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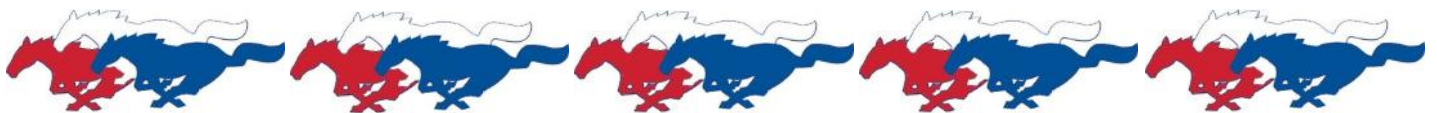
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GHMC Celebrates the Mustang



GHMC joined the fun at the Cobra Experience
April 17, 2026 - See inside for more!



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.

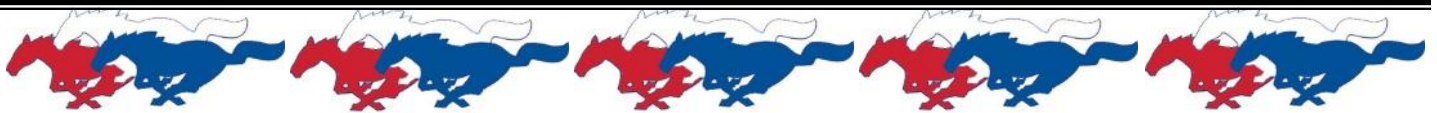
The club serves as a medium for the exchange of ideas, information and parts, and is dedicated to furthering the interest of owners and drivers of the Ford Mustang.

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HEADING DOWN THE TRAIL...

With President Bob Fentress



Are you ready for the club's biggest event of the year?

The month of May stands out for car enthusiasts throughout northern California because of the Biggest Little Car Show conducted by the Golden Hills Mustang Club, a team effort with a long tradition. The leadership team has spent considerable time over the past several months working on the details of the show, and now we need all hands on deck to carry it out. A place is available for everyone who wants to take part and share in the camaraderie and enthusiasm that comes with being part of a great friendly team. We will meet at 4:00 pm the day before the show to get the venue ready before gathering for dinner. On Saturday May 16, we will be there before dawn to kick off the event, and within an hour after the show concludes we'll have everything cleaned up and put away! At the end of the day everyone will be exhausted but satisfied as part of the team that pulled off the Biggest Little Car Show! Don't miss it!

Have fun on the road and be safe out there!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



James Dowling
Fairfield, CA

2007 GT/CS, Performance White



GMTC Celebrates April 17th

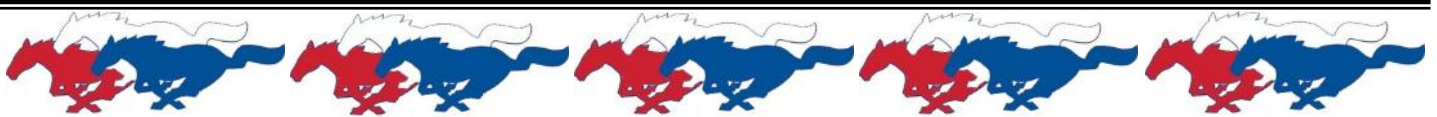
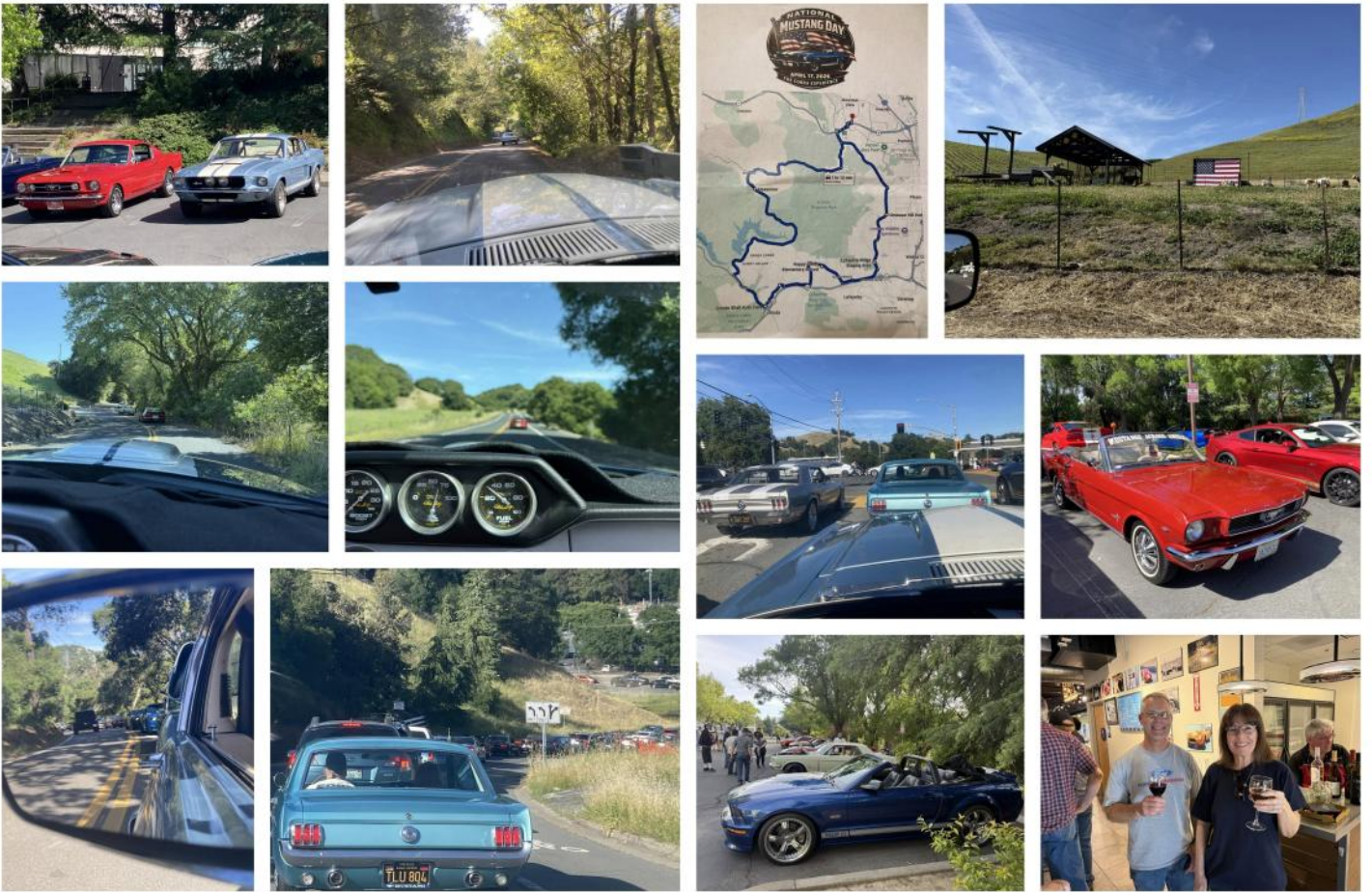
Friday, April 17 was National Mustang Day, celebrating the day the Ford Mustang first went on sale 62 years ago. It was a great day with warm sunshine, and about 60 Mustangs from all years, attending this event hosted by The Cobra Experience Museum, "America's Place for Cobra and Mustang Fans" It started and ended with a display of cars in the parking lot, but the highlight was the hour long, 35 mile cruise through the back country roads in between Martinez, Orinda and Lafayette at 3:30pm.

But the best part? Great people and friends, who all enjoy a common love of cars (and Fords in particular!) The cars may bring us to-

gether initially, but they eventually fade to the background, and no one cares where their car stands on the "food chain", and it's the people who are meaningful.

Drive these cars as much as possible, and give a kid a ride when you can! Happy Birthday Mustang!
By Brian Evans

Dan McCabe says: April 17th is National Mustang Day. Norma and I joined a lot of fellow Mustangers at **The Cobra Experience** for a display, cruise and spaghetti dinner. The weather was perfect for top-down cruise on some beautiful back roads. This was a great Day! See our website for more great pictures.



PESCADERO CRUISE

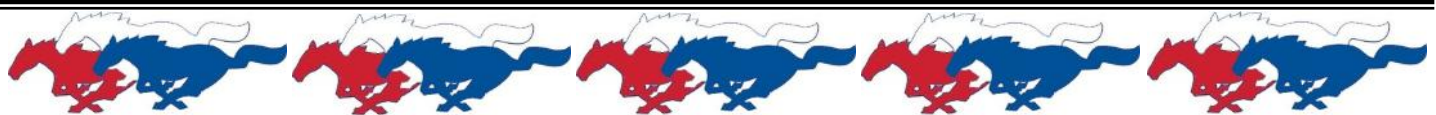
On the morning of 4/4/26, Eric & Staci Isaacson, my friend Dante & Eric and myself headed to the Classic Car cruise at Phil Z coffee house in Colma, CA. Upon our arriving just before 8 am. There were lots of first gen. Mustangs from Fastback, convertible, and hardtops with a rare sight '68 California Special & High Country. Also, Chevilles, Nova, Camaro, Corvette and a few imports 50+ cars.

Everyone was friendly and even exchanged our numbers for future events. As we started to roll out at 10 am. We headed to PCH 1 which 38 cars continued on to Pescadero. It was a blast to go through the tunnel to hear the roar of our engines! It was a beautiful sunny day at the coast which is rare because normally it would be foggy. I grew up in this area so by 11 am the

fog usually rolls in but stayed perfect through the day. It was nice to keep everyone together as Gelica who drove a beautiful red '67 Mustang vert, lead and organized the group called Timeless car club.

We got to Pescadero right at 11 am. To park along the ocean beach with spectacular view and enjoying the sun, sand and ocean. The five of us departed about 45 minutes later to grab some lunch at Sam's chowder house for some delicious chowder soup and drinks. Before heading home we stopped by the Embarcadero to take a few pictures of the Bay Bridge. It was a epic day and such a fun day just hanging out with people of the same passion. Looking forward to the next adventure.

By Rob Lo



OLMC Car Show in Fairfield

April showers bring May flowers, as the saying goes. April also brings a full month of the Spring season, which means car shows, events, and activities are ramping up for glorious sunny days of car camaraderie. With so many choices out there, Jim and I decided to support Our Lady of Mount Carmel (OLMC) Knights of Columbus annual car show right in our own Fairfield. What is nice about this show is that it supports local causes and is small and casual, and the Knights and car participants are friendly and willing to share their passions about cars and people in general. Jim brought his 1970 Boss 302 for the third time to this show, and I my 2014 Pony convertible for the second time. Fellow friend and club member, Frank Capriato, joined our mini-caravan in his 2013 Boss 302 as we cruised along Air Base Parkway to Dover. We were the first ones there, even before the event organizers arrived. After all, this is a small and casual car show but we knew where to go and wait for them.

As the cars started trickling in, we were joined by club members Ileine and Terry Burke, who brought their 1968 coupe, which rounded our club car numbers to four and members to five. We were parked together under shade trees and surrounded by flowering ground jasmynes. A small praying mantis even came to visit with us. In previous years we had more members participate but competing events seem to increase when good weather is around the corner. Saturday was a perfect day with temperatures in the 70s and bright sunshine. I remember when it was extra cold two years ago and people were layered with extra clothes and blankets.

I talked with several of the Knights throughout the show and found out from Grand Knight Bret Talley that this was their fourth car show, which was dedicated to George Curletto, the show's chief organizer who is suffering from cancer and could not be with us that day. George was our main contact for the show over the past couple of years, as well as this year, and was very dedicated to keeping this going. It was great that his fellow Knights came to rally for him and kept the event moving right along by checking registrations, bringing baked goodies, cooking up chili, grilling hot dogs and hamburgers, raffling off prizes, and judging cars (a first this year). The show's Knights of Columbus (OLMC Fairfield Council No. 15499) is a Catholic fraternity of OLMC, though they originally began with Holy Spirit on North Texas. Holy Spirit Parish has been around for decades in Fairfield and was where Jim got baptized. The Catholic community in Fairfield grew, and in 2012 the Knights split between Holy Spirit and OLMC so that members could join one or the other church. The funds that the OLMC Knights raise through the car show get dis-

bursed to several organizations and ministries, including Coats for Kids, Saint Vincent de Paul for the homeless, and Meals on Wheels.

The car show brought in spectators and friends from around the community. Since OLMC is in the middle of a residential area, the location was ideal for local residents to come and see some cool and colorful classics (and non-classics, too). The car event also was occurring on the same day OLMC was baptizing infants, so the show piqued the interest of some families to come and check it out. Our friends and Jim's classmates also stopped to visit and chat, as well. Although the event had a variety of cars, the Cougars seemed to dominate the scene. Also, the Eccentric Car Club came in full force and pitched up their tent to enjoy the festivities.

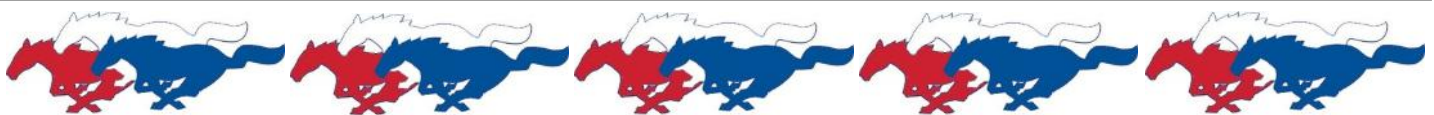
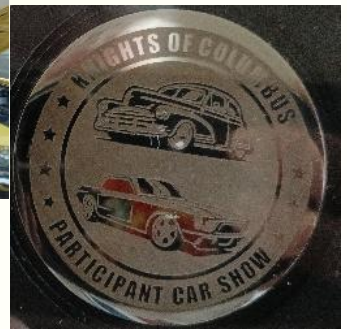
In the past, the participants would receive a medalion (commemorative coin) as a souvenir for being in the show. This year was different in that the cars were actually judged, and winners in categories by technological/design eras were given a plaque while the rest of us received the coins. Class awards included Brass and Antique (1800s-1925), Classic Era (1926-1948), Chrome and Fins (1949-1963), Muscle (1964-1971), OPEC Era (1972-1983), TBI/FWD/LED (1984-1994), and Resurgence (1995 and newer).

As an unexpected surprise, both Jim and Frank were recognized for their Boss 302s. Jim got the Muscle category; Frank, the Resurgence category. Congratulations to both of them! Overall, I had a fun and relaxing time, and the Knights did a great job on another wonderful show.

For those of us needing to know the acronyms of a couple of the awards: OPEC = Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries; TBI = Throttle Body Injection; FWD = Front Wheel Drive; LED = Light Emitting Diodes. Jim suspects they used Sammy's Tips for Creating Perfect Car Show Classes. (Who is Sammy? He is Sam Barer, an automotive journalist.)



By Lauma Willis



More OLMC Car Show

By Terry Burke

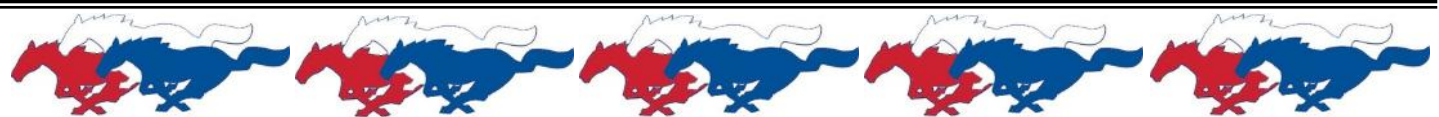
A few of us members from the GHMC, myself, Ileine Burke, with our 1968 Mustang, Frank Capriato with his 2013 Boss 302, James and Lauma with their 1970 Boss 302 and their 2013 Mustang conv. attended a small car show at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Fairfield, Saturday April 18th. It was a lot of fun. This was their 4th

year putting on a show, around 35 to 40 beautiful cars were there. The biggest group was the Eccentric Car Club; The Church Knights of Columbus put on a BBQ and a raffle, James and Frank won an award for their cars. The weather was beautiful; and we had a great time! Here are some photos of the show:

See our website for more great photos of all events!



MORE APRIL EVENTS



Tech Talk 2.0



By Paul Troxell

By now most all of us have heard about a federal mandate regarding vehicle “kill switches”. To date there is no law requiring vehicle manufacturers to include technology that can monitor a driver’s impairment by drugs or alcohol or their mental state. In Section 24220 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021 language was included directing the Department of Transportation to develop a mandate that requires new vehicles sold in the U.S. to be equipped with impairment detection systems by 2026.

Well, as things normally go with the government leviathan that time has come and passed and the date has been moved further down the road. So far it does not appear that the Dept. of Transportation is any closer to “developing” the “mandate” for the “technology”. The latest deadline for the mandate seems to be for the 2027 model vehicles, so it remains to be seen if we will have it.

But fear not folks! The “technology” already exists and it will only need to receive the blessing of our intrepid leaders for it to be required in every vehicle sold in the US. While one of the benefits to a system that can detect and prevent a person who is under the influence of toxicants from operating a vehicle will be a reduction in the loss of life and property, there are a multitude of considerations that must be considered. The reduction of the loss of life or injury is easy to support and I know of no one who would not. No doubt, insurance companies are on board for this technology, because it would reduce significantly the amount that they would have to pay for losses. I would also suspect that auto rental and finance companies would support kill switches because they would have the ability to turn off vehicles, know their location, and be able to recover them for any breach of contract. Of course, it would also be beneficial if a vehicle is reported stolen. Just shut it off and send the proper authority to recover it since its location would be known by GPS. Certainly, any business that operates a fleet of vehicles would be interested in having such equipment. Especially if employees are allowed to use the vehicles for personal use. Many businesses already pay extra for tracking systems to monitor their fleet anyway.

Many US vehicles already have systems that are comprehensive driver behavior monitors. I have expounded on the Telematics Control Units (TCU) that are in our Mustangs here in past articles. Quite simply, they monitor speed, acceleration, braking, cornering, steering inputs, engine RPM, and much more. That data is then sent to Ford and they use it as a second income stream from the vehicle. It is sold to insurance companies and just about anyone else who is willing to pay for the data or portions of it.

There are, in my opinion, many things that should be taken into consideration before Congress directs the Department of Transportation issue a mandate requiring such “tech” to be in all US vehicles. Such as the cost. It will add significant cost to every make and model produced. Most likely on the order for thousands of dollars per vehicle. Another is the reliability of the equipment itself. I am not saying that it can’t be, but I still do not get into any vehicle that is autonomous. We all know why. And, since most of the members of Congress are lawyers, there are a plethora of rights issues that will need to be deeply considered. We already are monitored at most intersections with cameras, nearly every store you go into, parking lots, every government building. And so many more places that you probably wouldn’t even think are surveilled. Then there are the FLOCK cameras. If you are ever bored take a deep dive into them and take a ride on the magic bus.

Anyway, the reason that I brought up this “kill switch” technology thing is that I hope that it encourages everyone to take the time to do some looking into it. Educate yourself on what its capabilities, benefits, and draw backs are going to be and follow the goings on in D.C. You make the call on whether you think it is worth the cost.



Until next time, Keep the pedal to the metal and the wheels between the ditches!



**It's not too late to
enter your car in
The 2026 41st Annual
Biggest Little Car Show
Scan QR code or click link
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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE CAR SHOW CHAIRMAN

We will be meeting at Suisun Harbor Plaza Wednesday, May 13th at 5pm for our final Car Show meeting. After our walk through we have reservations at Taqueria Maria's at 6pm, where we will go over the details, sign-up sheets/assignments, as well as a last minute raffle prize drop off.

Thank you all for your help and Car Show dedication.

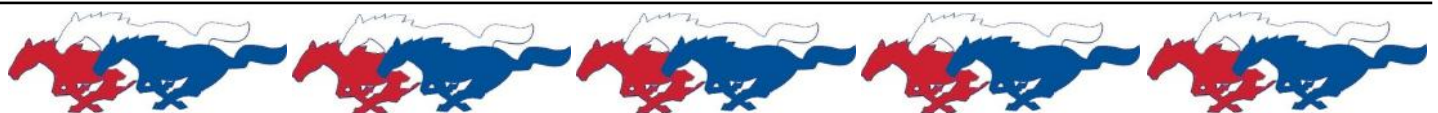
If nothing else the Golden Hills Mustang Club members are passionate!

Thank you all again

**Bob Haran
41st Biggest Little Car Show Chairman
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SAVE THE DATES



3rd Annual Fathers Day Car Show and Inaugural Valley Run June 19-20, 2026

Click here for more info.

[Napa Classic Car Shows: Celebrate Classic Cars!](#)



Lake Francis Camping. June 24-29, 2026

Don't lose your chance to keep making memories like this! Brian Evans has reserved spots for us again, so watch your email for more details.

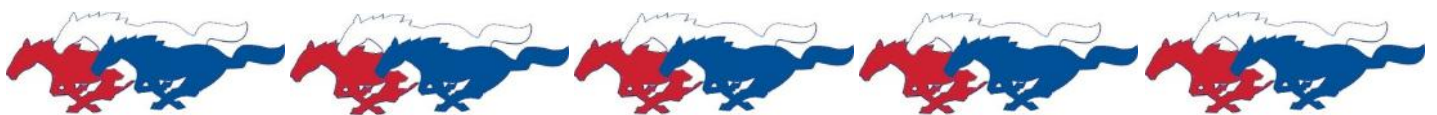
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At The Cobra Experience
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★★★UPCOMING EVENTS★★★



ALL FUTURE EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE

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| May 7 | GHMC BOARD MEETING - McEACHERN RESIDENCE, 6:00 PM |
| May 9 | DIXON MAY FAIR PARADE—WATCH EMAIL FOR DETAILS. |
| May 13 | FINAL CAR SHOW MEETING, CAR SHOW SITE, 5:00 PM, DINNER AT 6:00PM @TAQUERIA MARIA |
| May 15 | EVENING CLEANUP OF THE CAR SHOW AREA, @ SUISUN WATERFRONT, 4 PM. WATCH FOR DETAILS |
| May 16 | 41ST ANNUAL BIGGEST LITTLE CAR SHOW—WATCH EMAIL FOR MORE DETAILS |
| May 23 | VACAVILLE FIESTA DAYS PARADE—WATCH EMAIL FOR DETAILS |
| May 26 | GHMC GENERAL MEETING @ FORD FAIRFIELD UP STAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM, COME AT 6:30 PM FOR SLIDE SHOW, MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 PM |
| MAY 27 | NAPA VALLEY CRUISER'S CARS & CONES AT THE NAPA FOSTERS FREEZE. 4:30 PM UNTIL DUSK. |
| MAY 28 | CLASSIC CAR CRUISE NIGHT AT VACAVILLE MEL'S 4:00 PM TO 9:00 PM |
| JUNE 4 | GHMC BOARD MEETING - LOCATION TBA, 6:00 PM |
| JUNE 6 | 12TH ANNUAL COBRA DAY ALL FORD CAR SHOW AT THE COBRA EXPERIENCE FROM 10:00-3:00. SOLD OUT BUT OPEN TO SPECTATORS |
| June 6 | BATTLE OF THE BAY DOWNTOWN VALLEJO, 505 SANTA CLARA STREET, 10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM. |
| June 19-20 | NAPA CLASSIC CAR SHOW INAUGURAL VALLEY RUN AND 3 RD ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW AT CALISTOGA FAIRGROUNDS IS NOW A 2-DAY EVENT AND OPEN TO ALL YEARS. |
| June 23 | GHMC GENERAL MEETING @ FORD FAIRFIELD UP STAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM, COME AT 6:30 PM FOR SLIDE SHOW, MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 PM |
| June 24-29 | CAMPING AT LAKE FRANCIS – BRIAN EVANS IS TAKING RESERVATIONS. |
| June 27 | 15TH DIXON GRILLIN' & CHILLIN' CAR & TRUCK SHOW 10 AM - 10 PM SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS |
| June 28 | BAMA PONIES & SNAKES AT DANVILLE LIVERY |

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

GOT HAPPY NEWS?



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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/2 Ileine Burke
5/2 Dennis vonTing
5/2 Rich Inkster
5/3 Shelby Bauer
5/7 William Vallejos
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
5/19 Jason Scott
5/22 Melinda Barkman
5/24 Yvonne Westberg
5/25 Mike Robinette
5/26 Kirk Stafford
5/27 Brad Parsons



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 Marz (Pickering)
6/10 Peter Mitsopoulos
6/11 Terry Scott
6/12 Pat Sivigliano
6/17 Tammy Robinette
6/18 David Batchelor
6/20 Eli Prado (Pickering)
6/22 Drake Wilson
6/23 Suzanne Freitas
6/23 Dean Laroski (Pickering)
6/24 Eric Isaacson
6/26 Mari Haran
6/26 Logan Sturgeon
6/27 Frank Capriato

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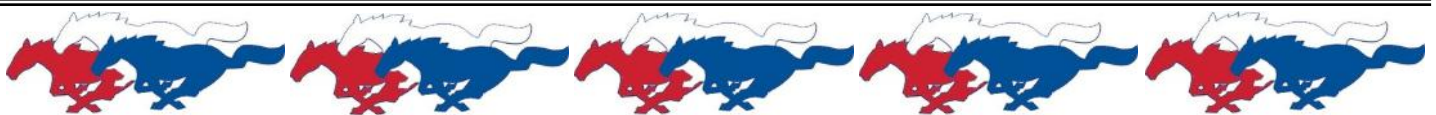
Sunshine Corner

By Yvonne Westberg



Cards were sent out in March to:

- ❖ The Loya family, Kathy Loya, Nick Loya, and Kari Stinnett as they had all been very sick the entire month.
- ★ 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



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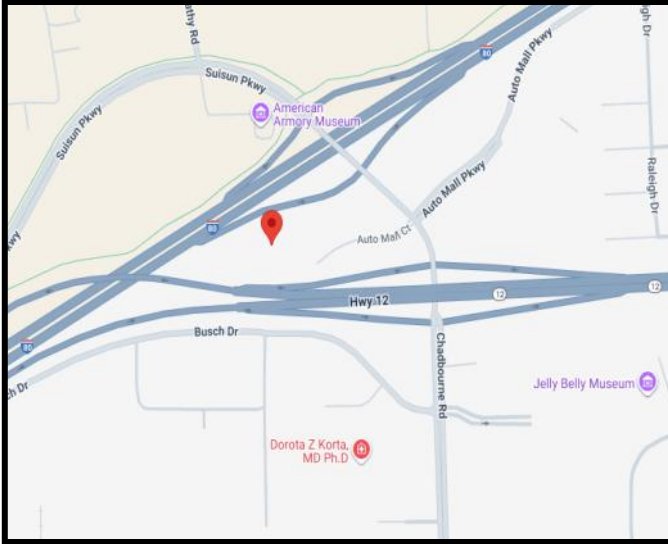
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**THE GOLDEN HILLS MUSTANG CLUB
MEETS THE 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT:**



Note Change of Meeting Place:



Ford Fairfield

**3050 Auto Mall Court
Fairfield, CA 94534**

NEXT MEETING
Tues, May 26, 2026

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