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GHMC BREAKFAST AT THE BEAR



First Event of 2025
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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

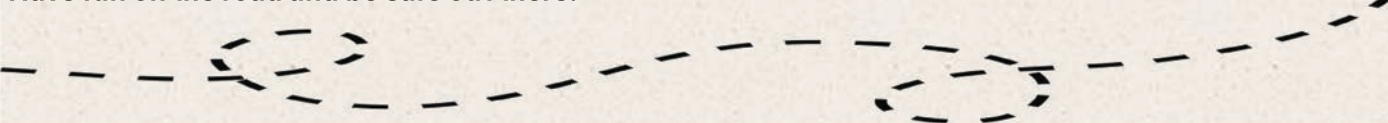


Here is to a New Year starting off with a gallop. The enthusiasm shown at the New Year breakfast and January membership meeting are a sign of good times to come! Your Board and Officers have been hard at work planning for a fun year ahead.

Thanks go to Kathy Loya, who has stepped up to be our membership chair and car show registration chair. If you would like to get involved in something fun, our annual Biggest Little Car Show is always in need of extra hands. We'll hold planning meetings on the third Wednesday of each month leading up to the big event on May 17th.

We're in such a beautiful area for club cruises as weather and road conditions permit and are always looking for ideas for cruises and fun places to visit, so feel free to speak up with your ideas. A new Cruises and Events committee, headed by Robert Lo, will work with club members to make these events happen. The primary objective is fun and fellowship. With unpredictable weather, some of these events may be planned or changed at the last minute, so watch your email inbox for announcements from Golden Hills Mustang Club Info. Remember, this is *your* club!

Have fun on the road and be safe out there!



It's time to pay your dues for 2025!

Well, it's that time of the year again. 2025 dues now payable and will become delinquent on February 28th. We have a BRAND NEW way to pay your dues, and a new Membership Chairman, Kathy Loya. After twelve years, Norma McCabe decided to let someone else enjoy meeting all the members. 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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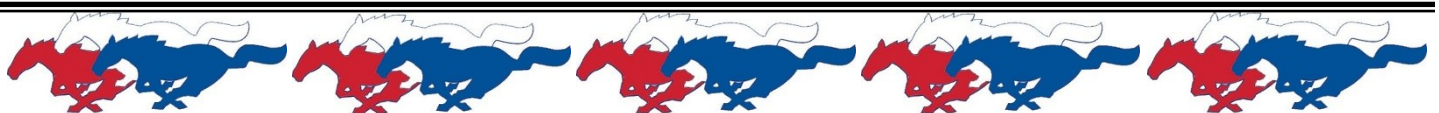
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Thank you! Please Stay Well and hope to see you soon! Kathy Loya

BREAKFAST AT BLACK BEAR DINER



The First Event of the Year on January 11th was a breakfast arranged by President, Bob Fentress. As you can see it was well attended and the staff at Black Bear was happy to have us back again. It has become a tradition to go there every January and they even have a framed copy of our newsletter cover hanging on the wall.



American Legion Donation

The January meeting of the Golden Hills Mustang Club was one of the most pivotal gatherings in recent memory. The club demonstrated an unwavering commitment to community support and engagement. To provide a quiet and secure location for counting votes during our car show, the club decided to approach the Suisun Veterans Hall for permission to use their facility. The American Legion, which oversees the hall, is actively involved in sponsoring students for the Boys & Girls State Competition. In a show of mutual support, GHMC agreed to donate \$150.00 to the American Legion's cause in exchange for the use of the hall.

David Johnson, the Historian and Chaplain of the American Legion, was invited to our meeting to present their initiative. During the presentation, it was revealed that each student requires \$500.00 to attend the Boys & Girls State. Recognizing the importance of this opportunity for students, the club decided to sponsor one student, effectively covering the \$500.00 needed for their attendance.

During a break in the meeting, Paul Troxell passed around his cowboy hat, known for its size and capacity. The gesture was met with generous contributions, and an additional \$350.00 was raised for the American Legion post.

In conclusion, the January meeting underscored GHMC's dedication to supporting educational initiatives and community partnerships. The club's proactive approach and willingness to contribute both time and resources highlight its role as a pillar of the community.

David Johnson Posted this on the American Legion Web Page as a result of our meeting:

"On behalf of American Legion "Reams" Post 182, I want to extend our deepest gratitude for your generous support of the Boys and Girls State program. Last night was truly monumental, and thanks to your contributions, we were able to raise \$850—enough to fully sponsor one student's participation in this life-changing program.

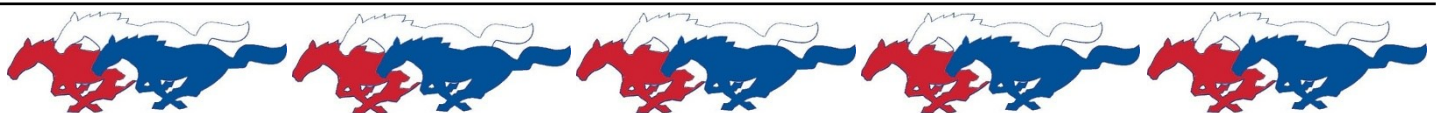
Your generosity directly impacts the future leaders of America, giving them the opportunity to engage in civic leadership, gain invaluable experience, and shape their understanding of governance. The impact of your support will resonate far beyond this moment, as these young men and women go on to serve their communities and our great nation.

As a small token of our appreciation, we have proudly posted your sponsorship on our webpage and will be sharing it with our membership in our upcoming newsletter. Your commitment to fostering tomorrow's leaders does not go unnoticed, and we are honored to have you as part of this mission.

Thank you again for your kindness, dedication, and support. We look forward to working together in the future to continue making a difference."

Editor's Note: Bill reached out to other club members who were unable to attend the meeting and another \$150 was pledged in order to sponsor 2 students.

By Bill Davis



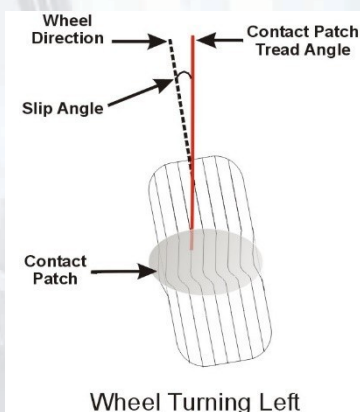
Tech Talk 2.0

By Paul Troxell

Is Your Driving Slipping?

Hello everyone, and Happy New Year! It is raining out today and it is supposed to rain all weekend. I hope that all of you will be careful while you are out in your cars and leave that extra space between you and the car ahead. I am sure that everyone has experienced putting on the brakes and having the tires slide on the wet pavement or having the anti-lock system activate and feel the brake pedal chattering under foot keeping the wheels from locking up. No matter when or where it happens it is not a welcome experience. But that is not what I am going to talk about this month.

My dissertation this month does have a lot to do with the contact patch, that portion of the tire that is actually making contact with the roadway, and what happens when we turn the steering wheel. That small patch of rubber and the asphalt or concrete that it touches is where all of the magic happens. This is where the car accelerates, stops, and corners. Some do it much better than others depending on how the car and suspension are designed, what kind of tires and their size are, and whether the car is an econobox, Luxo Boat, street/sports car, or race car. But they all slip even when the brakes aren't applied when the car is making even the smallest turn. This is where we find slip angle. Now, without getting into some high-level mathematics, slip angle can be simply defined as a measurement of the distance in degrees of angle between where your tires are pointed and where the car is going. Referring to this image may help to understand what I am about to describe.



Since the tire is made of rubber it has a significant amount of flexibility and goes through many kinds of deformations while it is rolling across the road surface the contact patch changes size and shape. This is caused by the uneven road surface, the side-wall flexing and absorbing some of the shock from the uneven road, and as you can see in the diagram, when the steering wheel is turned. The contact patch in relation to the rest of the tire becomes twisted and does not travel the same direction as the rest of the tire. All of these deformations cause the tire to heat up. Even the tires construction, which is determined by what the tire is designed for, changes how it reacts to all of the forces mentioned and there are more forces that I have not mentioned. A purpose-built race car tire would be nearly useless for a street car and the reverse is true as well. Race tires have much softer tread compounds that are "slick" for dry weather racing so that

there is maximum contact with the roadway for maximum traction. This means that they have none of the grooving and sipes like a DOT approved tire for a passenger car or truck. Those who set up race cars are very familiar with slip angle and its effects on how the car will turn in, rotate, and accelerate out of a corner.

But enough about race cars. When we turn the steering wheel on our Mustangs the same thing happens. The tire, being very flexible and not made of steel (which would also flex), turns in the direction that we want to go. When this happens the weight of the car is transferred to the outside wheels (the right-hand side wheels in a left-hand turn) which increases the weight on them. It also increases the grip the tires have on the roadway. This side force is the centrifugal force created by the car turning around a point and is called lateral force. Try to visualize a car making a left turn on a sweeping country road. Pick any point any distance from the left side of the car. Now draw a line from that point to each of the four wheels of the car making sure that the lines are perpendicular to each wheel and intersect at the point that you have selected. What you will discover is that each wheel on the car has a different slip angle. In other words, each wheel is traveling a different direction to the actual direction that the car is traveling. Another interesting fact is that each wheel is traveling at a different speed because each of them is following a different arc from that point that we picked. Without getting into the trigonometry involved here, because I dropped out of Trig in my first year of college, let's get back to slip angle.

Using the diagram, you can see what I just described. Where the tires are pointed and where the car is going is two different trajectories. The difference between the two is slip angle. The engineers that design our cars can change the way that a car feels and handles by changing many things in the body of the car, the suspension system, and even the tires that come with the car to affect how it handles. An extreme example of how the driver experiences this would be to compare a 1965 Mustang to a 2025 Mustang. They are two entirely different cars when comparing the driving experience. The engineers calculate the slip angle into their design of the suspension system and the tires that are chosen for the car to achieve the goal they are after. Those who set up race cars use this knowledge of their car and tires to achieve the best set up for the track that they are on. So now, you have received the 30,000' view intro to slip angle.

Next month I will introduce you to Ackermann Angle. That is for all of you over achievers out there so you can dig in early to get ahead of the class.

If this was too much for you, please let me know by emailing me at Diesegunner@comcast.net with what you would like to read about and I will be happy to provide you with more on your subject of choice.

Until Then, Pedal to the Metal!



40th Annual Biggest Little Car Show

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**2025 Biggest Little Car Show
Meetings will be held the 3rd
Wednesday of each month.**

February thru April

**At the Round Table in Cordelia
5085 Business Center Dr.**

**Contact Paul Troxell
to volunteer**

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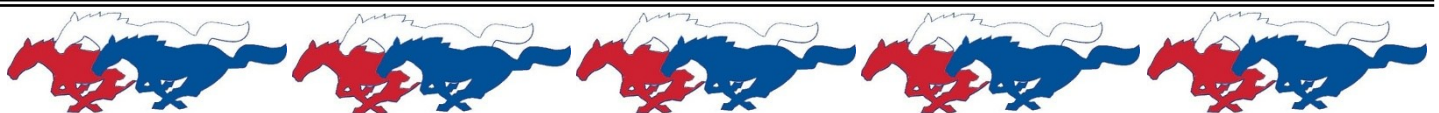
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Ron DuPratt

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Biggest Little Car Show**



★★★UPCOMING EVENTS★★★



ALL FUTURE EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE

Feb 6	GHMC BOARD MEETING, LOPEZ RESIDENCE
Feb 9	SUPER BOWL PARTY 2025 @ YOUNTVILLE VETERANS HOME
Feb 19	BIGGEST LITTLE CAR SHOW MEETING @ 6:30PM. Round Table Pizza by Costco in Cordelia 5085 Business Center Dr. WATCH FOR EMAIL FOR DETAILS
Feb 23	CAPAY ALMOND FESTIVAL—WATCH FOR EMAIL FOR DETAILS
Feb 25	GHMC GENERAL MEETING -. DENNY'S, 304 PITTMAN RD., CORDELIA, CA 94534 6:30PM – 9:30PM, MEETING STARTS AT 7:30PM
Mar 6	GHMC BOARD MEETING - LOCATION TBA
Mar 15	JUST ECCENTRIC CAR CLUB, CAR SHOW SUISUN CITY WATERFRONT PLAZA, DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE
Mar 19	BIGGEST LITTLE CAR SHOW MEETING @ 6:30PM. Round Table Pizza by Costco in Cordelia 5085 Business Center Dr. WATCH FOR EMAIL FOR DETAILS
Mar 25	GHMC GENERAL MEETING -. DENNY'S, 304 PITTMAN RD., CORDELIA, CA 94534 6:30PM – 9:30PM, MEETING STARTS AT 7:30PM
Mar 29	JELLY BELLY, CARS & CANDY AT JELLY BELLY FACTORY STORE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR FLYER
SAVE THE DATES July 16-20	5 DAY ROAD TRIP TO GOLD BEACH, OREGON TO RIDE JERRY'S JET BOAT ON THE MAJESTIC ROGUE RIVER! CONTACT DAN MCCABE ASAP IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOING. EMAIL info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com

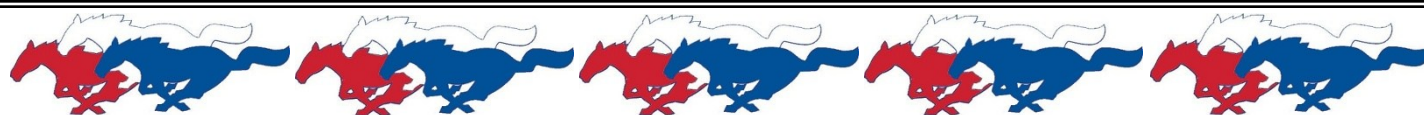
*NOTE: If you sign up to attend a GMHC event but cannot attend, please notify the event chairperson ASAP.
If you need contact information, please email: info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com*



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



David & Dawn Fountain
Fairfield, CA
1968 Coupe, Red



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/2 Annette Batchelor
 2/2 Spencer Haran
 2/2 Gerald Lamphiear
 2/2 Ruth Tapia
 2/3 Lauren Myska
 2/4 Jeff Channell
 2/4 Erin Venegas
 2/5 Jacylou Terciano
 2/6 Cyndi Lamphiear
 2/6 Angie Pickering
 2/6 Lexie Pickering
 2/7 Regina Bassett
 2/8 Nickolas Lo
 2/9 Bill Davis
 2/10 Laura Mize
 2/10 Kari Stinnett
 2/12 Robin Herman

2/16 Riley Laroski
 (Pickering)
 2/17 Michelle Bauer
 2/17 Mikal Brevig
 2/19 Mirna Ball
 2/22 Ryan McCalmont
 2/25 Ron Pippert
 2/26 Ron Bramlett
 2/27 Bill Banovitz
 2/27 Lisa Rose

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1 Jacqueline McCalmont
 3/9 Jeannette Parsons
 3/13 Niki Eagle (Pickering)
 3/14 Terry Burke
 3/14 Randi Scott
 3/14 Gregory S. Turner
 3/15 Brandi Holstein

3/15 Scarlet Laroski
 (Pickering)
 3/15 Donald Miggins
 3/15 Brad Pfeifer
 3/22 Jim Willis
 3/29 Chris Barkman
 3/29 Nicole Herman
 3/30 Audrey Lambert
 3/30 Stella Lambert



PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYONE!

Sunshine Corner



By Yvonne Westberg

The following members were sent Sunshine cards in January:

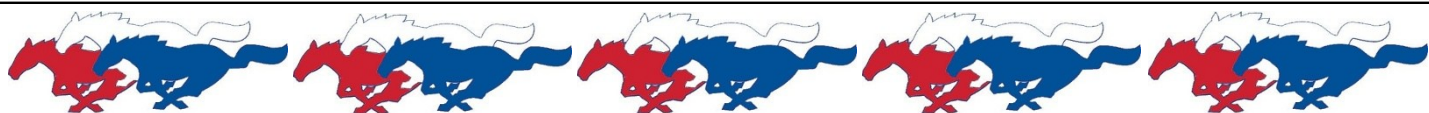
- ❁ Ileine Burke was in the hospital for a cardiac procedure, she is doing well.
- ❁ Donnie McEachern was in the E.R. and is home waiting for an MRI appointment. We hope everything will be in your favor Donnie.

We wish the above members nothing but good health and hope they will be up and about in no time.

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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All Renewal Memberships are \$30 per year regardless of the number of licensed drivers in the family
New Memberships are \$40 (\$10.00 offsets new member packets and name tags)
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY



Applicants Name _____ Birth Date ____/____/____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone # (_____) _____ - _____ Work Phone # (_____) _____ - _____
E-mail Address _____ MCA # _____

MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ALL LICENSED DRIVERS OVER THE AGE OF 16 RESIDING AT THE PRIMARY ADDRESS

If more than one in family, please provide the following information:

Spouse's Name _____ Birth Date ____/____/____

All Dependents Residing at above address (we want to acknowledge all children's birthdays in the newsletter)

Name _____ Birth Date ____/____/____
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The information provided on this application is used to create a membership roster for use by the Board of Directors. Other club members frequently request the information concerning address and/or telephone number(s). If you wish your address and/or telephone number (s) to be released only to the Board of Directors, Please so Indicate:

- ☐ I/We Do Not wish my/our address and/or telephone number(s) to be released to anyone but the Board of Directors.
☐ I/We give permission for the following information to be released to other club members, in addition to the Board of Directors:
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The Golden Hills Mustang Club is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Ford Mustang Automobile (all years and models). I/We agree with the terms and conditions of Bylaws as set forth by the Golden Hills Mustang Club and agree to comply therewith. All information I/We have provided above is correct.

Signature _____ Date _____
Signature _____ Date _____
Signature _____ Date _____
Signature _____ Date _____

*This form must be signed by all members over the age of 16 for whom membership is applied.

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

SEE YOU AT



**7:30 p.m.
Denny's Cordelia
304 Pittman Rd.
Cordelia, CA 94534**

**NEXT MEETING
Tues, February 25, 2025**

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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. 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

