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HAPPY BIRTHDAY USA



It was a huge turnout for the Fairfield 4th of July parade. This year's theme was "We the People" and Boy, did they show up! Spectators lined the streets to wish our country a Happy 247th Birthday.

See Brian Evans' article on 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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Moving Forward

By President Sue Calvert



Hello Everyone,

If you are a member of the MCA then I'm sure you have seen more Golden Hills Mustang Club features in the Mustang Times magazine than ever before! I'm so proud to see our club's events displayed in the pages of that monthly magazine. If you're not a member of the Mustang Club of America, please consider joining! It's great to see how our club is similar-yet different- when compared to other clubs across the country.

We've been having a great time at our monthly club meetings at Denny's. The raffle has been exceptionally hilarious lately (thank you Lisa and Cyndy!) If you can make it to our next meeting, the theme for raffle prizes is "Red, White and Blue." Thank you everyone for all of your donations each month! Frank is actively supporting Pony Express and food donations keep coming in. Your generosity continues to help our community every day.

I hope everyone has a happy and healthy summer. I'll see you soon!

Sue



DID I PAY MY DUES THIS YEAR?

A Big Thank You to those who have already paid,

however we still have a handful members who are NOT in good standing.

If you are unsure whether you have paid or not, please write to me (Norma McCabe) at:

membership@goldenhillsmustangclub.com

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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 Well and hope to see you soon! Norma McCabe



Benicia Torchlight Parade

July 3, 2023

It was a nice warm evening parade in the little town of Benicia. The crowd was lined up on the Main Street route dressed in their patriotic red, white and blue and waving flags with big smiles. Benicia always has the friendliest crowd – they love parades!

Our GHMC cars started out with convertibles carrying dignitaries. Dan McCabe, Dan Cordeiro, Brian Evans, Sue Calvert, Larry Tunac, Terry Scott, Nicole vonTing, and a last-minute add of Monika Vescovi. These members all had smiles because Benicia Main Street pays them to provide rides for the parade dignitaries. And, let's face it, it is a lot of fun!

They were followed up by Donnie and Lynne in their beautiful red truck with our Golden Hills Mustang Club sign and in cars were: Bill Davis, Rob Lo, Robert Davis, and Paul & Alice Troxell.

Following the parade, most of the group met up with Cristy, Kitty and Mikal at Gracie's in Vallejo for some yummy BBQ. We were just in time, because the next day Gracie's smoker went out of commission... But, glad to say, all is good and they are back in service!

Two pictures added for this article are of Nicole vonTing. Nicole was born into the club (a life-long member, lol) One is of her as a little girl at the Benicia Torchlight Parade as a passenger holding a flag in the family's yellow convertible. The other is this year of her as a driver for our dignitaries in the family's yellow convertible. How cool is that?!

Thanks to everyone who participated in this event. One of the best parts of being in this club is getting together! See you next year!

By Cristy Cordeiro





**BENICIA TORCHLIGHT PARADE
JULY 3, 2023**



Fairfield July 4th Parade and Lunch

by Brian Evans

This year's July 4th parade was held on... (wait for it...) July 4! a Tuesday this year. Now that the City of Fairfield's Parks & Recreation Department has organized the July 4th and November Veterans Day parades for the last few years since taking over for the Downtown Merchants Association, we seem to have settled in on having the same parade check-in location and same staging area, so there is less drama and chaos to deal with!

This parade has been held for many decades in downtown Fairfield, and always draws a large crowd, I think because of the perennial appearance by the Golden Hills Mustang Club! What do you think the reason is? A few weeks after the parade, I was asked by the parade organizer how many years GHMC has participated in the parade. I polled a few of our "senior" or long-time members and the general consensus was since the early 1980's, so probably since our formation in 1982 or shortly thereafter! I got back to the city with that answer...envisioning awards for our club, cash prizes for the club's parade chairman, maybe a key to the city or a city holiday in our honor, but all I got was a "Oh that's awesome, thanks for your support all these years!"

The weather, while sunny, was a little cooler in the early morning parade hours of 9am to 12 noon, which I think brought out even more people, and certainly helped out some of our older, hotter running classic cars.

We started the day at our usual meeting spot at Solano Mall, by the Starbucks. I do my best trying to take care of club members' needs for snacks and coffee at premium prices! Everyone arrived in short order and after a few of us blew our last paycheck in Starbucks it was time to head to the parade staging area.

With our cars decorated in our usual patriotic theme, soon it was time for us to take our turn parading our 14 cars down Texas Street. I was asked by Parks & Rec to take the Parade Grand Marshal, Brad Hansen in my '68 Convertible through the beginning of the parade. Mr. Hansen has been the director, driving force and field manager for our local American Legion baseball team, the Fairfield Expos, for over 40 years. He has had five players make it to the Major Leagues



during his tenure. As a thank you, he presented me with a baseball from the 2019 American Legion World Series which was held in... SHELBY, North Carolina!



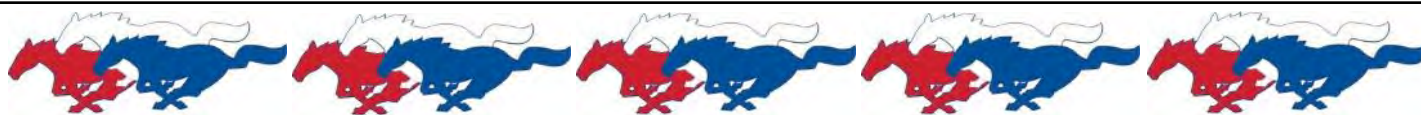
The emcee did a good job of reading our complete club introduction, as sometimes they trail off or read so quickly it sounds like a disclaimer at the end of a radio commercial. For those who didn't hear it, this was our parade announcement:

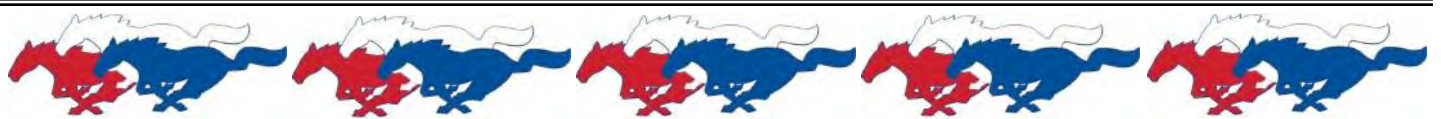
"The Golden Hills Mustang Club, established in 1982, is a non-profit charity promoting the ownership and admiration of Ford Mustangs, America's favorite pony car! The Club supports our local Veterans and other charities with food donations, holiday toy drives and other financial assistance, in addition to scholarships for high school students. For over 15 years, the Club also has sent monthly supplies and gifts to our troops deployed overseas. Golden Hills Mustang...the friendliest little club!"

After the parade, most of us enjoyed a nice lunch out at Rockville Corner's Rockville Kitchen & Bar, literally the ONLY place in town open for the 4th! Because of that, I hightailed* it out there after taking the Grand Marshal through the parade, bypassing a second trip through the parade with the rest of the club, in order to grab the nicest three outdoor tables with shade umbrellas.

* "hightailed" means driving "x" miles over the speed limit...fill in the "x" as you see fit!

Once again, I'd like to thank the club for making a great showing at this parade, supporting our community and celebrating our nation's birthday!





What's That 3rd Pedal For? 3.0

On Saturday, July 15th The Cobra Experience Museum in Martinez was the Place to Be for another "What's the 3rd pedal for?" class. This class teaches young and old licensed drivers how to drive a stick shift car and best of all, its Free! Managing Director, Emily Lambert set this up along with some volunteers to help make this a great event. This time we had 10 students who were very surprised to learn that one of the "Classroom's" was the #98 Cobra from the movie "Ford vs Ferrari" the other classrooms was a SUV and our Shelby GT convertible. They all wanted to drive both the Cobra and Shelby and but also had to drive the SUV. We

used the parking lot that circled the museum, stopping and starting to get the feel for clutch but did not go onto city streets. They all did very well and as you can see the smiles, that says it all.

Like Nicole von Ting, I couldn't pass up the opportunity to drive the Cobra. I did have to watch the movie again when I got home! The Golden Hills Mustang Club is proud of our involvement with this wonderful non-profit museum that is committed to education and preservation of cars produced from Shelby American.

By Dan McCabe



To Hellgate and Back



On Wednesday, July 19th a small but enthusiastic group of travelers made our way to Grants Pass Oregon for the Hellgate Jet Boat ride and Back to the 50's Car Show.

Three trucks with trailers and a Corvette carried GHMC members; Yvonne Westberg, Brad & Jeanette Parsons, Norma & I, plus Napa Valley Cruisers, Sharon Lawson, Alma Phillips, and Ron & Mary Morofsky, as we made our way over the Siskiyou to Oregon's Rogue Valley.

It was great to see a full Lake Shasta and Mt Shasta still had a lot of snow in late July. The Jet Boat ride is on the majestic Rogue River from Grants Pass to Hellgate. The Hellgate Canyon is the scene of many motion pictures and the TV show "Gunsmoke". This is an incredible experience that you must do!

This year the Car Show was moved from the beautiful Riverside Park to the fairgrounds. The organizers did a wonderful job making it work but we really missed sitting under the trees along the Rogue River.

We soothed our disappointment about the car show with some great meals at the Taprock Grill overlooking the river and our new favorite breakfast joint, the Powderhorn Café, home of the giant cinnamon roll! We also found a new lunch spot called LuLu's that was so much fun. Good Food and Happy People is a great combination. We left happy and determined to go back again to try more wonderful things on their menu.

Norma and I managed to get the same "Party" cabin as last year and we enjoyed having everyone there! Ron Myska and Vicki Carpenter joined us on the jetboat and at the car show. Both Rons (Myska and Morofsky) brought home Merchant awards for their Vintage rides. Myska's Willys and Morofsky's '56 Ford both caught the judges eye.

We want to Thank Brad & Jeanette Parsons for making all the arrangements for our wonderful cabins and the Jet Boat ride.

By Dan & Norma McCabe



Tech Talk 2.0

By Paul Troxell



Spa Day

I thought today that since we have all been out enjoying the good weather and driving our cars that I would share a few tips on how to keep your car looking good. This will not apply so much to those who have show cars that don't see much road time, but more to the daily driver. When I detail my car, it is a 5-6-hour affair. A complete inside and out job. Under the hood and in the trunk. Here is how I get started.

Use good quality products (Oh Ya!! You did not think that I was going to just wash the car. Did You?). I prefer Meguiar's, but there are a huge number of well known (and not so well known) products to choose from with pricing ranging from quite reasonable to really pretty darn expensive. A good place to start for selection is any well-known auto parts store, Walmart, or the InterWeb. Yes, the old cliché "You get what you pay for!" applies here. And you can see that it is not difficult to bust our Benjamin's if you want the best products. Use what fits your goal and budget. It is kind of like whiskey. Some of us can get by with Old Red Eye and others drink the \$300 bottle stuff as the "usual".

On a cool car (I am talking temperature of the car's surface so I am the guy washing my car at 6:30am) I use the two-bucket wash method. Two clean buckets with soap in each. Use a wash mitt designed for the job. Wet the car down and start on the roof working your way down. Do small sections at a time so that the soap does not dry. Letting that happen will only make more work later. After washing a roof, the mitt goes into bucket A, rinse the car, and then rinse the mitt in bucket A to get the grit it may have picked up and then go to bucket B and rinse again to make sure that there are no abrasives in it. Then wash the next section. After each section you follow the EXACT same rinse procedure and bucket sequence to keep your wash mitt clean. This helps to greatly reduce scratching of the paint and hours of polishing to correct. You will thank me later.

Once you have washed the entire car use your leaf blower to dry it off. I know, it's only 7:15am and it might wake the neighbors. Did they think about you when they were drinking and carousing in the hot tub last night until 2am? Blow all of the excess water off and then use a large micro fiber to get any excess along with the trunk, hood, and door jams. I finish drying the wheels last. I almost forgot, there are some very cool brushes for wheel cleaning and products that remove brake dust. Read the directions on these very carefully to ensure that they are safe to use on your wheels. Improper use can stain or damage the finish if directions are not followed.

Now let's get started on the interior. Vacuum any heavy dust and debris from the doors, dash, and that miserable spot behind the rear seats. Gawd! I hate doing the contortions required to get into the back of these cars. May be why I still have a soft spot for my '82 Fox Body. Didn't think so much about it back then, but the hatchback eliminated the rear window cleaning problem of the fastback. Now use the interior cleaner (if needed) on all of the surfaces inside the car. You can go straight on with the protectant if everything is clean. I wet a microfiber, wring it out, and apply the protectant. This helps to apply the product evenly and easily. Do not use protectant on leather if your car has leather upholstery. There is a separate product for it that conditions and nourishes the leather helping to keep it soft and pliable while also bringing a nice luster after it is polished off. Next, I clean all interior glass. My go to here is Spray Away Glass Cleaner. It is ammonia free and does not streak when applied with CLEAN microfiber. By the way, never use fabric softeners or dryer sheets when you are washing your microfibers. That is unless you like to spend hours cussing and trying to get the streaks and smears off the glass and out of your fresh clean, polish, and wax job on the paint. And finally, vacuum the carpets. This will leave the interior looking clean, protected from UV rays and smelling fresh. It also helps protect the interior from those commute stains if it is your DD.

I use a detail spray on the entire exterior to finish off. This gets the water stains and also applies a bit of protection depending on which one you use. Now, clean the exterior glass. Next apply whatever tire protectant that you like best. I prefer to use Aerospace 303 as I am not a fan of that super high gloss look that others prefer. Finally, apply the wheel protectant to finish them off.

This is just for a Saturday morning clean up to get ready to go for an afternoon drive. I am sure many of you already have your favorite products. If not, do some noodling on the InterWeb and bone up on what is available and decide how far you want to go. Talk to those you know who always seem to have their car looking sharp and see what they use. I did not even get into a cut, buff, and wax. That is an entirely different monster perhaps I will expound on that in another Tech Talk. This will get you started and as always, if you have any questions or suggestions send them to me at:

Dieselgunner@comcast.net.
Until next month,

Pedal to the Metal!



A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Some great memories from past camping trips, from Historian, Ileine Burke



CONGRATULATIONS



Proud Mom ent For GHMC



On Friday July 28, 2023, GHMC's own, Paige Paulsell, became the youngest Gold Card Judge in the history of Mustang Club of America! At the Judges meeting for the *Race to Indy National*, Reno's Ron Wheeler presented Paige with her first Gold Card for the Occasional Driven/Daily Driven class.

That is quite an achievement for a 20-year-old, Paige!
Congratulations on all your hard work!



★★★UPCOMING EVENTS★★★



ALL FUTURE EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE

Aug 6	Sunday, August 6 th Napa Elks Hot August Nights Car Chow & Chili Cook-off
Aug 18	Friday Night—Napa Main Street Reunion Show & Shine
Aug 19	Main Street Reunion Car Show Pre 1978 (See our website for link to registration details)
Aug 19/20	Fairfield Tomato and Vine Festival Sat 11am to 7 pm, Sun 11am to 5 pm (Car show Sun 20th on Texas & Taylor.)
Aug 22	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia
Sep 9	10th Annual Ball Metal School Supply Drive Car & Bike Show, 2400 Huntington Dr. Fairfield. Gates Open 8:00 am - Entry fee - School Supplies
Sep 16	Planes, Trains and Automobiles at the Rowland Freedom Museum (Nut Tree Airport), 9am – 2pm (watch email for details)
Sep 23	Sacramento Area Mustang Club 26th Annual Mustangs and Fords at the Marriott Car Show. (watch email for details)
Sep 26	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia
Oct 14	DVMA All Ford Car Show at the Cobra Experience (watch email for details)
Oct 21	Trunk & Treat at Ron DuPratt Ford Dixon (watch email for details)
Oct 24	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia
Oct 27-29	Friday-Sunday, Sacramento International Auto Show (watch email for details)

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Apologies to:
5/11 Paul Troxell

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/1 Sharon McCune
8/11 Kris Concepcion
8/11 Paul Troxell
8/12 Michelle Rossa
8/12 Riku York
8/19 Joseph Vescovi
8/21 Rick Hohas
8/22 Brad Scott
8/23 Tim Leathers
8/23 Dylan McCabe
8/25 Robert Lo
8/26 Patricia Cartwright
8/27 Thomas Breslin
8/27 Daniel Wright



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/6 Andy Cordeiro
9/7 Harold Joines
9/8 Ryan Bauer
9/8 Randy Gee
9/12 Gaylord Gee
9/12 Jenny Sturgeon
9/16 Michael Bauer
9/16 Sally Fentress
9/16 Karen Schuette
9/17 Frank Lopez
9/17 Peggy Mathews
9/17 Barbara Stapleton
9/20 Gabrielle Santos
9/21 Ron Freitas
9/22 Scott Bradley
9/22 Frankie Gomez
9/24 Dave York
9/25 Shelby Banovitz
9/27 Michael Robinson
9/27 Jeremy Santos
9/29 Jack Judd
9/29 Lynne Emmons McEachern

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYONE!

Sunshine Corner

By Yvonne Westberg



Get well cards were sent to:

- ❁ Paulette Rand after her stay in the hospital.
- ❁ Lynne Emmons McEachern and Brad & Jeannette Parsons.
- ❁ Another card was sent to Judy Davis after another surgery. Please keep her in your thoughts.
- ❁ 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, You can also email GHMC Info at: info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com for contact information.



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Denny's Cordelia
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Tues, August 22, 2023**

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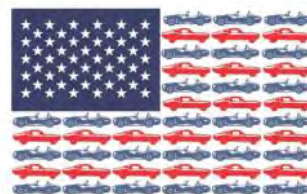
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HAPPY NEWS!

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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

