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SO MANY MARVELOUS EVENTS THIS MONTH CULMINATING WITH A DAY AT
SONOMA RACEWAY. SEE INSIDE FOR STORIES AND PICTURES.



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.

2024

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HEADING DOWN THE TRAIL...

With President Bob Fentress



April is a great month for car enthusiasts when the weather encourages us to get out on the open road. It's time to share in the celebration and admiration of the Mustang and to meet others who share Mustang fever.

Our club motto has always been "The Friendliest Little Club," but one of the things we have always taken pride in is being a "Family Club." You may have heard that spoken at a meeting or other gatherings. This year marks my tenth anniversary with GHMC. Throughout that time, I've received a warm welcome from the more seasoned club members and have welcomed newcomers. It's a very supportive atmosphere where we find involvement to be a rewarding experience, and an opportunity to meet new friends. Promoting the upcoming Biggest Little Car Show, GHMC leadership has reached out to other clubs to participate in the event. That has blossomed into planning shared activities with those clubs. Watch for announcements of upcoming inter-club activities!

Have fun on the road and be safe out there!



It's past time to pay your dues for 2025!

Well, it's that time of the year again. 2025 dues became delinquent on March 1st. We still have some members who haven't paid, so please check your records. 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.

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Thank you!

Please Stay Well and hope to see you soon!

Kathy Loya

4th ANNUAL ECCENTRIC CAR SHOW

At the Eccentric Car Show at the Waterfront in Suisun City on March 15th; Jim, Lauma, Rob, Phil, & Mike Miller attended and represented GHMC. It was packed with a lot of really cool cars and a lot of spectators. It had been raining most of the week but perfect spring weather with mixed clouds and sunshine.

A special congratulations to Jim & Lauma for their '70 Mustang Boss 302 who won "Best of Show" & Mike first time show on Top 30. Shout out to Phil for his first time entering his '65 Mustang. Over all it was a great day for all of us and looking forward to the next event.

By Rob Lo



MARVELOUS MARCH

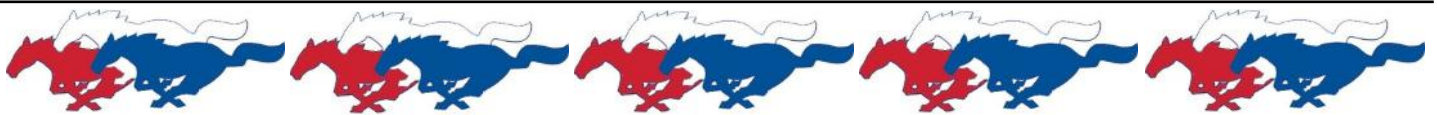
Two Marvelous events took us to the Cobra Experience in Martinez this March and we all had a great experience! We were honored to have our 2008 Shelby GT in the museum as Car of the Month. Our family joined us for the Open Day on the 16th along with members from both GHMC and the Napa Valley Cruisers. We were fortunate to have NVC member, Tony Stoer, come with us and he entertained all with his stories of Carroll Shelby back in the day and the Dragonsnake Cobra that he helped build. Even the docents were thrilled to have him there! We posed for lots of pictures and on the way home we celebrated our grandson Luke's 9th Birthday and our Anniversary.

The following Saturday, March 22nd, several of us had dinner with Aaron Shelby, Carroll's grandson; and Christian Bale's stunt driver, Tony Hunt, from the movie *Ford vs Ferrari*.

After a wonderful buffet dinner, we enjoyed presentations from Aaron and Tony, along with a great question and answer session. Aaron was given the Global Icon Award for his efforts keeping the Shelby Legacy alive. The evening concluded with an autograph session, and Aaron posing for pictures with us and our Shelby. These were unforgettable events that will be talked about for many years to come.

By Dan & Norma McCabe





BERRYESSA CRUISE

What started out as a cold partly cloudy day with some rogue rain drops slowly ended with clouds and everyone's favorite thing in the world...RAIN!!! None of that stopped 13 club members in 8 cars (7 Mustangs and 1 Roadster with no heater) from going on a cruise up to Lake Berryessa to see the infamous Glory Hole spilling over for only the 4th time in the past 20 years, down to the very unique Stevenson Bridge on the Yolo/Solano County line for some picture opportunities and on through the backroads of Dixon to Mel's Diner in Vacaville for lunch. Myself and my mom (Kathy Loya), Terry and Ileine Burke, Paul and Alice Troxel, Danny and Cristy Cordeiro, Rob Lo, Bob Fentress, Scott Paulin, John Clark and Kathy Eichen all met up at Costo in Cordelia and headed off at 10am. We made our way up Green Valley, unfortunately having to pull off to the side early on due to one person not letting the other make the light on account of some sLOWness (I won't name names) with a touch of not paying attention. Once everyone got caught up, we made our way again continuing up through Rockville, Suisun Valley and Wooden Valley. I had driven the route about a week prior to see if there was any obstacles to get around. Unfortunately there were two temporary traffic signals along the route that I had to make note of. I had let

everyone know ahead of time of the signals and what the plan was in case anyone got stuck at them, but luckily everyone was able to make it through both lights unscathed and we all made it to the Glory Hole together. After Spending half an hour gawking and talking (and standing along the fence "looking down" at Putah Creek), we all gathered back in our cars and continued heading down the highway towards Winters and Stevenson Bridge. We continued through Winters and on through a small portion of Yolo County, and one U-Turn later (I made the same mistake I did on the test drive and missed the turn) we made it to the bridge. The Burkes continued across the bridge so Terry could hop out and take pictures of the cars coming across the bridge. After a bicycle rider thought they could win an argument with Ileine Burke about the cars "blocking the bridge" (at least they tried?), we continued through the backroads of Dixon and a few quick turns through Vacaville we arrived at our final destination for lunch. Even though it was a bit of a tight squeeze in the very small back room at Mel's because of how they had the tables set up, everyone had a great time and enjoyed their lunch. Thank you to those who attended, and I hope this is something we can keep doing year after year.

by Nick Loya



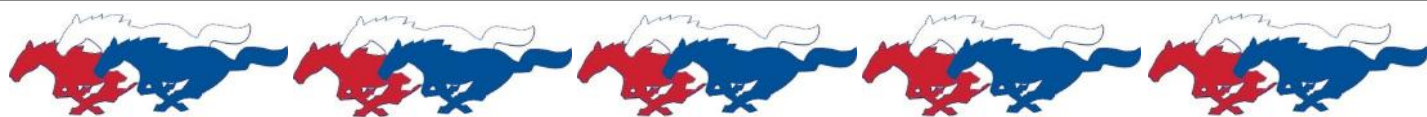


SONOMA RACEWAY

I had a fun time & lifetime experience at the Sonoma Raceway GT World Challenge on March 29th with **Gold-Hills Mustang Club** and Sacramento Area Mustang Club. A special shout out to **Greg Durante** for putting this event together for both our clubs. Much appreciated! Both **Mike Miller** and my '67 were chosen by **Greg Durante** president of SAMC to be displayed at the Paddock along with his 2013 Shelby GT 500. We were able to get up close and personal with Ford GT3 racers Anthony Lazzaro, Scott Dollahite & Dane Stapleton. Up close to see the

GT3 race car and crew. We got to see races, autographs, swags, cool cars and people that share the same interests plus 1 lap around the race track that I will treasure a lifetime with my Mustang family Thank you **Dan McCabe**, **Nick Loya**, Paul & Alice Troxell, Phil Dizon, Frank Martinez, Elero Booker, Mike Miller, Donnie McEachern & crew from SAMC and a special shout out and a special thank you to Greg for making this memorable event happen. Hopefully we can do this again next year.

By Rob Lo



Tech Talk 2.0



By Paul Troxell

For Those Who Still Grease

The word grease may be a term that is fading into the past for some and perhaps younger folks may not even know about it. But, us old guys know that it was part of servicing our cars and trucks back in the day. Anyone with five cents worth of common sense knew that you had not finished servicing your vehicle until it had been properly greased. Modern cars and even light trucks have few, if any, points on them that require greasing. Ball joints, tie rod ends, u-joints and even wheel hubs are sealed units nowadays and require no service until they begin to fail. It is a sad thing really. For those of us who reveled in working on and maintaining our own cars and taking care that it was in tip top shape and ready to go at all times was a matter of pride. If you knew how to tune engines, do a string alignment, and rebuild a carburetor you would be one of the guys who "knew his stuff". And, if you could rebuild engines, transmissions, and rear ends you were among the elites in the car world.

Anyway, back to grease and greasing. The actual act of lubricating various components that may be in need of such service is really nothing very technical. There are some important things that one should know in order to perform the task, but they are simple and once learned never forgotten. Grease is pumped from whatever tool that is used into the tie rod end, ball joint, u-joint, and even hub bearings in some cases. Just as it is with engine oil, transmission fluids, and differential oils, the most important house keeping item is that they are kept clean. No matter how the product is dispensed, cleanliness is next to Godliness! Contamination is the number one cause of machinery failure. It is not the lubricant; unless it is the wrong lubricant.

Failure to lubricate points that require grease will result in noisy joints and premature failure. These points are usually serviced via what is called a grease zerk. A zerk is a small fitting that threads into place and has a small spring-loaded ball in the end of it that allows grease to pass into it, but does not allow the grease to flow back out. It is imperative to know where every zerk is located on your car or truck in order to ensure that each is serviced every time the vehicle is serviced. Sometimes they may be somewhat difficult to get to or can require

special tools, like grease needles, in order to reach them. Always clean the zerk with a clean shop rag or towel before putting your grease gun to the zerk. There should be no dirt, rust, or other contamination on the zerk. Otherwise, you will pump that debris into whatever you are trying to lubricate, guaranteeing that it's lifespan will be severely shortened.

Now pump the handle on your gun, or pull the trigger if it is an air operated unit, and only put enough grease in until you see a small amount of grease begin coming out of what you are lubricating. By this I mean, do not mean pump wildly or pull the trigger on your grease gun and begin a conversation on existentialism with your buddy. Pump slowly and watch what you are doing and as soon as you see any grease begin to come out anywhere around the unit that you are greasing, STOP! The grease on the outside will only attract and hold dirt and contamination, fall off later on the garage floor, and make the job even more undesirable by getting all over you and your clothes. Oh, the clothes thing. You really don't want grease on your clothes. It spreads everywhere. Like on your upholstery, your shoes, the steering wheel, everything that you touch, and eventually it will be in the washing machine ruining your wife's clothes, your underwear, and anything else that gets in that machine. If you cannot do this job neatly without spreading grease everywhere, you may just consider taking it to your mechanic. There is a huge amount of false economy in trying to DIY if you have to sit and watch a fashion show after your wife gets home from clothes shopping because your greasy clothes ruined hers.

Now, wipe the zerk off again to remove any grease that is left behind and wipe away any that has oozed out anywhere else. Remember, the grease on the outside does nothing good. Then, wash, rinse, repeat until you have lubed every point on the vehicle that requires it.

Now, as to grease. In my years selling lubricants I had many people tell me that they only used blue (or red, or green) grease because it was the best most fantastic grease in the world. Folks, the color of grease is a dye that is put there by the producer

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Tech Talk 2.0 cont.

in order for them to easily identify their product and has absolutely no bearing on its performance.

Grease is a semi-solid lubricant that is made by mixing oil with a thickening agent and additives that help to lubricate and prevent metal surfaces from touching each other. It is used in places where oil cannot or would not be practical. They can be formulated to work on moving parts that operate at high and low temperature extremes, extreme pressure and loads, and even under water. Selecting the correct grease is just as important as putting it where it needs to be. Like one of my favorite Certified Lubrication Specialist Lake Speed Jr. says "The right lubricant, in the right place, in the right amount, at the right time."

For our application there are many offerings to choose from. And the price range covers the gamut of economical to astronomical. Which one is right for you? Well, that might just be as difficult to answer as what whiskey is the best? Not really, for our cars it is actually fairly simple. Since we don't operate our cars in door deep water, below zero weather, high impact and load situations like an excavator, the use of a lithium based NLGI 2 EP grease will service nearly all of our needs. If it has a high enough operating temperature, like 350F, this would be acceptable for disk brake wheel bearing application. There are other options like calci-

um-based greases and synthetics and they have different price points. If you want more information on these and/or have more questions about grease formulations, specifications, and applications just drop me an email. If I can't answer your query, I do have access to a Certified Lubrication Specialist (Not Lake Speed Jr.) who will be able to answer and make recommendations for you.

There is much, much more, technically speaking about grease. For a bit of a deeper dive into grease and its applications go to any of the major oil companies' websites and search grease. Or just search the Interweb and you will find more than you will probably want to know. My recommendation is don't let any of them convince you that you are driving an interstellar star ship and that you need Brand X in order to make close passes to red giants. There are many high-quality lubricants available from the major oil companies and the same from some "Boutique" blenders out there that will fulfill your every need to keep your classic and modern car or truck well serviced at a reasonable price for many years and miles.

And, finally, after you get it greased, don't forget to

Keep the Pedal to the Metal!



BLAST FROM THE PAST

WHO IS CHASING WHO?



Pics from Mustangs 50th Anniversary in Las Vegas



★★★UPCOMING EVENTS★★★



ALL FUTURE EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE

Apr 3	GHMC BOARD MEETING - LOCATION TBA– 6:00PM
Apr 16	BIGGEST LITTLE CAR SHOW MEETING @ 5:30PM. Round Table Pizza by Costco in Cordelia 5085 Business Center Dr. WATCH FOR EMAIL FOR DETAILS
Apr 17	HAPPY BIRTHDAY MUSTANG BURGER RUN @ MEL'S DINER VACAVILLE - WATCH EMAIL FOR DETAILS
Apr 20	CARS, KIDS & COFFEE - EASTER EGG HUNT 8:30 AM 10:00 AM OPEN DAY AT THE COBRA EXPERIENCE. EVERY 3RD SUNDAY @10:00AM 777 ARNOLD DRIVE, SUITE 200, MARTINEZ
Apr 22	GHMC GENERAL MEETING -. DENNY'S, 304 PITTMAN RD., CORDELIA, CA 94534 6:30PM – 9:30PM, MEETING STARTS AT 7:30PM
Apr 23-27	KOOL APRIL NITES, REDDING, ROOMS AVAILABLE—CALL TAMMY ROBINETTE 916-803-2910
Apr 24	MIXED NUTTS BASEBALL GAME @12:00 PM , BORMAN FIELD, YOUNTVILLE VETERANS HOME
Apr 26	OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CAR SHOW 2025 2700 DOVER AVE, FAIRFIELD, CA SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR REGISTRATION FORM
May 1	GHMC BOARD MEETING - LOCATION TBA– 6:00PM
May 16	EVENING CLEANUP OF THE CAR SHOW AREA, TIME TBA, SUISUN WATERFRONT
May 17	40TH ANNUAL BIGGEST LITTLE CAR SHOW SUISUN CITY WATERFRONT PLAZA
May 18	ARMIJO HIGH SOBER GRAD NITE CAR SHOW, AT NITRO CITY IN FAIRFIELD (SEE WEBSITE FOR FLYER)
May 21	BIGGEST LITTLE CAR SHOW MEETING @5:30PM. ROUND TABLE PIZZA BY COSTCO IN CORDELIA 5085 BUSINESS CENTER DR. WATCH FOR EMAILS.
May 27	GHMC GENERAL MEETING -. DENNY'S, 304 PITTMAN RD., CORDELIA, CA 94534 6:30PM – 9:30PM, MEETING STARTS AT 7:30PM
July 16-20	5 DAY ROAD TRIP TO GOLD BEACH, OREGON TO RIDE JERRY'S JET BOAT ON THE MAJESTIC ROGUE RIVER! CONTACT DAN MCCABE ASAP IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOING. EMAIL info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com

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

SAVE THE DATE

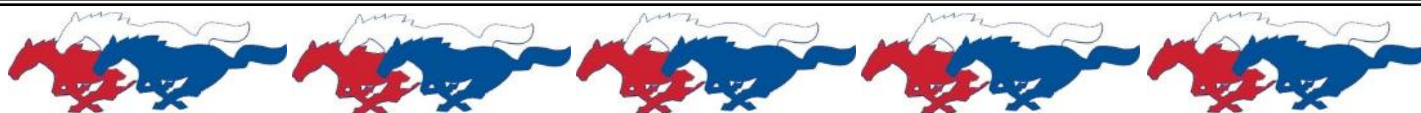
Pre-Father's Day Car Cruise

GHMC has been invited to join the 16th annual Father's Day car cruise with the Boyz Under the Hood car club. This is an annual event put on by Greg Trewin. This year it is held on Saturday, June 7th. We will meet at Starbucks in Vallejo at 7:30 am and travel to Sonoma and spend several hours at the Plaza. We then will take a back roads cruise to the Bally Keal Estate in Rockville where we will have a catered all-you-can eat brunch. There is musical entertainment planned, a mini car museum, and spirit tasting available. The best part is spending the day with other car enthusiasts (there is a fee of \$72 per person to cover the cost of the facility and the brunch). There is also a poker run available for \$5 a hand with cash prizes. There are raffle prizes given out at the brunch, and each car will receive an event t-shirt. Greg really puts on a fun filled day!

This is always a great event, it is a car cruise, and Greg never disappoints in taking the roads less traveled. Driving your classic car is encouraged, but a daily driver is also ok.

If you are interested in attending, give me a call and I will get an informational brochure to you. You must register to attend – the last day to register is May 18th. Hope you can join us for an exciting day!

Dan Cordeiro (707) 486-6709



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/4 Regina Williams
4/6 Neal Randles
4/6 Austin Sturgeon
4/6 Catherine Taylor
4/7 Greg Stevenson
4/14 Jack Banovitz
4/14 Nicole vonTing
4/15 Danielle vonTing
4/17 Ford Mustang
4/23 Kai Pomereinke
4/24 Loretta McCalmont
4/28 Lisa Phillips

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/2 Ileine Burke
5/2 Dennis vonTing
5/3 Shelby Bauer
5/7 William Vallejos
5/8 Jeff Bassett
5/9 Sue Calvert
5/10 Tony Barkman
5/11 Paul Troxell
5/14 Mike Miller
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 Kirk Stafford
5/27 Brad Parsons
5/27 Emma York



PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYONE!

Sunshine Corner



By Yvonne Westberg

The following member was sent a Sunshine cards in March:

✧ Nick Loya, as he injured his leg helping friends move.

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



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



40th Annual Biggest Little Car Show

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**2025 Biggest Little Car Show
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Wednesday of each month.**

February thru April

**At the Round Table in Cordelia
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**Contact Paul Troxell
to volunteer**

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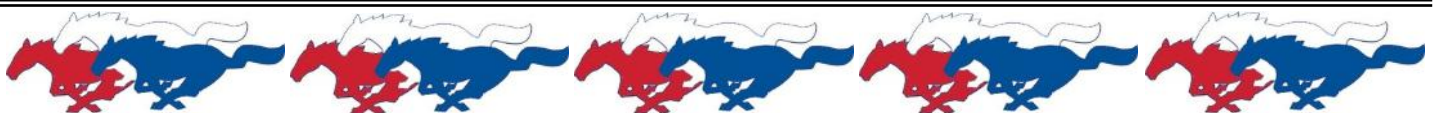
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SEE YOU AT



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***NEXT MEETING
Tues, April 22, 2025***

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