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CHiPs 4 Kids Toy Drive



2020 was not kind to us. Most of our car shows, meetings, parties and get-togethers had been cancelled. When we announced the cancellation of our annual Toy Drive, everyone was disappointed but Judy Davis was very upset and said, "NO WAY are we going to disappoint the kids." She made up a flyer, sent out a plea to her clients, contacted CHP Officer David Harvey, opened her office (JD Real Estate) on a Sunday and we had one of the best Toy Drives in recent history! This year was a successful repeat with Judy taking out ads in the local papers! THANK YOU BILL & JUDY DAVIS FOR BRINGING JOY TO THE COMMUNITY AGAIN! (SEE PAGE 6)



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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Hello GHMC Members!

What a great November General Meeting at Fenton's! Thanks to everyone who ordered dinner and lots of gorgeous desserts. We were more than able to cover the cost of renting the room for the evening.

I'm happy to report that we had a very successful November, starting off with the Veteran's Day Parade. Robin Paulsell held an MCA judging seminar and the "CHiPs for Kids" toy drive hosted by Judy and Bill Davis was a resounding success! Officer Harvey of our local CHP office drove away with a truck full of toys and gift cards!

Please see each of the articles in this issue of Pony Tales and take a look at the event pictures on our website! Our calen-

dar for 2022 is starting to fill up and I see more and more of our usual annual events being scheduled once again.

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving! I want to extend a HUGE Thank You to all of the Officers and Board members who helped run this club in 2021. With the exception of Isabella Schneider (who now lives in Florida), I'm happy to announce that you have all of us in our same positions for 2022! I also want to thank all of our Committee Chairpersons, as well. We couldn't do what we do without you!

Take care!
Sue Calvert



2022 IS ALMOST HERE AND PAYMENT IS DUE JANUARY 1st

A Big Thank You to those who have already paid!

If you are uncertain if you have paid your dues, please contact me at: membership@goldenhillsmustangclub.com

If you would like to send your check in the mail there is an application on page 15, or contact me to have one mailed to you. If you would like to use PayPal there is a link on our website - Click Join Our Club and scroll down to: **pay online for Membership Renewal (\$30)** or you can go to your PayPal account and send money to a friend using the email: membership@goldenhillsmustangclub.com

Whether you pay by check or online, please fill out a new application for our records and either mail it to P.O. Box 497, Fairfield, CA 94533-0049 or email it to the above address.

Thank you!

Please Stay Safe and hope to see you soon!

Norma McCabe



2021 Fairfield Veterans Day Parade



On Thursday November 11, the City of Fairfield, through the Parks and Recreation Department, held its annual Veterans Day Parade. One great thing about living in close proximity to Travis Air Force Base is the way Fairfield and the surrounding cities in Solano County show respect, support and admiration to our entire military community and especially our Veterans. This annual parade is just one way that this is accomplished. While Fairfield is known for its 10am ceremony and lunch-time parade, Vacaville, Dixon and Suisun also hold Veterans Day events and ceremonies. This year's parade theme was "FRONT LINE PATRIOTS"

I feel the parade themes over these last several years have been very meaningful and appropriate. Last year I think everyone will recall that the Veterans Day Parade was cancelled due to Covert-19. Prior Parade themes have been: 2019 – "CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF AMERICAN LEGION"; 2018 - "CELEBRATING TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE 75TH ANNIVERSARY"; 2017 – "WITH RESPECT, HONOR and GRATITUDE"; 2016 - "PRAY. THANK. REMEMBER" and from 2015: "LAND OF THE FREE, BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE". I particularly like this last one. But they are all good stuff to pause and reflect on...

While I personally never served in the armed forces, my late dad was a transport pilot for the Air Force for 21 years, flying the C-124 (Ol' Shakey) for ten years, the C-141 for six years, and finally the C-5 for his last three years. He also spent six months flying the F-100 Super Sabre at Clovis AFB in New Mexico, in preparation for his tour in Vietnam in 1967-68, and then retired from Travis as a Lt. Col. when I was just a little guy. And now my son, after graduating from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in May 2019, is an Air Force pilot flying the B-52 at Barksdale AFB in Louisiana, following in his grandfather's footsteps. So the personal connection to the Air Force is strong, and I'm pleased that our club, through the efforts of Bill Davis and many others, does so much for our Veterans.

We started the day at our usual Solano Mall/Starbucks parking lot meeting place at the requested arrival time of 10:15am, and had plenty of time to visit with each other. As always, it was good to see WWII Battle of the Bulge survivor Dan McCabe Senior join us for this parade, looking good in "Junior's" Red 1969 Sportsroof ('69 term for Fastback). And what would a Veterans Day Parade be without seeing Terry Burke looking sharp in his Air Force dress blues? A few people let their coffee cups drop to the ground when Dan and Cristy Cordeiro rolled up in their 64 ½ convertible that most people hadn't seen the last couple

years! One new addition to the parade that most people noticed immediately upon arrival (how could you miss it?) was Donnie and Lynne McEachern's Red 1965 Ford truck sporting our yellow club banner mounted on the rear bed cover. Hey Donnie, are you going to be in town for the next 4th of July?

Soon it was time to head over to our assigned staging area on Kentucky Street, and apprehension began to set in as I led a caravan of 12 Mustangs to the staging spot. Where would we encounter an unplanned barricade this year? Despite being given a new fancy color map showing a precise route to our staging area, apparently half the general public dropping off parade participants was given the same map, creating some slow moving gridlock. Most of our group saw what was going on and figured out their own route to our staging area.

Once again, and for as many years as I can remember, The Golden Hills Mustang Club made a strong presence at this parade. While our previously mentioned 12 Mustangs fell short of the 20 plus cars we've had at some recent parades, we still had a lot more cars than other car clubs (ahem, and better looking too!).

This year, the parade organizers asked us to provide two convertibles to carry dignitaries in the parade. I'd like to thank Sue Calvert for volunteering the use of her convertible to transport the Solano County Office of Education Superintendent Lisette Estrella-Henderson. I took our local Assemblymember Jim Frazier, who I have transported in the past. Jim always reminds me that he had a 1968 Mustang in college.

With our cars decorated in our usual patriotic theme, the low altitude flyover of an Air Force C-17 meant it was soon time for us to take our turn parading down Texas Street. Just like last year, when we reached the judging stand, the parade emcee encouraged us to "rev 'em up a little...let's hear those ponies roar!" Joe Holecek in his 2009 GT500KR accomplished the task nicely throughout the parade route!

After the parade, most of us enjoyed a nice lunch at Suisun's Los Altos Mexican restaurant, where we all participated in our own "Battle of the Bulge" with their neverending chips and salsa and tasty Mexican food! Once again, I'd like to thank the club for making a great showing at this parade, supporting our Veterans and our community.

Finally, to the many in our club who have served our country, **THANK YOU** for your service!



By Brian Evans



CHips 4 Kids Toy Drive

The Golden Hills Mustang Club and CHP Officer David Harvey want to give Thanks for the many people who made our toy drive successful. In this time of need we want to especially thank the Entire Placer Title Company Team in Fairfield, Solano Glass, Friends and clients of JD Real Estate, Golden Hills Mustang Club members and all those who saw our ad in the newspapers to make a hap-

pier Christmas for those children in need. How blessed we are to have had such a wonderful turn out. This is because of all of you giving your love and support to those in need.

May your Christmas Holiday be Blessed!

By Bill and Judy Davis



Biggest Little National



The 37th Biggest Little Car Show has gone National. The last time there was an MCA National Show held on the West Coast was nearly 10 years ago in June of 2012. With the lack of Nationals out here many don't know how one differs from regular car shows held in the area. The main difference is the judging, the cars will be judged by Certified MCA Judges that will come from all over the country. With 12 Divisions consisting of 76 different classes how do you know which class to enter your car in and more importantly how will that class be judged?

This was the first of two seminars we will be holding to answer those questions and more. Besides myself we had 3 other Certified MCA

judges on hand to answer questions and help participants select the correct class for their cars. Using some of my cars we went over judging for Concours, Unrestored, Occasional Driven, and Modified classes.

The next seminar will be held on Saturday January 29th, 2022. Special thanks to Ron Freitas MCA Gold Card 69-71 Boss Judge and Biggest Little National Head Judge, Chuck Wiltens MCA Assistant National Head Judge for 3rd Generation 79-93, and Paige Paulsell MCA Certified OD/DD Judge.

Robin Paulsell Biggest Little National Chair MCA National Director MCA Gold Cars OD/DD Judge









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Brad & Lisa Pfeifer's 2021 Mach-e

We are not strangers to electric vehicles and when Ford released the Mach-e we thought we will get one in a few years when we trade-in the Bill Stevenson-brokered Ford Escape we had. Unfortunately, that day came sooner than we expected.

For those of you who don't know, we moved to Washington State. We live on the Kitsap peninsula between Seattle and the Olympic Mountains. On the day we were to pick up a U-Haul to start our move, we were in a collision with a tree trimming truck. Nobody was hurt thankfully, but it was obvious the Escape

was not repairable. It was sad to lose such a great vehicle.

Just after we got to Port Orchard, we saw two Mach-e's at the local Ford dealership. Having not seen one up close, we stopped to check it out. A giant flat screen stuck on the dash controlled everything. No door handles, merely 'dots' you press to make the doors pop open. It was more Star Trek than any other car electric or hybrid vehicle we had owned. It is a standard range, all-wheel-drive, premium Mach-e. We took it for a test drive. It accelerated well, and it was quiet. Because the batteries are at the bottom of the vehicle, it felt



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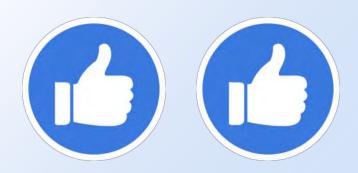
very surefooted and balanced. Can I push it and get it sideways? Yes, but that tends to get me a stern lecture. It is a completely different animal than the Shelby GT350 with snap your neck acceleration and snarling exhaust. It snapped your neck without any sound! We wanted it!

The Mach-e was the dealerships demo model. We had the option to order one - and wait almost 24 weeks - or buy the demo. We made a deal for the demo and by the middle of July we owned it. We have spent a lot of time in the garage looking at the owner's manual on the flat screen!

Odd little things - there are no Ford emblems on the car, just the running horse. Ground clearance on this "SUV" is about the same as the Shelby. We are getting used to the "one pedal drive" mode, where lifting off the gas pedal slows the car (regenerative braking). While I would love to tell you Lisa and I lined up side-by-side on some deserted country road - her with pedal to the floor hanging and on for dear life, car not making a sound, and me pedal dancing and stirring gears with a car of audacious racket... she wasn't having it. So, I must share posted data. As far as acceleration, from 0-30, it has fast as the Shelby GT350 at 1.9 seconds. From 0-60 it will start to fall behind with the Shelby at 4.0 seconds, and the Mach-e at 4.8. Its ok - she will show up a little later at the gas station!

We get stopped in parking lots and asked about the Mach-e. Questions range from "Is it really a Mustang?" to "Is it fast?" or "What kind of range does it have?" Well, they didn't call it a Maverick or a Pinto, so we were happy

with that. But from the company that gave us the Model A and Model T, this should have been the Model E! Maybe just a nod to Elon that Ford can do it too. The acceleration can be dramatic, and it has 3 drive modes. Its quickest mode is called "Unbridled". It's a lot of fun, but it will burn through a full charge faster. The GT model will be even quicker. The AWD standard range gets about 211 miles on a full charge, but the vehicle will intelligently adjust that range based on certain conditions like temperature, driving mode, and terrain. The extended range model gets closer to 300 miles on a full charge. If we drive to Spokane on the other side of the state, we will need to stop for lunch and put the Mach-e on a rapid The interior seems to have a nicer fit and finish than some of the other Ford's we have, and it has lot of nice options and safety features. No real gauges or switches, and most everything is controlled by sliders on the flat Due to the way the engines are panel. mounted, there isn't really an engine under the hood. The space is more like a cooler with a drain (that we forget every time we go to the store!). We expect there will be several firstyear issues we will need to deal with but so far, we are giving the Mach-e two thumbs up! By Brad & Lisa Pfeifer





** UPCOMING EVENTS **

	ALL FUTURE EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE
Dec 11	Wreath Project, 8:00am Sacramento National Cemetery, Dixon. Watch email for details
Dec 11	GHMC Christmas Party and Installation of Board and Officers at the Napa Elks Lodge. No-host Cocktails-5:30 pm , Buffet dinner-6.:30pm Advance reservations required.
Dec 18	Wreaths Across America, Sacramento National Cemetery, Dixon. No ceremony this year
Dec 25	Merry Christmas!
Jan 1	Happy New Year 2022!
Jan 15	GHMC Breakfast Run to Black Bear in Roseville, Meet at Lowes in Vacaville at 9:00am
Jan 25	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Location TBA
Jan 29	MCA Judging Seminar @ East Bay Classics 9:00 am
Feb 19	Napa Valley Mustard Run & picnic, details to follow
Feb 22	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Location TBA
Feb 27	Capay Almond Festival, Meet at 7:30am at Lowes in Vacaville

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



NO NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH!





Happy Birthday

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/2 Courtney Leathers

12/4 Don McEachern

12/6 Elise Stevenson

12/7 Regina Bassett

12/7 Andrew Schneider

12/8 Judy Davis

12/8 Robert Schuette

12/14 Lisa Mitsopoulos

12/14 Kurt Souza

12/17 Lauma Jurkevics

12/18 Michele Rebollini

12/18 Yvonne Walter

12/22 Ron Normandin

12/25 Austin Bauer

12/26 Ron Bramlett

12/26 Mariah Irwin

12/27 Gloria Valencia

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/1 Miyuki York

1/2 Cristy Cordeiro

1/4 Tony McGrath

1/4 Anthony Robinson

1/5 Cara Lorenzetti

1/7 Olivia Herman

1/8 Jacob Mathews

1/9 Diane Riga

1/12 Jackson Bozarth

1/18 Donald Ramage

1/18 Mark Scott

1/18 Tisha vonTing

1/20 Brittni Haran

1/20 Shelby Myska

1/21 Larry Tunac

1/24 Tony Laffranchi

1/26 Chase Myska

1/27 Clif Wilson, Jr.

1/28 Kyle Lo

1/30 Gina Schneider

1/30 Deanna Gee

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYONE!



Thankfully no cards sent in November! We hope that everyone will continue to stay well during the Holidays.

- Frank Lopez very much appreciated the flowers and cards that he received following his recent surgery. The care and concern shown to him by other club members really lifted his spirits.
- 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 some one in need of SUNSHINE please contact me. You can text or leave me a voicemail or email

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NEXT MEETING January 25th

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HAPPY NEWS?

DOES ANYONE HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

It is always great to share some happy news, especially during difficult times like a pandemic. 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

