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GHMC Goes Camping



Lake Francis 2024

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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

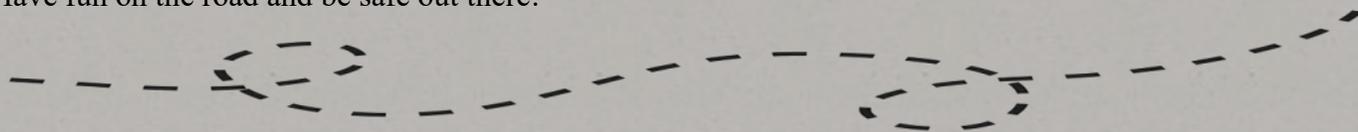
We're already halfway through the year! Where does the time go? We're now in the dog days of summer, after a month where club members participated in six different car shows along with another terrific Lake Francis camping trip. This month we have the Benicia and Fairfield Independence Day parades followed by a pool party at the Lamphiear home.

Check the Calendar of Events section of this newsletter and the website for any added events. If you have an idea for an event but don't know how to go about it, please contact our vice President Nick Loya to get it on the calendar or talk to any board member for advice on what to do.

Please bring a raffle prize to the general meeting to increase the enjoyment of the event. As always, bring something new and most anything will work. Thanks to all who donated last month!

Lastly, our GHMC Christmas Party at the Napa Elks Club is all set for Saturday, December 14th. We need a creative mind (or two) to lead the party, so please let me or Nick Loya know if you would like to organize the party-of-the-year for our club!

Have fun on the road and be safe out there!



IT'S TIME TO PAY FOR 2024

Thank you to all who made the Membership Chairman very happy, and Paid Early! There are still a few who have not paid so this next part is just for you! 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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Thank you!

Please Stay Well and hope to see you soon!

Norma McCabe

10th Annual Cobra Day



Part I

It was a great day on Saturday, June 1st at the 10th Annual Cobra Day Ford car show at the Cobra Experience Museum in Martinez, celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Ford Mustang and the Daytona Coupe (a Cobra with a roof...designed to compete in endurance auto races like the 24 hours of Le Mans, Sebring and Daytona, etc).

I started the day adding a full bottle of my secret "octane boost" to the tank of the '68 KR convertible. Provides a nice increase in "horse"power, but does require two hands on the steering wheel to keep her in a straight line... as she tends to drift in and outa her lane when she guzzles a bottle!

Some highlights of the day...

It was a great turn out of well over 100 cool cars, not just Shelby Cobra's and Mustangs, but a variety of other classic and exotic Fords. The Golden Hills Mustang Club made a great showing with eight cars in attendance from our club.

As I always say, the cars are great... but the car show people are greater! For the second time in three years, I had the same cool neighbors parked next to me, Marc and Bibi from Auburn with their beautiful 1968 Acapulco Blue GT350 Fastback. Marc has owned this car for 40+ years!

Also of note were nine 1965-66 K code Mustangs in attendance. The K code engine was Ford's 271 hp high-performance version of the small block 289 V8. I've never seen three parked together, let alone nine!

Car show swag bags from Cobra Day are always the best! Where else do you get authentic Carroll Shelby Texas Chili (aka a "bowl of red") and a Museum Calendar? Much better than the usual car show goodie bags, which are full of useless crap like realtor pens with ink that runs out in a week, golf pencils and keychains, or garbage BS ads from entities like California Forever!

Finally, at the end of the day, I was surprised and humbled to earn a Best in Class award in the 1967-68 Shelby class. These awards were voted on by a panel of six youth judges, so perhaps the Barbie doll I planted on the center console made a difference! (lol) Either that or the display of six bottles of Carroll

Shelby wine (the secret octane boost!) above the back seat enticed some future wine drinkers!

Thanks to Drew & Janet Serb and daughter Emily Lambert who work tirelessly, along with a crew of dedicated volunteers, to keep the West Coast's best automotive museum moving forward and making a difference to educate the next generations on the historical significance of what (Carroll) Shelby American accomplished for our country in the 1960's international motorsports scene. "The cars can't talk, but we can!"

By Brian Evans

Part II

I felt like I needed to add my two cents worth to this story as this has become my Favorite Car Show of the year. Perhaps because it is close to my birthday (last year it was on my birthday) and I get treated to a nice dinner on the way home, but more than likely because it is a wonderful show! I have been to many car shows since we joined GHMC but most have them have been as a volunteer, not as a participant. As a former Car Show Chairman, I know the inner workings of a car show well. Cobra Day runs like a well-oiled machine. From the email you get telling you exactly what time to be there until the time you are guided out of the parking lot, the whole day is focused on your enjoyment. You are greeted with a smile and made to feel comfortable as you settle in. The music and the announcements are easy to hear wherever you go on the property, and you always know what is happening. The wonderful lunch on the shaded patio is relaxing and the admission to the museum is a small price to pay to enjoy the use of the indoor plumbing and view the fantastic collection of Shelby history in air-conditioned comfort. The awards were on time and presented by the judges themselves, six young people who would make Carroll himself proud of their choices. When we got back to our car we sat and watched as the parade of beautiful cars left. Another wonderful treat! All-in-all it was a fabulous day, and I am very glad I was able to be there! Thank You Cobra Experience for another spectacular show!

By Norma McCabe





10TH ANNUAL ALL FORD CAR SHOW
Celebrating 60 Years of the Mustang & Daytona Coupe

COBRA DAY 2024

Lunch • Beverages • Awards • Interviews • European Model Train Exhibit

June 1st, 2024
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CARS OF THE MONTH

JULY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6



47th Annual VMOA Car Show

June 15, 2024

This is one of our favorite Regional MCA Club shows, back at its traditional Saturday before Father's Day date in June at a new West Valley College location in Saratoga. If you are looking for a show with plenty of shade without the usual sap and leaf droppings from trees, then with 100% of the parking under solar panels this is your show. This show is famous for bringing out large numbers of Gen 1 Mustangs and once again it did not disappoint with around 35% of the cars.

This year I was unsupervised and could only take one car, so I chose #11 my 2005 GT Coupe and re-

ceived 1st in class. Joel Edelmann brought his 66 Convertible and received 3rd in a very large class. The show has a nice laidback atmosphere and a great variety of Mustangs to check out. They had to dump the best sounding exhaust competition due to restrictions by the college but on the plus side had much more space.

Hopefully we can continue to grow our GHMC participation again next year, the show is definitely worth the drive!

By Robin Paulsell



PONIES AND SNAKES JUNE 30, 2024

One of my favorite shows hosted by the Bay Area don't miss out. The is a judged show with teams Mustang Association (BAMA) is their annual car show made up from BAMA club members, judging began at at the Danville Livery in Danville California. GHMC 10:00 AM and was over by noon. They had a great was represented again this year by my 1975 Mustang raffle and raised over \$1000 for their charity. The ll Mach 1 and Joel Edelman with his 1966 Convertible weather was great and there's never a bad parking ble. The Danville Livery is a small shopping and busi- spot. We saw a lot of old friends and as always ness center located in the heart of Danville, there made some new ones. Congratulations to Joel on re- were several restaurants for food and plenty of spe- ceiving a class award, my Mach 1 also received a cialty stores for those seeking activities outside of class award in our respective classes. the car show.

The show as usual sold-out registration early, so ly even more club members join in on all the fun!
if you want to join us next year register early and

By Robin Paulsell



LAKE FRANCIS CAMPING TRIP

By Brian Evans

The Golden Hills Mustang Club's annual camping trip was held at the beautiful Lake Francis Resort in the "little dot on the map" town of Dobbins, CA from Thursday June 20 to Sunday the 23rd. I asked a couple of our long-time members, the McCabes and the Cordeiros, how many years have we camped at Lake Francis? They both said it's been "north of twenty years now"! Once again, four of our "repeat offender" campers were smarter than the rest of us and chose to arrive a day early on Wednesday and stayed an extra night leaving on Monday. So our usual minimum three night trip has turned into five nights...for those *really* trying to avoid responsibilities at home! Lake Francis is known for temperatures that usually average mid 80's to low 90's for June, but this year our four-day long weekend was a little warmer at mid to high 90's.

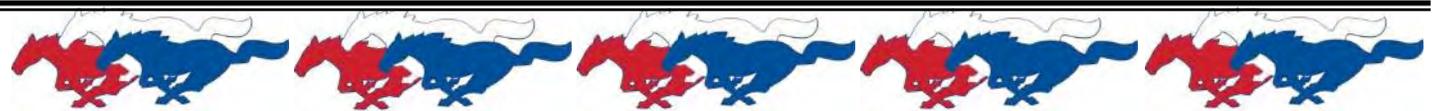
This year we had 8 RV sites and 5 cabins occupied by 13 Golden Hills Mustang families. The usual repeat offenders in RV sites were Dan & Cristy Cordeiro, yours truly, Mike & Tammy Robinette, Jerry & Cyndy Lamphiear, with both of their son's families, Terry & Ileine Burke, Paul & Alice Troxell, and Dan & Norma McCabe. Terry's sister Connie and husband John Heller joined us in one of the RV sites. In the cabins we had Frank Lopez & Pat Sivigliano, Gina Schneider, Michele & Michael Bauer, Shelby Bozarth and Kathy and Nick Loya. Camp-

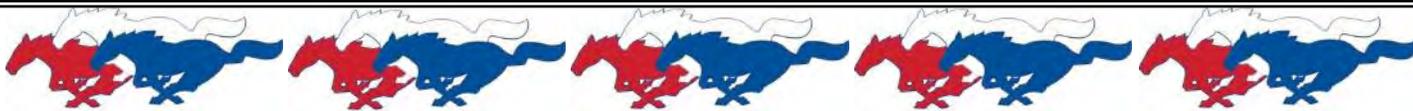
ing veterans Kirk & Cheryl Stafford and Mikal & Kitty Brevig were not able to attend this year and were missed by all.

Most of the usual camp-out traditions continued, like the Saturday main dish, side dish or dessert potluck. To the best of my knowledge, we all lived to tell about it! Another big tradition is our hang-out-at-the-beach time during the day on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We had a great spot at the beach thanks to Dan Cordeiro getting up early and reserving picnic tables. Many of us enjoyed drifting along on our floaties with beers in hand, working on our sunburns! A tradition that returned was the Thursday night barbeque oyster appetizer feast hosted by the Cordeiros! Totally ruined my appetite for dinner! Another unofficial tradition has been to drive out near the dam to watch some fantastic sunsets!

We also had another very nice flag retirement ceremony during our Saturday evening campfire. Terry Burke directs this each year and teaches how to properly fold (with help from volunteers) and retire a flag by placing it in the fire. Our ceremony included the Pledge of Allegiance and Frank played "Taps" on his harmonica.

Thanks to all who attended! It looks like the date for next year's trip will be the same weekend (always following Father's Day), which is Thursday June 19 to Sunday June 22.





Tech Talk 2.0



By Paul Troxell

Walk the Walk

Well, Alice and I went out to Sonoma Raceway for the Wednesday Night Drags. The purpose was to get a feel for how things work on drag night and to meet with Nick Bublitz who is the Drag Strip Manager. The weather was perfect. It was about 75 degrees with a bit of a breeze, but very comfortable even at 10 o'clock when the event was over. We watched the first dozen or so test and tune runs and then decided to grab something to eat at the track café. I must say that I was pleasantly surprised that the food was actually very good.

Back at our seats we continued to watch test and tune and were enjoying seeing so many different kinds of cars making passes. There was everything from a Fiat 500 (an eventual bracket winner) to pick-ups, BMW's, Mercedes Benz, Chargers and Challengers of course, and several Tesla's and two Lucid's and man are they fast. Oh yea! There were Mustangs there, also! Everything from classics that were stock and some modified. There were also Coyotes, Voodoo's, Predators, and a Mach E. It became quite obvious that some of the racers were very experienced at this game as they were very consistent. And by that, I mean how they cut the light, launched the car, and the times across the track and finish line, and their speed through the trap. That does not mean that everyone needs to be an experienced racer though.

Once the test and tune was over, eliminations started. This is when you get to see craziness. There might be a 16 second car lined up with a 12 second car. Wait! What? The slower car gets a green light 4 seconds sooner than his or her opponent and takes off. The opponent has to wait until they get their green light and the race is on. The car that comes closest to the bracket time that they have chosen without going faster than that time wins. Assuming, of course neither car has red lighted by taking off before receiving a green light. It must be extremely hard to sit and watch your opponent tearing down the track (even if they are a slower car) while having to sit and wait for that green light. Needless to say, this is very entertaining to watch, and Alice and I more than once, OK probably about 50 times, made bets on who we thought would be the winner. Of course, there is the real reason that anybody goes to any race, and that is to see the crashes, right? Well, no. We real race fans never want to see wrecks. But, on this evening we were allowed to sit in our seats with nothing happening but track clean up for over an hour. One of the racers (a Camaro) managed to oil the left lane down from the starting line

to past the finish line by blowing up the engine. The rules say that if you are smoking you are supposed to pull out of the groove and stop; not keep your foot in it and oil the entire lane down. As much as it may sound like I am bashing the guy, I have to report that he did win the race. He just didn't make it to the finals.

When we met with Nick Bublitz, he was very happy to answer all of our questions. When I told him that I was trying to get a group of GHMC members to come out for the October event (last Drag Night of the year) he asked how many cars I was talking about. He immediately said that he would be happy to have us, and told me that if I could get enough people to run that night that he would advertise the event as a Mustang Night! SO, I am asking every member who thinks that they might be interested in this as a driver, and those who want to come out as spectators to go to <https://www.sonomaraceway.com/experiences/sonoma-drags/> and take a look at what goes on. There are requirements for cars that run under 14 seconds. The faster your car runs, the more requirements there are in order to keep it safe. Even those with a driver's permit can get on the track with a guardian's signature on a release form. Now, how cool would you be if you took your son or daughter or grandson or granddaughter to the drag races?

If you think that you are interested in joining in as a spectator or a racer on October 16th, please email me to confirm. That way I can give Nick Bublitz a count. He also mentioned that he would offer us a registration discount if we can get enough cars to make it a Mustang event. I have asked Bob Fentress and Nick Loya that we contact the other local Mustang clubs and invite them as well.

Where is the Tech Talk you ask? Well, this month it is in this invitation to bring your Mustang, or your daily driver minivan out to the track and have some fun. The purpose is not to set track records or break your car in the attempt. It is simply to have fun, get a time slip, and check the box that you have been on the track with whatever you want to bring. Also meet some people who also like to have a good time and enjoy the camaraderie. I will have a new tech article next month on some old tech that I hope you find interesting.

Hope to hear from many of you soon.

Until Then, Pedal to the Metal!



BLAST FROM THE PAST

From Historian Ileine Burke:

Favorites from 4th of July long ago. . . How many faces and children do you recognize?



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Mike Miller
Linden, CA
1970 Mach I,
2023 Mach I, Black



Returning members:
Jerry & Regina Williams
Fairfield, CA
2007 Convertible, red

Returning members:
David & Annette Batchelor
Benicia, CA
64 1/2 Convertible, yellow



★★★UPCOMING EVENTS★★★



ALL FUTURE EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE

Jul 11	GHMC Board Meeting
Jul 13	Pancake Breakfast and Mixed Nutts Baseball game at Borman Field on the grounds of Yountville's Veterans Home. 8:00am. Cost \$15 for breakfast & game (We are just watching this game, not playing.) Tour of the Warrior Dogs exhibit afterwards. Contact Dan McCabe for details
Jul 21	Kids, Cars 'N Coffee at the Cobra Experience, 8:00-10:00am Museum opens at 10:00am 777 Arnold Dr. Martinez, CA
Jul 23	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia
Aug 1	GHMC Board Meeting
Aug 4	Napa Elks Car Show and Chili Cook-off. See our website for flyer/registration form
Aug 10	Riverside Car Show benefitting Napa Sea Scouts. Watch email for details
Aug 16	Napa Main Street Reunion Friday Night Show & Shine (Saturday show moved to October 5th) Watch email for details
Aug 27	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia
Sep21	SAMC Mustangs & For ds At Th e Marr iott Car Show 2024 see our w ebsit e for fl yer/reg
Oct 5	Main Stre et Reunion Classic C ar Show—Napa Vall ey Exposit ion
Oct 6	Gord on Vall ey Car Show—Gord on Vall ey Fire House
Oct 16	First 2025 Biggest Little Car Show Meeting (watch email for details)

SAVE THE DATES

*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 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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/1 Thomas Iniguez
7/5 Shelby Evans
7/7 Meagan Gallegos
(Pickering)
7/8 Joel Edelmann
7/10 Miki Leathers
7/11 Robert Fentress
7/11 Brenda Romero
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 Greg Pretti

7/26 Heidi Wilson
7/30 Karen Shepard
7/31 Cindy Bramlett
7/31 Dick Cartwright
7/31 George Pezzolo



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS'

8/1 Sharon McCune
8/11 Kris Concepcion
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



PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYONE!

Sunshine Corner



By Yvonne Westberg

Cards were sent to the following members:

- ❁ A Get Well card went to Paulette Rand as she has been in and out of the hospital, flowers were delivered in person by Ileine Burke.
- ❁ A Get Well card went to Peter Mitsopoulos who has been having a problem with an injured foot.
- ❁ An encouragement card to Neal Randles as he has major medical issues.
- ❁ A Graduation card was sent to Logan Sturgeon along with a \$25.00 check.

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



40th Annual Biggest Little Car Show

Introducing Paul Troxell, our GHMC Technical Director, as our 2025 Car Show Chairman. His wife, Alice, is our current Secretary. Although they have only been members for a couple of years, they have become a tremendous asset to the club. Please step up and support them by volunteering for the 40th Annual Biggest Little Car Show.

Paul plans to have an after show meeting to go over the workings of this year's show and is looking forward to input from anyone who was there. Watch your email for details.

Thank you, Paul for stepping up to fill Robin's shoes while he takes on important MCA duties.

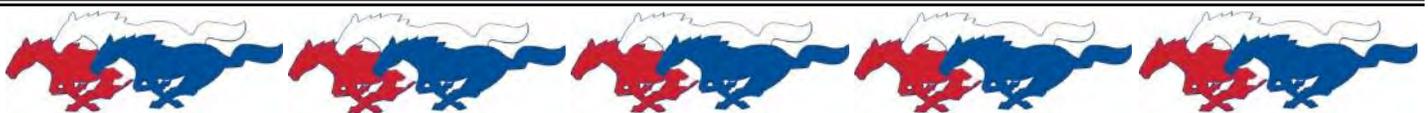


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MEETS THE 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT:**

SEE YOU AT



**7:30 p.m.
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**NEXT MEETING
Tues, July 23, 2024**

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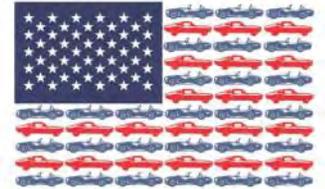
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