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## GHMC WELCOMES 2025



**2025 OFFICERS & BOARD**  
See page 5 for story 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

## Board of Directors

Club President	Bob Fentress
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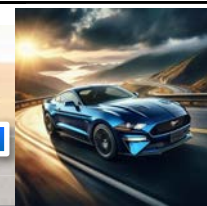
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# HEADING DOWN THE TRAIL...

With President Bob Fentress



Welcome to 2025! I'd like to thank Norma McCabe and Lynne McEachern for organizing another great Christmas party! Thanks also to Frank Lopez for the musical entertainment, and Jim Willis & Lauma Jurkevics for the surprise goodie bags!

I'm looking forward to my second year leading the friendliest little club along with vice president and event coordinator Nick Loya, secretary Alice Troxell, treasurer Brian Evans, past president Sue Calvert, board members Terry Burke, Dan Cordeiro, Rob Lo, Frank Lopez, Don McEachern, and Paul Troxell. Thank you everyone for making 2024 a good year for the club! We hope to make 2025 another fun year with lots of new adventures. It's a lot of hard work to keep our club going and if we all work together, we can make it even better.

We'll launch the new year with our traditional breakfast gathering on Saturday, January 11. We'll meet at 9 am in the banquet area at the Black Bear Diner at 111 Sunset Ave. (corner of highway 12) in Suisun City. The agenda is simply fun, fellowship, and food. I look forward to meeting with club members there!

It's customary to make (and try to keep) resolutions for the new year. These resolutions often include ways of maintaining and improving one's health, and your involvement with the Golden Hills Mustang Club can help with that! Socialization, particularly in a supportive environment, improves your overall well-being. So, make a resolution to take part in GHMC activities this year and may your health improve at the same time!

Have fun on the road and be safe out there!



## ***It's time to pay your dues for 2025!***

Well, it's that time of the year again. 2025 dues are payable January 1st and will become delinquent on February 28th. 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](mailto:membership@goldenhillsmustangclub.com)

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



# Wreaths Across America



I would like to thank the brave and hardy club members that braved the elements for this year's Wreaths Across America program. We were exposed to HEAVY RAIN, STRONG WIND and brief moments of SUN at one point in time we even had a rainbow. The Club Members began participating in this event back in 2009. Simple math would conclude that we therefore have been involved with The Wreaths Across America for 15 years. Those members who have never involved themselves have missed a truly memorable and moving ceremony. This 561 acre site has the capacity for over 150,000

grave sites. When we first participated there were only 5900 grave sites to place a wreath at by the year 2017 the were over 30,000 already interred. The number of internments continues to increase at an alarming rate as the WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Iraq veteran's pass.

I would like to conclude this article by expressing my sincere hope that more members of our club participate in any event that pays respect and appreciation for what the brave Men and Women of our military and their families sacrifice for us on a daily basis.

By Bill Davis w/additional pictures by Mikal Brevig





# GHMC CHRISTMAS PARTY 2024



On December 14, 2024 we gathered at the Napa Elks Lodge for our 42nd Annual Christmas Party, which was also dubbed "The Reindeer Games." 44 Happy GHMC members and their guests enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner of Prime Rib and Turkey with Red Velvet cake and Tiramisu for dessert. The tables were set with red & white linens and beautiful centerpieces made by Lynne McEachern. The place cards and favors added to the festive and elegant setting.

While we finished up dessert and waited for the Installation of Officers to begin we were treated to a surprise serenade on the Ukulele by Frank Lopez. He serenaded us with a trio of Bob Dylan songs followed by Mele Kalikimaka, the Hawaiian Christmas song.

At this time President Bob Fentress thanked the 2024 Board and Officers before he welcomed the 2025 Board which included new Board member, Paul Troxel. Nick Loya then presented Bob with a gift for his first year as President. It was a 60th Anniversary Mustang book by Donald Farr which brought a big smile to Bob's face.

Lynnie really ran with the theme for the party from the decorations to the games. We chose our Reindeer names and voted on them, with Dan Cordeiro AKA Singing Fruitcake winning the prize for the funniest name. Jeanette Parsons

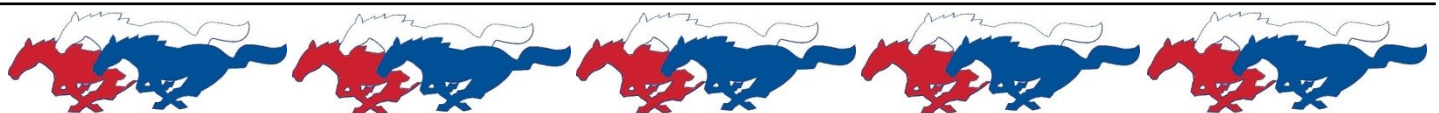
won the prize for guessing the number of peppermint candies in the jar which looked like a reindeer. Rob Lo won the prize for the having most items on his phone and Nick Loya won the Rudolph Fact or Fiction game. A Mustang Calendar was won by Joe Hoelcek and Lauma Jurkevics Willis won the door prize which was a Reindeer made out of horseshoes. The final Left/Right Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer story read by Dan McCabe determined who would take home the beautiful centerpieces. The person who ended up with a bag full of kisses was the winner. Dan also read The Mustang Night Before Christmas to close the party.

The staff at the Elks was more than accommodating and made sure we had everything we needed for a wonderful event. We feel fortunate to be able to have our parties there.

Terry Burke took everyone's portrait in front of the beautifully decorated Christmas tree and posted them on our website along with more pictures from the night. They are wonderful so make sure you check them out.

I would also like to thank Jim & Lauma for the wonderful treat bags they handed out to each guest, but most of all I need to thank Donnie & Lynnie McEachern and Dan McCabe plus everyone who attended for helping me put together such a memorable evening!

By Norma McCabe





# Tech Talk 2.0



By Paul Troxell

Our Tech Advisor, Paul Troxell is in the shop for an overhaul. (ie: total knee replacement.) While he is out of commission temporarily, he asked us to reuse a piece from the archives. This was first published in the Napa Valley Cruisers Newsletter in April of 2010 and contributed by Joe Dobler

## TOOLS EXPLAINED

**DRILL PRESS:** A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

**WIRE WHEEL:** Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh sh--!'

**SKILL SAW:** A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

**PLIERS:** Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

**BELT SANDER:** An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

**HACKSAW:** One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

**VICE-GRIPS:** Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads.. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

**OXYACETYLENE TORCH:** Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.

**TABLE SAW:** A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

**HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK:** Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have in-

stalled your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

**BAND SAW:** A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

**TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST:** A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

**PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER:** Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

**STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER:** A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

**PRY BAR:** A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

**HOSE CUTTER:** A tool used to make hoses too short.

**HAMMER:** Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

**UTILITY KNIFE:** Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

**S.O.B. TOOL:** (A personal favorite!) Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling 'Son of a B\*\*\*\*\*!' at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.

Hope you found this informative.



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**2025 Biggest Little Car Show  
Meetings will be held the 3rd  
Wednesday of each month.**

**January thru April**

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**Contact Paul Troxell  
to volunteer**

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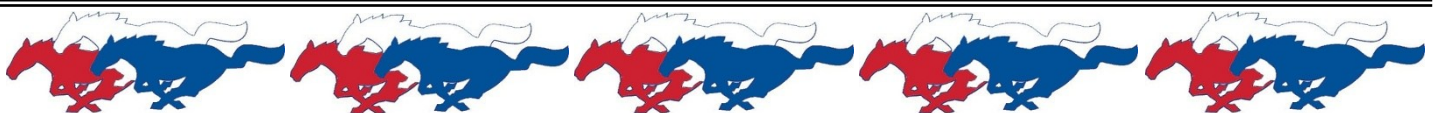
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## Ron DuPratt

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# ★★★UPCOMING EVENTS★★★



ALL FUTURE EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE

Jan 9	GHMC BOARD MEETING, THE FIRST BOARD MEETING OF 2025, 1933 KITCHEN AND BAR, 360 LAWLER CENTER DR, SUISUN CITY, CA 94585
Jan 11	GHMC ANNUAL BREAKFAST - 9:00AM - BLACK BEAR DINER BACKROOM, 111 SUNSET AVE, SUISUN CITY, CA 94585
Jan 15	BIGGEST LITTLE CAR SHOW MEETING @ 6:30PM. WATCH FOR EMAIL FOR DETAILS
Jan 28	GHMC GENERAL MEETING 7:30 P.M. DENNY'S, 304 PITTMAN RD., CORDELIA, CA 94534
Feb 6	GHMC BOARD MEETING, LOCATION TBA
Feb 19	BIGGEST LITTLE CAR SHOW MEETING @ 6:30PM. WATCH FOR EMAIL FOR DETAILS
Feb 25	GHMC GENERAL MEETING 7:30 P.M. DENNY'S, 304 PITTMAN RD., CORDELIA, CA 94534

*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)*



# 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](mailto:nrmccabe@gmail.com)





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/1 Miyuki York  
 1/2 Cristy Cordeiro  
 1/4 Jacqueline Driver  
 1/4 Anthony Robinson  
 1/5 Cara Lorenzetti  
 1/7 Olivia Herman  
 1/8 Jacob Mathews  
 1/12 Jackson Bozarth  
 1/13 Kim Pickering  
 1/13 Wendy Pickering  
 1/18 Mark Scott  
 1/18 Tisha vonTing  
 1/20 Brittni Haran  
 1/20 Shelby Myska  
 1/21 Larry Tunac  
 1/25 Paul Lambert  
 1/26 Chase Myska

1/27 Clif Wilson, Jr.  
 1/28 Kyle Lo  
 1/29 Emily Lambert  
 1/30 Deanna Gee



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/2 Annette Batchelor  
 2/2 Spencer Haran  
 2/2 Gerald Lamphiear  
 2/2 Ruth Tapia  
 2/3 Lauren Myska  
 2/4 Jeff Channell  
 2/4 Erin Venegas  
 2/5 Jacylou Terciano  
 2/6 Cyndi Lamphiear

2/6 Angie Pickering  
 2/6 Lexie Pickering  
 2/7 Regina Bassett  
 2/8 Nickolas Lo  
 2/9 Bill Davis  
 2/10 Laura Mize  
 2/10 Kari Stinnett  
 2/12 Robin Herman  
 2/16 Riley Laroski  
 (Pickering)  
 2/17 Michelle Bauer  
 2/17 Mikal Brevig  
 2/19 Mirna Ball  
 2/22 Ryan McCalmont  
 2/25 Ron Pippert  
 2/26 Ron Bramlett  
 2/27 Bill Banovitz  
 2/27 Lisa Rose

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYONE!

# Sunshine Corner



By Yvonne Westberg

The following members were sent Sunshine cards in December:

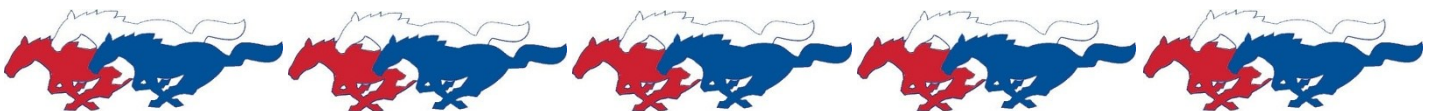
- ✿ Terry Scott was in the hospital for heart bypass surgery.
- ✿ Paul Troxell had knee replacement surgery.
- ✿ Lynne Emmons was in the hospital for several days.

We wish the above members nothing but good health and hope they will be up and about in no time.

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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## Golden Hills Mustang Club Membership Application

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Applicants Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ MCA # \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

The information provided on this application is used to create a membership roster for use by the Board of Directors. Other club members frequently request the information concerning address and/or telephone number(s). If you wish your address and/or telephone number (s) to be released only to the Board of Directors, Please so Indicate:

- ☐ I/We Do Not wish my/our address and/or telephone number(s) to be released to anyone but the Board of Directors.  
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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\*This form must be signed by all members over the age of 16 for whom membership is applied.

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MEETS THE 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT:**

**SEE YOU AT**



**7:30 p.m.  
Denny's Cordelia  
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**NEXT MEETING  
Tues, January 28, 2025**

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