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40th Annual BIGGEST LITTLE CAR SHOW

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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.

2024

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HEADING DOWN THE TRAIL...

With President Bob Fentress



We're now winding down from another successful car show! Success can be measured in many ways: the weather was perfect, we had a beautiful venue, 150 cars were on display, great raffle prizes, money raised to benefit the Freedom Equine Connection, the commemorative 40th anniversary coin, meeting with old friends and making new friends, but the most important criterion of success was that people had a wonderful time! Check out the pictures of the event, particularly the one of the two children dancing in the plaza which epitomized the joyful atmosphere. None of this could have happened without the enthusiasm and dedication of many club members under the leadership of car show chair Paul Troxell. We had an unprecedented turnout for the planning meetings leading up to the big event. Everyone involved deserves a round of applause!

The club calendar has lots of events and I'm sure there is something for everyone. Check the calendar in this issue and watch your email for announcements. I'd love to more involvement! Remember...this is YOUR club!

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

40th Annual BIGGEST LITTLE CAR SHOW

On Saturday May 17th GHMC put on the 40th Annual Biggest Little Car Show. This year's Car Show Organizers were on site and getting busy at 6AM. The weather was cool in the morning and warmed up to the mid 70's during the day with the usual moderate breeze that the Suisun Waterfront always experiences. Overall, we had an exceptional day weather wise which only added to the festive atmosphere.

Cars began lining up for registration before the 7am start time. They began to fill the parking lot and swell out into the street, but with a little encouragement from the registration crew, they were able to get everyone to pull in tighter and keep cars off of Main Street. Once Registration opened things flowed well and there was very little waiting for the attendees. This year's attendance was very good with 150 pre-registered and day of show cars.

The Waterfront and the Show field on the grass filled quickly and soon cars were being parked in the parking lot area. Most all of the club cars were parked on Solano Street across from the Waterfront Park; this helped out because the attendee's cars filled the parking lot up. The Parking crew got everyone in without a hitch, at least I did not hear of any, and folks settled in to enjoy the day.

I walked the field and parking lot several times and greeted as many people to the show as I was able. We received many kudos and thanks for organizing such a nice show. Many people also commented on how much they like the venue. Some told me that they had been attending for many years, and the new comers assured me that they would be back next year.

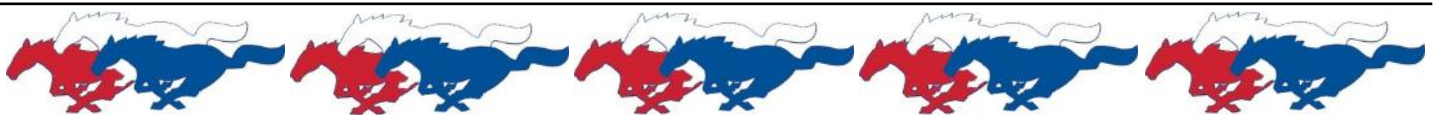
The Raffle tables, Information and Club Items booth, and the 50/50 raffle table stayed plenty busy! Once again, kudos to the club members who staffed the tables. It seemed to me that every time that I walked by the area, there were plenty of people surveying all of the raffle items. Many were interacting with our members with questions or comments about how much they were enjoying themselves. Most were buying raffle tickets, club merchandise, and some even a bottle of water.

After 12 noon the participants choice voting was closed and the tension began to build a bit waiting to find out who the winners would be. There were still a few raffle drawings to fill in the time; however, one could sense that folks were anticipating the announcement of the winners, and moved their chairs to the center circle for a better view. Then it began. We had a total of 51 awardees in 27 categories. Everyone was very happy with the out come and there was nothing but good cheer for all.

I would like to thank all of the members who worked on this year's show. It was an honor to Chair this event with all of the commitment and persistence that everyone demonstrated. I learned a lot about how a car show gets put on (having never organized one before) and have much respect for all of you and your efforts over the past year working on this. It is my sincere hope that you all want to join in on developing next year's show and making it an even better one than this year's.

By Paul Troxell







Vacaville Fiesta Days Parade

by Brian Evans

To the best of my knowledge, one of the oldest parades in our area takes place as part of Vacaville's annual Fiesta Days celebration every Memorial Day weekend. This celebration of Vacaville's town history, heritage and pride has been held since 1957 in downtown Vacaville. So you don't have to do the math, I'll just tell you that year's Fiesta parade was the 68th annual one, with the theme "The Spirit of Vacaville." Year after year this Saturday morning parade continues to draw large crowds, cheering on the many parade entrants.

This year was no exception. The sun was shining bright, but the temperature was mild in the 80's... perfect parade weather! No spewing-over radiators or vapor-locking carburetors on the older classics! We started the day at our usual meeting spot at the downtown Bank of America parking lot and then once all had arrived, we caravanned over to our usual assigned staging area in the Golden Hills Mustang alley.

This year we had eleven cars sign up. I had been contacted earlier in the week by Congressman Mike Thompson, who needed transportation in the parade, so I took him through the parade and had time to circle back and join the club. The Golden Hills Mustang Club cars were decorated in our usual patriotic theme,

and with only eleven cars, we decided to drive single file on the parade route. Finally, as some of us were starting to get hungry, it was time for us to enjoy our time parading down Merchant Street enjoying the smiles, waves and thumbs up from the many spectators.

After the parade, most of us (13) went out for lunch at Burger City, where we have enjoyed lunch in prior years. The Pastrami Burger and fries was a popular choice! It was an enjoyable time conversing with friends and sharing pictures taken at the parade.

I'd like to thank club members Terry and Ileine Burke, John Clarke, Phil and _____ Dizon, Bob Haran, Jerry & Cyndy Lamphiear, Nick Loya, Pete & Lisa Mitsopoulos, Ron & Liz Normandin, Scott Paulin, and Paul & Alice Troxell, for joining me and making a great showing at this parade, supporting our community and celebrating Vacaville's heritage!

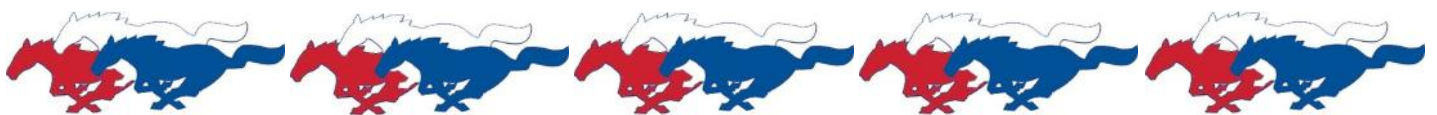
Also, a special shout out to Bob Haran, who stepped up in a big way for me when I was out of town for the Dixon May Faire parade earlier on May 10th. Bob took over coordination of our participation in the parade with the organizer, including securing needed convertibles for dignitaries. Thanks Bob!



MAY PARADES



THERE WERE SO MANY PICTURES THIS MONTH THAT IT WAS HARD TO CHOOSE. PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE PICS FROM THE BIGGEST LITTLE CAR SHOW AND THE REST OF THE MAY 2025 EVENTS. MANY THANKS TO OUR WEBMASTER, TERRY BURKE, FOR POSTING THEM.



Tech Talk 2.0



By Paul Troxell

Well, the spring season has come upon us. There are more events to choose from and go to and we are all busy catching up on yard work, home repairs, and other important matters. It is also that time of the year that some of us are waking our Ponies and getting them ready for some rides. I covered a lot of this last year, but I want to just touch on a few things to remind you all to look at. These apply even to those of us who daily drive our Mustangs, and all other cars and trucks.

So, here is a list of items, in no particular order since they are all important items.

- 1.) Check the tires. For wear, damage (I know, it has not been driven all winter. But, did you check them last fall?), and correct inflation.
- 2.) While you are on your knees take look under the car for any fluid leaks. Also look at the undercarriage for any wet spots from leaks (coolant, oil, trans fluid, brake fluid, power steering fluid and gasoline).
- 3.) Check the battery water level (remember it is acid and water). If it is low, charge the battery before adding water unless the water is below the plates. Then, only add enough water to cover the plates before charging.
- 4.) Inspect under the hood for any signs of weeps, leaks, and critters who have taken up residence and the damage that they will do when they have. Them little beggars can chew up insulation, wiring, and things that you would not even believe that they could be interested in. Repair as necessary.
- 5.) Then check all of your fluid levels. Engine, brakes, cooling system, power steering, and windshield washer tank or bag. While you are doing this ask yourself when was the last time that I changed the fluids in these systems. There are all kinds of recommendations on engine oil change intervals. The manufacturer recommendation is the first that most go by. The second is the old "every 3000 miles" taught to us by the oil change stores. Which one is right for you? In my 17 years of selling lubricants there was only one answer that I would give to anyone who asked that question. It depends. And the only way to know with any kind of certainty is by using oil analysis. Yes. It costs more money, but if you are trying to extract the maximum life out of your oil, and the lowest cost of operation it is the ONLY way to know when to change your oil. Oh, you have an oil life monitor in your car? Well, that is a little program that operates on an algorithm that calculates oil life by a preselected set of parameters like engine run time after each start, operating temperature, load, rpm, etc. It is good, but not as accurate as oil analysis. So even if your car sat in the garage all winter your Oil Life Monitor will go down. Why? Because oil oxidizes even when the engine never gets started. This means that the additive package and the base oil is degrading even while you are not using the car. The Mustang with an OLM will usually drop .5%/day even

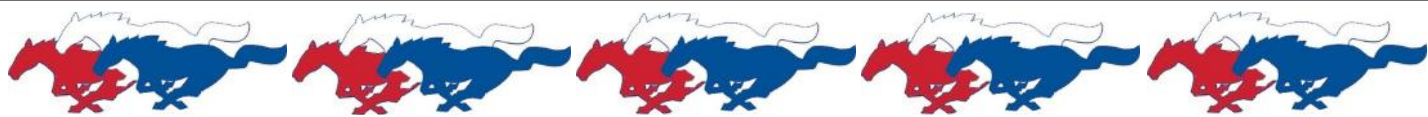
while the engine is not started. And your oil life will drop faster when driven short distances. So, do you want to change the oil?

- 6.) Brake fluid will degrade over time as well. Mostly it picks up water since it is hygroscopic. This means that it has an affinity for water and picks it up from the atmosphere. Brake fluid boils at much higher temperatures than water. Depending on the specific brand and type it could have a boiling point as high as 600 degrees. Water boils at 212 degrees at sea level and lower at altitude. This would not work well for a brake fluid. When was the last time that you flushed your brake fluid? Planning any mountain drives?
- 7.) Well, by now you are catching my drift. The same applies to coolant, power steering fluid and transmission fluid. If you haven't changed them in the last two, three, or twenty years, you are setting yourself up to have a roadside stay. Take a serious moment to consider servicing these systems to keep them operating efficiently and reliably. The cost of the fluids and the time to perform the service, or even paying to have the service done, can be far less expensive than having a road incident.

One last comment on the oil change interval. Many newer cars have oil change intervals of 10,000 miles, and some higher. Consider who sets this interval. The manufacturer wants their customers to think that their car is inexpensive to operate and maintain. In reality a car that is driven infrequently, short distances, and/or doesn't get to operating temperatures is in the same severe service category as a taxi cab in New York City that idles for prolonged periods and drives short distances. Sounds crazy, I know, but it is the truth. In comparison to parts and repair, lubricants and fluids are cheap.

My recommendation is, consider what kind of driving you do. Also consider the cost of repairing and/or replacing the components that could be damaged by service fluids that no longer provide the protection they are designed to. It is somewhat easier for those with OLM's and much more difficult for those with older cars that do not have these systems. Unless you are doing oil analysis at each oil change.

Pedal to the metal,
Paul Troxell



SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, August 23rd -Invitation Only Car show at the Yountville Veterans Home.
GHMC has been invited. Watch email for details.



4TH ANNUAL PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES

AT THE ROWLAND FREEDOM CENTER (AT THE NUT TREE AIRPORT, VACAVILLE, CA)

SATURDAY & SUNDAY SEPT. 27 & 28



★★★UPCOMING EVENTS★★★



ALL FUTURE EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE

Jun 5	GHMC BOARD MEETING - EVANS RESIDENCE- 6:00PM
Jun 7	11th Annual Cobra Day 10:00am to 3:00pm The Cobra Experience - Museum & Event Space, 777 Arnold Dr, Martinez, CA
Jun 14	Napa Ford Display and BBQ, watch email for details
Jun 15	NAPA CLASSIC CAR SHOWS 2ND ANNUAL NAPA VALLEY FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW. AT THE CALISTOGA FAIRGROUNDS SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR REGISTRATION FORM
Jun 18-23	CAMPING AT LAKE FRANCIS , CONTACT BRIAN EVANS ASAP FOR MORE DETAILS.
Jun 24	GHMC GENERAL MEETING - DENNY'S, 304 PITTMAN RD., CORDELIA, CA 94534 6:30PM – 9:30PM, MEETING STARTS AT 7:30PM
Jun 28	14TH DIXON GRILLIN & CHILLIN CAR & TRUCK SHOW 2025 SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR ENTRY FORM
Jul 3	BENICIA TORCHLIGHT PARADE
Jul 4	JULY 4TH PARADE, MEET AT SOLANO MALL AT 8:15 AM, ACROSS FROM THE JAMBA JUICE/ STARBUCKS AREA. WATCH EMAIL FOR MORE DETAILS
Jul 10	GHMC BOARD MEETING—LOCATION TBA
Jul 16-20	GOLD BEACH OREGON, JERRY'S JET BOAT TRIP ON THE MAJESTIC ROGUE RIVER! SOLD OUT!
Jul 29	GHMC GENERAL MEETING - DENNY'S, 304 PITTMAN RD., CORDELIA, CA 94534 6:30PM – 9:30PM, MEETING STARTS AT 7:30PM

*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



Alexis Jones
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2024 Dark Horse, Black



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Fairfield, CA
2007 Coupe, Grey



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

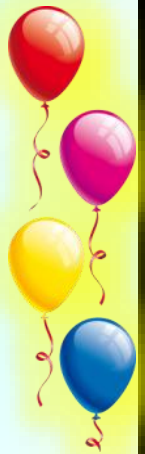
6/3 Norma McCabe
 6/3 Mike McCalmont
 6/4 Liz Normandin
 6/4 Gene Tapia
 6/5 Joey Holecek
 6/8 Mason Sturgeon
 6/10 Jason Richard Marz
 (Pickering)
 6/10 Peter Mitsopoulos
 6/11 Terry Scott
 6/12 Pat Sivigliano
 6/17 Deborah Randles
 6/17 Tammy Robinette
 6/18 David Batchelor

6/18 Katie Willis
 6/20 Eli Prado (Pickering)
 6/22 Drake Wilson
 6/23 Anna Anaya
 6/23 Suzanne Freitas
 6/23 Dean Laroski (Pickering)
 6/26 Mari Haran
 6/26 Logan Sturgeon
 6/30 Hilmar Walter

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/5 Shelby Evans
 7/7 Meagan Gallegos (Pickering)
 7/7 Scott Paulin
 7/8 Joel Edelmann
 7/10 Miki Leathers

7/11 Robert Fentress
 7/14 Kathy Eichen
 7/16 Kathy Pickering
 7/19 Tammy Holecek
 7/20 Isaac Bozarth
 7/20 Ron Myska
 7/21 John Herman
 7/21 Joe Holecek
 7/23 Taylor Evans
 7/25 Bill Herman
 7/26 Heidi Wilson
 7/30 Karen Shepard
 7/31 Cindy Bramlett
 7/31 Dick Cartwright
 7/31 George Pezzolo



PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYONE!

Sunshine Corner

By Yvonne Westberg



FreshCut Flower cards were sent to:

- ✱ Sue Calvert for a little procedure that turned into an overnight stay in the hospital. She is recovering nicely.
- ✱ Rob Lo was taken to the hospital on the day after the car show after taking a bad spill on his bicycle. Lots of cuts and bruises and a fractured scapula will keep him down for awhile. He enjoys getting text messages!

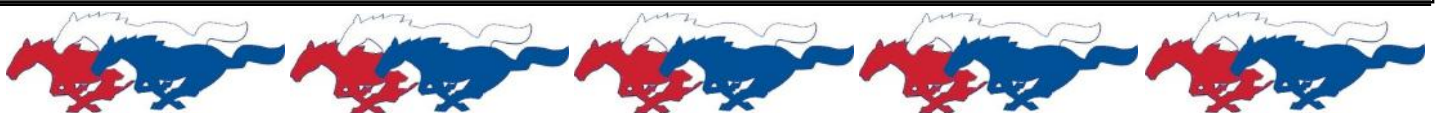
Please keep our members that have had health issues in your thoughts. They could all use our prayers. If you would like to send them a card, email, or text, please do so. It really means a lot to know that others care.

★ 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

If we missed anything this month it's because our Sunshine Girl is off roaming the country on a trip to celebrate her 88th birthday. Her son is taking her to visit all of her grandchildren and great-grands. We hope she has a wonderful time!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, YVONNE!



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Our Charity Has been Chosen



**Freedom
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Mental Health & Learning Incorporating Horses
Freedom Equine Connection is a 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit located in Dixon, CA. It is the product of a life-long love and passion for horses and a deep desire to help people heal from life's traumas, addictions, and other mental and emotional health issues. We utilize a ground-based horse and human interaction model to help with the healing, learning, and growing process.

May 17th is in the books!
Thanks to all our sponsors, donors and volunteers we had a wonderfully successful show which allows us to be able to give back to our community.

**Contact Paul Troxell
to volunteer for next year!**
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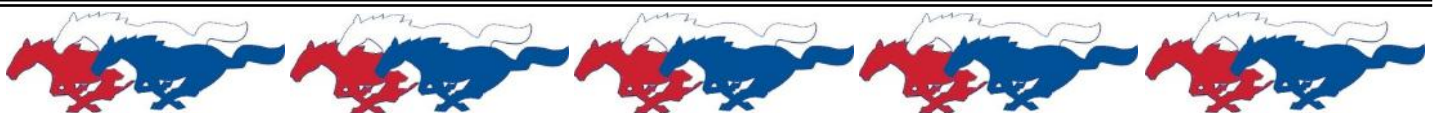
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MEETS THE 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT:**

SEE YOU AT



**7:30 p.m.
Denny's Cordelia
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***NEXT MEETING
Tues, June 24, 2025***

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