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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.

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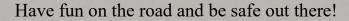
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With President Bob Fentress

April is a great month for car enthusiasts! The weather encourages us to get out on the open road. This year also marks the 60th anniversary of the iconic pony car that we all became infatuated with. This month brings several opportunities to share in the celebration and admiration of the Mustang. Along with that comes the chance to meet others who share Mustang fever. Here's a question to start the conversation: What first attracted you to the Mustang?

In 1964, I was eight years old and fascinated with all the different cars on the road. The previous fall I observed how the new models were introduced with lots of fanfare, but I knew they were the same as last year's model with a few styling changes. But the Mustang was different – first, it came out in a different season than other new cars, just in time for summer travel adventures. The car appeared to be practical and fun without being ostentatious. I was hooked. . . Sixteen years later I was ready to buy a new car on my own, a new Foxbody Mustang! What's your story?



IT'S TIME TO PAY FOR 2024

Thank you to all who made the Membership Chairman very happy, and Paid Early! There are still a few who have not paid so this next part is just for you! We have a BRAND NEW way to pay your dues. If you are reading this on your computer, scan the QR code below with your phone and it takes you to our membership page. Or follow the link below.



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membership@goldenhillsmustangclub.com

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

MARCH GHMC CRUISE

On March 9, 2024, we met at B. Gale Wilson school at the foot of Rancho Solano in Fairfield. It was a perfect day with cloudy conditions, but no rain and road conditions were good light traffic with few water run-off ,few rocks/debris and turkeys running on the street side of the road. We made a brief stop at the Berryessa dam to take a look at the Glory hole which was right at the brim! Next stop was to Steady Eddy's in Winter to get a bite to eat. It was a fun day to hang out with my Mustang family. Thank you to Chuck and Shannon Hodges, Terry and Ileine

Burke, Jim, Derby, Robin, Karina, Lowe, Robin Paulsell, Dan McCabe, Nick, and Kathy Loya, Brian Evans, Dick Cartwright, Sue Calvert, and Bill Watkins, Bob Fentress. Paul and Alice Troxell for joining us in eleven Mustangs and one Explorer.

Looking forward to our next cruise, hopefully in April.

Let's get our Mustangs out of the stable now that good weather is upon us!

By Rob Lo





The weekend of March 16 and 17 was a very busy one in Solano County, particularly up in the warm, bright (Brittany) blue skies above Travis Air Force Base, where the much-anticipated Wings Over Solano airshow and open house was taking place.

In late February, when word of the upcoming airshow was starting to show up in social media, I had heard that there would be a vintage P-51 Mustang on static display, as part of the Tuskegee Airmen exhibit. As our favorite car shares the same name (although Ford's car was named for the wild, free spirit of the open range Mustang horse, not the famous World War II fighter plane), I thought it would be a great enhancement to the airshow display field to have a handful of shiny Mustang ponies next to the shiny P-51 Mustang!

Having attended the Wings-N-Wheels car show last May out at the Aviation Museum, I had met Kevin Sullivan, the museum director, who expressed interest in doing future museum events with car clubs like trunk-an-treats (or is it treats in trunks?), so he was my first point of contact. We had a quick conversation about our club's support of Veterans and annual participation in Fairfield's Veterans Day Parade, and he forwarded my email to the personnel responsible for static displays. Within a couple days the email interrogations began... "What's our purpose to be there? What are we selling? What are we handing out?" "Displays are supposed to be aviation only" ... I was ready for these questions, but just in case I called Dan McCabe to refresh my memory for some talking points on our past affiliation with the Wounded Warriors Family Support charity (no other Mustang Club in the nation did more to support that charity than we did), just in case I had to play that card.

I think the truth won them over, and that was the fact that we have club members who retired from careers at Travis as mechanics, loadmasters, etc. who would be willing to talk with people about their positive experiences in the Air Force. Personally, I told them of my dad's career as an Air Force pilot, and how Travis was my dad's last base assignment from 1968 to 1972 as he helped usher in the new C-5A Super Galaxy as Chief Pilot of the first West Coast C-5

Squadron (75th MAS), and how I wanted to display some of his model planes and AF memorabilia on the trunk of my car. I had requested a space big enough to display 4-6 cars, but as they "didn't want this to take on the feel of a car show", they ultimately gave me the green light to bring three cars to display next to the Tuskegee P-51, "Bunny".

Terry Burke was the first person I thought of when I initially had the idea to try and gain approval for a club car display at the airshow. Terry, a retired C-5 mechanic, who always wears his dress blues at Veterans Day Parades! And his pedal car painted to match his '68 Coupe would be a hit with kids. And Ron Normandin, who retired from Travis as a C-141 mechanic, with his '68 California Special, also came immediately to mind. Needing a trunk surface to display my dad's memorabilia meant I would be bringing the '68 Shelby convertible. So with these three 1968's...the Golden Hills Mustang "Squadron 68" was formed!

It was a great THREE days. The public show was Saturday and Sunday, but they asked us to be there Friday also (which made load-in and set-up much easier), as it was Family Day for Travis personnel. Friday was very windy and cloudy-cold, but Saturday and Sunday were both so warm I went "topless" both days! We were given a great location right on the flight line, so our display area was very busy. Several hundred pictures were taken of each of our cars both days. Many conversations were had about our club and our Air Force connections; I think we all ran out of GHMC business cards by Sunday afternoon.

All in all, I think we made a positive impression in our community. Thank you again Ron and Terry for giving up three full days to join me at this display. A special thanks to Terry for some great photography,



and wearing his dress blues all three days, especially during the weekend warm weather! I'm already looking forward to the next Wings Over Solano in 2026.





































Rob Lo represented GHMC at the Good Guys Rod & Custom Show's 60th Mustang Anniversary Display—March 22-24. 2024



This month I thought that we would take a look at some form to return asking for the mileage on your insured quite a rabbit hole. So, let's jump into telemetrics!

Well, aside from the fact that the "Black Box" is actually bright orange, there may also be something similar crash event. Things like throttle position, brake application and force, antilock operation, stability control (if some that may be recorded. This is commonly embedded in the Engine Control Unit and cannot be disconnected or over ridden by the operator or owner. This is what the insurance company and/or law enforcement may plug into and download to help determine fault. These units necting to the OBD port to download.

nology has taken us to new heights. As we all know, whenever we download an app to our phones there is other Ford) is a 2018 or newer model. that window that we come to called the "Agreement". app provides. Right? Well, if we did take the time to read through them carefully, we would find that almost brake, how hard I corner, and what I say in conversa-always these apps collect data. Data of all kinds. Some tion with my passenger (if in fact it can record this); want access to your photo library, your address book, but I personally do not think that it is their business, or locations services, other apps that you may have, your the insurance companies' business, or Big Brother's for credit card, and on and on. But, the convenience! There that matter. I own the car, not the bank, and I can do is a point that the data collection gets to that the information collected can tell someone else who has acman we cannot possibly remember every single thing the track). that we have done, possess, or say. But the computer never forgets the data.

when annually your insurance company would mail you a

different type of tech that I/we normally do. As much car(s)? Remember when you might have received an invias we all enjoy talking about such things as compression tation to become a member of the Nielson Family to ratios, manual vs. auto trans, and posi-traction differen- rate television programming? Sorry, did not mean to tials, I have recently delved into an area that is really make anyone consider their age. Well, we don't have to do that anymore. If you have Comcast service for your What the heck is telemetrics you say? Well, I am sure TV, or a 2018 or newer model Mustang all of that is takthat you all have heard of the "Black Box" that the FAA en care of for you. Oh! The convenience! It is not a confuriously looks for when an aircraft crashes, right? spiracy theory that newer televisions may have the capability to watch and listen to you. That certain apps (Facebook) have the ability to listen to your conversaon your Mustang. Ford began using Event Data Record- tion and know your location, even when you are not using ers (EDR) with the 2001 model year Mustang. Essential- the app. That your Roomba is GPS mapping your house ly these modules are capable of recording the status of and may even be taking photos of you and your house several different systems just prior to and during a without your knowledge. And your security camera system may be providing video to various other agencies including the police. For more fun and games on this and equipped) operation, g-force and direction just to name more see "Rob Braxman Tech" on You Tube. Oh My! The convenience of all of this! Now I have so much more time to...whatever.

Back to the Mustang. Starting with the 2018 model year Mustangs (and many, many other models, some even sooner) were delivered with a TCU (Telemetric Control were not connected to clouds, Wi-Fi, or cell systems Unit). These communicate with Ford Pass and other ofand the information on them was only accessible by conferings from Ford. If you signed up for them and have not turned off the Wi-Fi in your car it is sending a con-But you didn't think that it would stop there, did you? stant stream of information about the vehicle and the Since the introduction of EDR's for automobiles, tech- way that it is being operated. That is how the Service Tech knows that you have been revving the engine past "Data is King". And nowadays just about everything that 8000 RPM and doing over 145 MPH when you call him to we do and say is collected and stored somewhere. Even make an appointment for the blown clutch and severe oil if it is of no use today, it may become useable and valu- consumption. That is also how the insurance company able information at a later date. It is especially the val-knows how many miles you have on the car. They may uable part that makes it "King". That data is what can send you a card asking you to report your mileage, but be sold to generate profit. To give you some examples, most likely they already know if your Mustang (or any

The TCU system collects and sends plenty of other in-And what do nearly all of us do? Well, we usually don't formation. I am sure that some of it is used by Ford to read it, we just click agree because we are so anxious to develop more and better products for their customers. begin partaking in the wonderful convenience that the I am not really sure why it is important for them to know where I go, how long I stay, how fast I drive or with it as I please; barring illegal activities like robbing banks, transporting illegal substances, drag racing cess to it more that you know about yourself. Being hu- (except on the track), or road racing (again, except on

Remember, I mentioned generating profit? Now, you would not think that Ford collects all of this data and So on to more telemetrics in our Mustangs. Remember just lets it sit, would you? NO! Ford says "Imma gonna





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And that data is more than likely available to anyone who wants to pay for it, just like Facebook, Google, and on it, at least for now. And if I were to find out that it

go back to the original contract from when you bought the car and start there. Read very carefully. Did you sign a user agreement that forbids disconnection? Then, go back and read the user agreement that you subject that I cannot cover all of in this space. I have clicked "Agree" to the first time that you accessed the already mentioned Rob Braxman Tech on YouTube. For a program in the car, App on your phone, or computer. Is longer and deeper discussion on this subject you can go there a clause that forbids you to disconnect the TCU to https://www.mustang6g.com/ and in the search bar or service? You may find that you will need to contact type in 4G Modem Removal or Telematics and you will your attorney to décipher the légalese the User Agree- find plenty of discussion on the subject. Even a search ment(s) that you hurriedly signed or clicked because you on your favorite data gathering browser will turn up inhave a full tank of gas, and several more to burn, before fo on TCU's, telematics, and so on. you can really put the hammer down on your new Pony. I am not making a judgment on the spy services incorpo-Or, you might just decide to disconnect the TCU and rated in our Mustangs. I just thought that I would fungeddaboudit.

It really boils down to how you feel about the data col-I please". Then there are all of those in between. For the data! some, the ignorance of what TCU does is part of their bliss, and cannot be denied. For others, they simply do Pedal to the Metal, not care about all of the data that is collected about Paul their lives and have a different definition of what privacy is, and they too cannot be denied. Myself? I am

sell me some data, and makka somma money outta dat!". glad that I own a 2017 Mustang GT and other than the EDR, I am unaware that it has any other spy equipment thousands of other operations do.

So, one might ask, "Can I disconnect the TCU?". The out of it and love every minute of it. And, I would buy a answer to this "yes" and "no". I would suggest that you newer model Mustang without hesitation; it would also never to the modified like every other can or truck that I have to be modified like every other car or truck that I have ever owned.

This subject is one that is a very technical and deep

write this to make you all more aware of just a few of their capabilities and use. And to make you even happier lected and the convenience that you feel you get from about ownership of an older Mustang that is blind, deaf, the system. There are those who say "I am not doing and dumb data collection wise. If you have expertise in anything wrong so I don't care what they know" and the this field, more information to offer, or questions, other end of the spectrum there are those who flatly please let me know at Dieselgunner@comcast.net. I will state "It is my car, I paid for it, and I will do with it as be interested and no doubt Comcast would love to have

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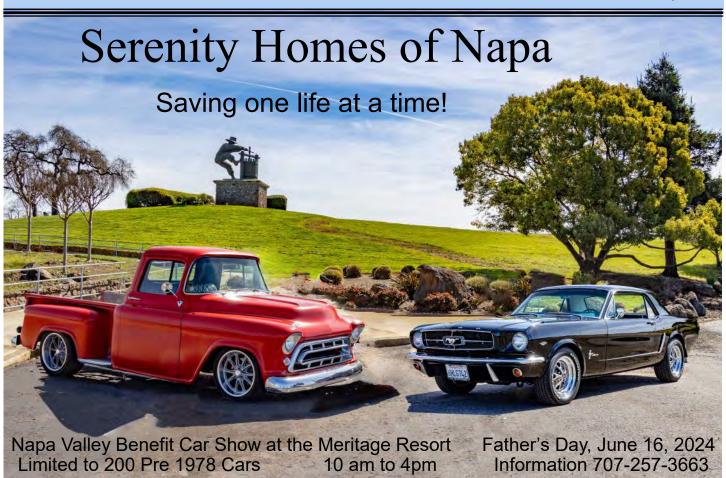
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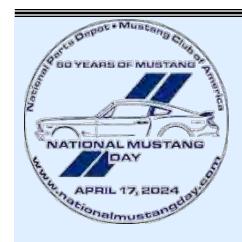
Our Past President, Sue Calvert, has officially retired on March 29th. She worked in the insurance industry for 39 years at the same company, R.L. Milsner.

Retirement is a big step for her as she will soon be moving to Humboldt County to be closer to the bulk of her family. Since she still has family in the Bay Area (and her Mustang family, too), we know she will be visiting often.

We all wish her well in her new adventures!

SAVE THE DATE!









Happy 60th Birthday Mustang Burger Run Wednesday, April 17, 2024 6:30 pm

> Original Mel's Diner 171 Nut Tree Parkway Vacaville, CA



Dan's Dent Day and Lunch Saturday, April 27 9:00 am 495 Ryder St., Vallejo



We have set up a Dent Day with Ian of Ian's Dent Solutions.

The Location is at Cordeiro Vault at 495 Ryder St., Vallejo. Those attending can start arriving around 9 and numbers will be given for dent quotes/work. Ian will call your # and give you a price quote. If you want the repair done, he will remove the dent/dents right there. Big jobs he will reschedule with you for a later date at the discounted rate for this event.

A BBQ lunch will be provided by Dan & Cristy. Boyz Under the Hood and the Golden Hills Mustang Club members are invited. You are welcome to bring your classic or daily drivers for dent repairs. Or, if you don't have any projects, come on down to watch the action and enjoy a free BBQ and socialize with fellow car lovers.

Please let Dan & Cristy know if you are coming for a food headcount. Also let them know if you plan on bringing a dented vehicle (just for info) You can email or call us.



UPCOMING EVENTS

	ALL FUTURE EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE
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April 6	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Car Show, 2700 Dover St, Fairfield, 9:00am –2:00pm. See our website for registration flyer.
April 13	Biggest Little Car Show Judging Seminar - East Bay Classic - Watch email for details
Apr 17	Happy 60th Birthday Mustang Burger Run, 6:30pm, Mel's Diner, 171 Nut Tree Parkway, Vacaville.
April 20	Coast Guard Station Golden Gate Tour, 11:00am, 435 Murray Cir, Sausalito. Watch email for meeting times and more details.
April 21	National Mustang Day Display @The Cobra Experience, Martinez, 8:00am
Apr 23	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia
Apr 25-28	Kool April Nites, Redding, CA Contact Tammy Robinette regarding rooms: 707-257-3663
April 27	Dan's Dent Day at Cordeiro Vault, 9:00am, 495 Ryder St., Vallejo
May 11	Dixon May Fair Parade—watch email for details
May 18	The Biggest Little Car Show, Suisun Waterfront Plaza, Suisun City, CA
May 19	Wings & Wheels Car Show, Travis AFB Aviation Museum—watch email for details
May 25	Fiesta Days Parade, Vacaville
May 28	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia

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



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 grandchild, recognition or an award) to share with your fellow club members, please send me an email: nrmccabe@gmail.com



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/1 James Isaacson 4/2 Danielle Wright

4/6 Neal Randles

4/6 Austin Sturgeon

4/7 Greg Stevenson 4/14 Jack Banovitz

4/14 Nicole vonTing

4/15 Danielle von Ting

4/18 Ellyn Derby

4/21 Chuck Hodgers 4/23 Kai Pomereinke

4/23 Sally Ann Wright 4/24 Loretta McCalmont

4/25 Cesar Gomez

4/28 Lisa Phillips

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/2 Ileine Burke 5/2 Dennis vonTing

Shelby Bauer 5/3

Carly Waterstraut 5/5

5/7 William Vallejos

5/8 Jeff Bassett

5/9 Sue Calvert

5/9 Rachel Walton

5/10 Tony Barkman

5/11 Paul Troxell

5/14 Ian Myska

5/16 Rachel Cordeiro

5/16 Dan McCabe

5/18 Jackson Herman

5/18 Erin Judd

5/19 Jason Scott

5/22 Melinda Barkman

5/24 Yvonne Westberg

5/25 Mike Robinette

5/26 Scott Garrison 5/26 Theresa Leanio

5/26 Kirk Stafford

5/27 Carl McCune

5/27 Brad Parsons

5/27 Emma York



PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYONE!

Sunshine By Yvonne Westberg

Cards were sent to the following members:

- 2 Pat Sivigliano received a card and flowers as she had extensive surgery on her foot.
- Donnie McEachern received a card and flowers after spending 6 days in the hospital and having surgery for a horrible infection due to his little fur baby biting him on the hand.

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



$\star\star$ Car Show Update $\star\star$

The 39th Annual Biggest Little Car Show on May 18th 2024 is just over the horizon and it will be all hands on deck before you know it. We want to welcome and thank Peggy Mathews for volunteering to chair the raffle committee and she needs volunteers to staff the booth. As always, these shows don't get done by just a few people, it takes all our club members volunteering to make them happen so please give me a call or shoot me an email and find out how you can help.

We want to thank Ron DuPratt Ford for stepping up to once again sponsor the club for the year and Gold level show sponsor. East Bay Classics and Southern Counties Lubricants are returning as Gold level sponsors, but we are looking for more sponsors and we need raffle prizes. Sponsors and items do not need to be auto related, think out of the box. I have sponsor forms that I can email you. If you have a friend selling MCA National Director arts and crafts that would like to be a ven- Gold Card OD/DD Judge dor, 10X10 spaces are only \$50. Non-profit

organizations get a free 10X10 booth while space is available.

The MCA Judged Class is sold out and we have 82 total entries so far, we are running 2 weeks ahead of last year's registrations. Remember club members should register their Mustangs for the GHMC Member Class, regardless of year. Club members registering a non-Mustang Ford, Lincoln, or Mercury can register in the appropriate class for that vehicle.

The next Judging Seminar to train those interested in judging or learning how their car will be judged is April 13th. We need as many of our judges there as possible as this will be the last seminar before the show. The seminar will be followed by a car show meeting, and we will have pizza for lunch. If you have any questions or ideas, please contact me or Paul.

Robin Paulsell

Looking for more sponsors to fill this page!

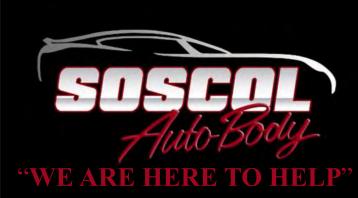


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NEXT MEETING Tues, April 23, 2024

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