 11:30
May 10	Car Show Meeting at the show site @ 6 pm.
May 13	Rodriguez High School Car Show 11 am to 3 pm 5000 Red Top Road
May 20	Biggest Little Car Show @ Suisun Waterfront - Robin Paulsell, Car Show Chairman
May 21	Cars & Coffee @ The Cobra Experience Martinez
May 21	Wings-N-Wheels Car Show @ Travis AFB Aviation Museum 10am to 3pm
May 23	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia
May 27	Fiesta Days Parade - Brian Evans, Chair
Jun 3	Cobra Day Car Show@ The Cobra Experience, Martinez
Jun 10	Ford Drive for Hunger @ The Cobra Experience, Martinez
Jun 17	Napa Ford Display
Jun 18	Cars & Coffee @ The Cobra Experience Martinez
Jun 21-25	Wednesday, June 21 st – 25 th Camping @ Lake Francis. Contact Brian Evans
Jun 24	46th Annual VMOA Car Show with NOR CAL SAAC see our website for flyer
Jun 25	BAMA Ponies & Snakes Car Show, Danville
Jul 3	July 3 rd Benicia Torchlight Parade
Jul 4	July 4 th Fairfield 4 th of July Parade
Aug 6	Sunday, August 6 th Napa Elks Hot August Nights Car Chow & Chili Cook-off

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Jeffery & Rachel Walton Fairfield, CA 2018 Shelby GT350 Blue/White Stripe





MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/2	Ileine Burke
5/2	Dennis vonTing
5/3	Shelby Bauer
5/5	Carly Waterstraut
5/7	William Vallejos
5/8	Jeff Bassett

- 5/9 Sue Calvert
- 5/10 Tony Barkman 5/13 Jim Hedin
- 5/14 Ian Myska
- 5/16 Rachel Cordeiro 5/16 Dan McCabe
- 5/18 Jackson Herman
- 5/19 Jason Scott
- 5/22 Melinda Barkman
- 5/24 Will Valencia 5/24 Yvonne Westberg
- 5/25 Mike Robinette
- 5/26 Kirk Stafford

Carl McCune 5/27 Brad Parsons 5/27 Emma York



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/1	Paige Paulsell
6/3	Norma McCabe
6/3	Mike McCalmont
6/4	Liz Normandin
6/4	Gene Tapia

- Susan Breslin 6/5 Joey Holecek
- 6/8 Mason Sturgeon 6/9 Angie Markle
- 6/10 Jason Marz (Pickering)
- 6/10 Peter Mitsopoulos 6/11 Terry Scott
- 6/12 Shannon Hodgers
- 6/12 6/17 Pat Sivialiano
- Tammy Robinette
- 6/20 Eli Prado (Pickering) 6/20 Connor Wiederspahn
- 6/20 Vincent Wiederspahn
- 6/22 Drake Wilson
- 6/23 Suzanne Freitas
- 6/23 Dean Laroski (Pickering)
- 6/25 Jeffrey Walton
- 6/26 Mari Haran
- 6/26 Logan Sturgeon
- 6/30 Hilmar Walter

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYONE!

Sunshine Corner

By Yvonne Westberg

- ★ We sent a card to Gil Baumgartner as he fell and broke his hip. We were saddened to learn that he passed the following Monday.
- ♣ 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 email You can also email GHMC Info at:

info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com for contact information.



t Little Car Show

*** Car Show Update ***

Only 17 days remaining until the 38th Annual Biggest Little Car Show on May 20th and we have tied our 2019 record of 118 preregistration entries since we started taking online registration. With Motosho shutting down we had to do a quick change over to a new registration system set up by MCA Office Robin Paulsell Administrator Debbie Mays, but we didn't MCA National Director skip a beat. T-shirts are made and due to ar- Gold Card OD/DD Judge rive on the 9th, the day before our on-site car 2023 Biggest Little Car Show Chair

show meeting Wednesday the 10th at 6:00 PM. Maybe we will have them at the meeting for members to pick up their orders.

It's important that we have as many club members come out to the meeting when we run through how the show will unfold. Hope to see you all there.



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NEXT MEETING Tues, May 23, 2023

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