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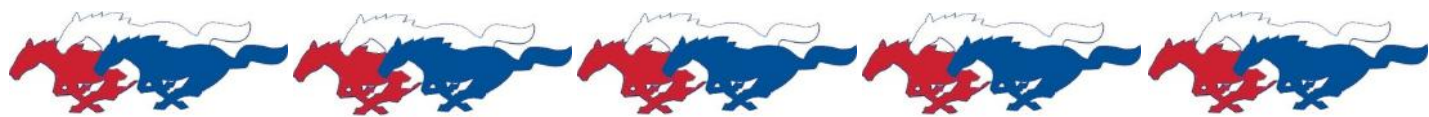
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SUPER BOWL PARTY FOR THE VETS



Our Superbowl Celebration at the Veterans Home in Yountville was well received by the Veterans. See page 4 for stories and pictures.



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.

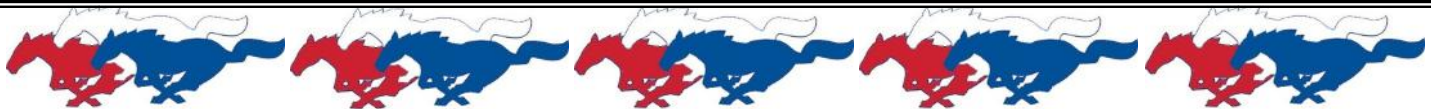
The club serves as a medium for the exchange of ideas, information and parts, and is dedicated to furthering the interest of owners and drivers of the Ford Mustang.

2024

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HEADING DOWN THE TRAIL...

With President Bob Fentress



As the year turns to spring and heads toward summer, we should all get out and support our club and attend the events. Our calendar is beginning to come together for the year since we are coming into the busy time of the year. Keep your eyes on the club event calendar as many exciting events are already on the schedule.

On May 17th we will host the Biggest Little Car Show at the Suisun Waterfront Plaza. This is an opportunity to show off your car(s), get to know other club members better, and contribute to the club's biggest event of the year. We'll meet on the third Wednesday of this and next month to plan for the show and you're invited to attend.

I want to remind everyone that, without you, our club would not be as great as it is. All of you, jointly, make up our club and do a great job to help Golden Hills Mustang Club support our community. I want to thank you all for all you do. We work very hard to support our local charities and are always looking for more to help.

It is also important to remember the club's many charitable commitments, including food donations for several local food banks. In addition, we send monthly packages of supplies, food and magazines to our troops overseas. Please continue to bring food donations and Pony Express Troop donations to our events and meetings.

Remember, get out there and enjoy our club events.

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 are delinquent on March 1st. 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 :



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membership@goldenhillsmustangclub.com

Thank you! Please Stay Well and hope to see you soon! Kathy Loya

GHMC SUPPORTS VETERANS

Super Bowl Sunday ★ February 9, 2025

Once again, the Golden Hills Mustang Club demonstrated its continual support for Northern California and its veterans. The club sponsored the sixth annual Super Bowl party for the veterans at the Yountville Veterans Home. We also organized a mini car show for the veterans, allowing them to enjoy some of the historical cars that Mustang has produced over the years.

There were 25 members of the Golden Hills Mustang Club who participated in this event. They popped corn, served beer, served pizza, and most importantly, spent time with the veterans who were at the Home for the Super Bowl. It was a tremendous time enjoyed by all, and we even had a special guest from the American Legion. David Johnson and his two sons, Sebastian and Dominic, helped pass out the pizza, clean up the trash, and talk to the veterans as well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the club who participated in this event and demonstrated the club's sense of purpose and responsibility to the community. Check out our website to see all the terrific pictures and activities that the club members participated in. Keep reading for more stories from our members.

By Bill Davis

Super Bowl Party

Golden Hills Car Club had another wonderful experience with the serving food and visiting with our veterans.

We had the pleasure of eating with a gentleman named Killian. We had a very interesting conversation which he likes to keep private. But what we can mention is his love of collecting and gifting teddy bears. He's known as the "Teddy Bear Man". Killian said that when he gives people the bear that they felt in their hearts that someone cared about them, as many don't have visitors.

By coincidence, we happened to have 4 new teddy bears in the car. I surprised Killian with them for his collection, his reaction brought tears to the three of us.

We noticed that by the end of the game as he was leaving, he only had 2 left. What a terrific day!

By Don & Lynne McEacheran

A visit to the Veterans Home and Super Bowl Party

I talked to a Vet named Judy. She was in the AF stationed in Duluth Mn in the dept of air traffic controller. She was stationed there 4 years of her time in the AF. I asked if she had ever seen anything strange on the radar she was in charge of. She said she had seen one instance of a UFO that flew very fast in one direction and then in another direction. She told her supervisor, and he said write it down and give it to me... She did that and as he walked away he crumbled the paper up and threw it in the trash.

By Heine Burke

Super Bowl With Our Veterans

This year I had the distinct honor of enjoying the Super Bowl by serving and spending time with some of our Military Veterans

at the Yountville Vet's Home. Serving them snacks and pizza was fun, but what was the most enjoyable was just chatting with them. The wealth and breadth of experience that these folks have is simply stunning. I met Stanley Brown who was riding his bicycle and stopped by to look over the Mustangs that we brought up for resident Veterans to enjoy. We struck up a conversation that barely touched on the cars, but I learned that he had served in the US Army and had been stationed in Germany. He did not mention what he did during his tenure in the Army. He was very proud that when he had ended his military service, he had taken a job at UC Berkeley as an Astronomer. He told me that from the time that he was a very young lad that he had hoped to one day be an Astronomer, and that never had one day, or night that he did not enjoy his work.

Then as our conversation went on, I found out that he was also a quite accomplished musician and had had the honor of playing some of the best pipe organs in Europe and here in the States. Needless to say, it is awesome to have a conversation with such a well educated and accomplished man. And, how humble he was about all that he had done. Stanley is a perfect gentleman and it was an honor to make his acquaintance.

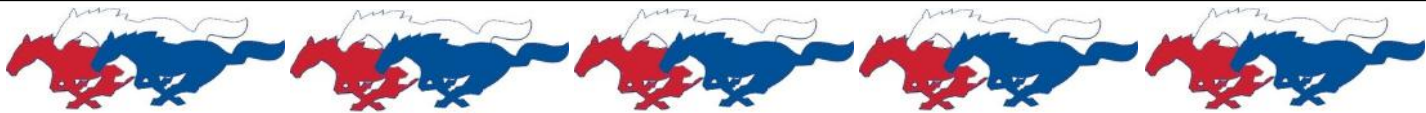
Then there was Judy. I sat with Judy while the Superbowl was getting started and we struck up a conversation. I found out that she was born and raised in San Francisco. She served in the Air Force as an air traffic controller. After she got out of the Air Force her career continued with posts in Washington D.C. at the Pentagon. Then she told me that she was at the Murrah Building in Oklahoma City the day that it was bombed. She related how she might have been the 69th casualty had she not got up from her desk to use the bathroom at that particular moment that day. When Judy retired, she returned to California and lived in Santa Rosa for several years until she moved to the Yountville facility. She even related to me that she had lost the love of her life who was killed in a car accident. They were engaged to be married. She never married, but I am sure that she had filled many people's lives with love and purpose.

Then there was Ray. I sat down and struck up a conversation with him and we started talking about Mustangs. Then it turned to racing. He had been a racer back in the late sixties and seventies. One of the tracks that he raced at was Sonoma Raceway, which was called Sears Point back then. He drove a Mini Cooper and smiled big telling me that when the track was wet, he could blow right past the Mustangs with his front wheel drive Mini. Then he added that it was another story when the track dried out.

I encourage everyone that can, to take the opportunity to spend next year's Superbowl with the Vets in Yountville. There are stories there that you will carry in your heart for the rest of your life. And, there are Vets there that will carry you in their hearts for the rest of theirs.

By Paul Troxell





WILD HORSES

SIXTY YEARS OF THE MUSTANG

Brian Evans and Kristy; Bob Fentress, Scott Paulin, Gene Tapia, and myself met at the 76 station on Leisure Town Road in Vacaville on February 8th to attend The Wild Horses event at the California Automobile Museum in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Mustang. We were joined by Phil & Elise Dizon and met up with SAMC. Greg Durante, the president of the club, was nice enough to give us passes for free entrance to the museum. There were a lot of early & late model Mustangs plus the Porsche car club. It was a fun event to attend and see the Mustangs on display, a live band and other activities & attractions. It is always nice to chat with other car enthusiasts.

By Rob Lo

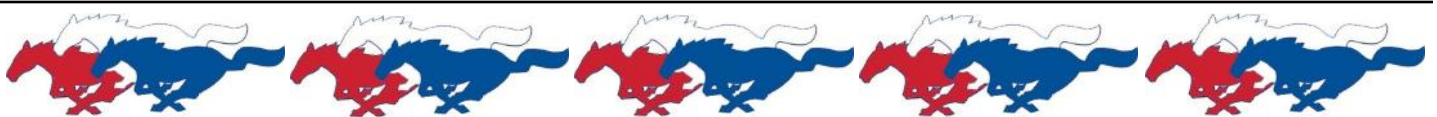
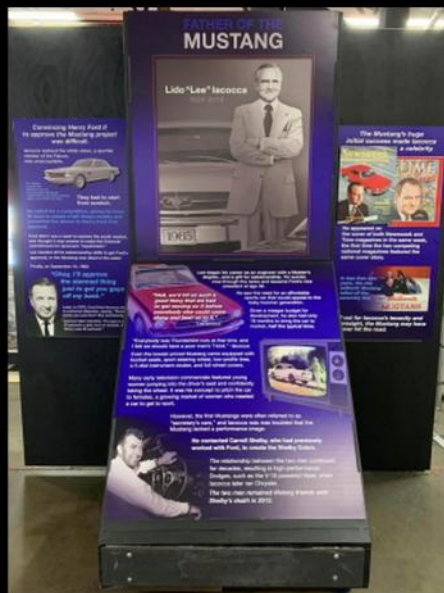


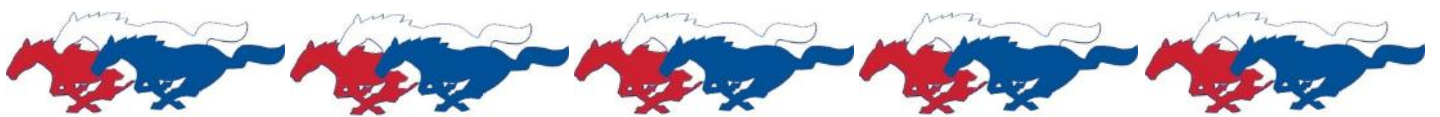
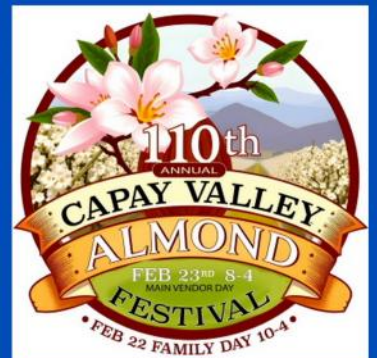
WILD HORSES SIXTY YEARS OF THE MUSTANG



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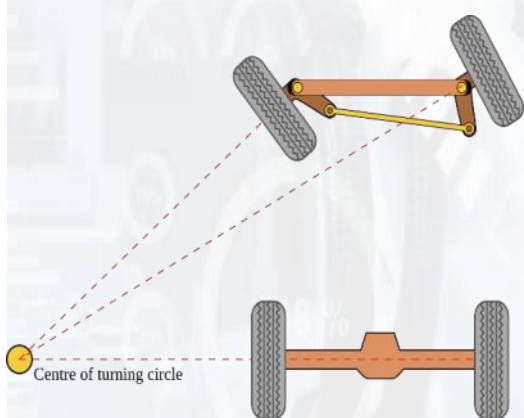


By Paul Troxell

Mr. Ackermann, The Man You've Never Known

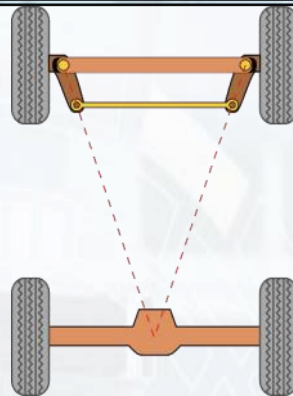
That is unless you have ever been involved in setting up a race or drift car. The terms Ackermann Angle, Ackermann steering geometry or Ackermann's steering trapezium refers to the arrangement of the steering linkage in an auto or carriage that allows the front steering wheels to turn at different angles. This allows the wheels to trace different circles or radii. It was invented by Goerg Lankensperger in Munich in 1816. Later, in 1818, it was patented in London by his agent Rudolph Ackermann. It was a solution to the problem that carriages of the time had with having the two front wheels pivot at the center point of the axle. This created a situation where the carriage would become susceptible to tipping over when sharp turns were attempted. A good way to visualize this is to think of the Radio Flyer wagons that we have all had. There is very little chance that any of us have not crashed one while trying to turn quickly. And if you didn't as a kid, you surely dumped your kids or grandkids while pulling them and attempting to make a sharp turn whether you were going slow or fast.

This is also where last month's discussion of slip angle comes into play. When a 4 wheeled vehicle makes a turn, it is making a turn around a point referred to as the center of the turning circle (see left side diagram). That center point is a line drawn from the centerline of the rear axle and lines drawn perpendicular to each front wheel to the line made by the rear axle. Where those lines intersect is the center point of the turn. Here you will see that the left front wheel in a left-hand turn has a greater angle than the right-hand wheel. This is in order for it to track the radius of the smaller circle that it is travelling compared to the right front wheel. If both wheels turned at the same angle, either the left or right tire, and probably both, would exceed their slip angles due to the lateral force and scrub across the road surface causing heat buildup, excessive tire wear and understeer. Also, notice that the steering linkage, simplified here, forms a trapezoid. This allows the inside wheel to turn more following the smaller radius of the turning circle.



Ackermann can be calculated by drawing a line from the center of the rear axle to the pivot point of each front wheel. Looking at the right-hand diagram, a steering set up like this will produce pro Ackermann or positive

Ackermann. If the steering linkage or rack were located in front of the wheel pivot points along the same lines from the rear axle the steering would produce anti-Ackermann as the effect would be reversed and the outside wheel would turn at a greater angle



than the inside wheel in a turn. By moving the rack or steering box closer or farther from the centerline of the front axle, either in front of the axle or behind it, the amount of Ackermann or anti-Ackermann can be increased or reduced. Additionally, changes in camber, caster, and static toe can all effect Ackermann. Keep in mind that this the 30,000-foot view of this subject. There is much, much more to this when the application is for cars built for specific types of racing and it is different for each type.

The engineers that designed the cars that we drive have designed the amount of Ackermann needed to perform at the level the engineers wish to achieve. In almost every case, it is not adjustable without extensive modification. Along with camber, caster, and toe, and Ackermann angle, the tire itself plays a huge role in how our car rides, steers, handles, and stops. Like many things on our cars the engineers design these systems to work with each other to provide the performance or comfort, that they are after. Changing one thing will change other things and can produce better performance, or sometimes produce much worse performance because the system is no longer working within its performance design envelope. Knowing and studying these things can help us to make better choices about modifying our cars. It can also save you good money and headaches from making bad choices when modifying.

To me it is perfectly acceptable to put tennis shoes on a lowrider to achieve the stance and look that one wants for that type of custom. It just would not be wise to try and autocross such a car. Another example would be a 4X4 truck that has a suspension lift of 12" and 3" body lift, 20 X 10" wheels with the lowest and widest profile street tire that can be fitted. It might check all of the boxes for being the coolest looking show truck, but would not be a good choice for driving on icy roads.

So, the next time that you take your car in for a front-end alignment (I suggest that you only go to shops that do 5-wheel alignments. If they don't, find another shop), go out and strike up a conversation with the alignment guy or gal. Once you get them going ask them to check the Ackermann angle. Then, at least, you can have some fun with what you have read here.

Next month I plan on getting back to more earthly things in this screed. Slip angles and Ackermann are fun. And, so is calculating how many rotations a top fuel dragster's crankshaft makes from the starting line to the finish line. I will save you the math, it is only about 539! I just have not determined the worth of knowing these things.

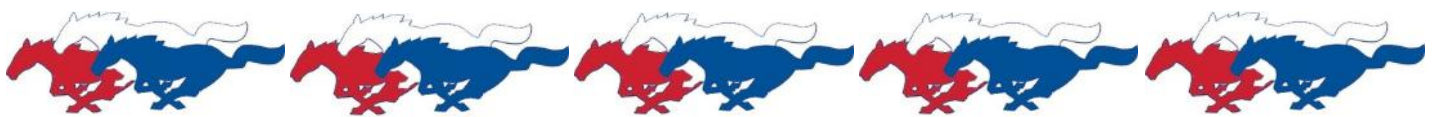
So, until next month, please let me know if there is anything that you would like to know more about, don't understand, or if you have an automotive dilemma that you need help with, please email me at Dieselgunner@comcast.net

Remember, Pedal to the Metal!



BLAST FROM THE PAST

These pictures are from the last century! Can anyone guess what year?



★★★UPCOMING EVENTS★★★



ALL FUTURE EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE

Mar 6	GHMC BOARD MEETING - AT DONNIE & LYNNE'S HOME – 6:00PM
Mar 15	JUST ECCENTRIC CAR CLUB, CAR SHOW SUISUN CITY WATERFRONT PLAZA, DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE
Mar 16	Open Day at the Cobra Experience. 777 ARNOLD DRIVE, SUITE 200, MARTINEZ EVERY 3RD SUNDAY @10:00AM THIS MONTH WE ARE MEETING AT FAIRFIELD COSTCO @ 9:00, LEAVING AT 9:15AM AND GOING AS A GROUP. WATCH EMAIL FOR DETAILS.
Mar 19	BIGGEST LITTLE CAR SHOW MEETING @ 5:30PM. 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
Apr 3	GHMC BOARD MEETING - LOCATION TBA– 6:00PM
Apr 16	BIGGEST LITTLE CAR SHOW MEETING @ 5:30PM. Round Table Pizza by Costco in Cordelia 5085 Business Center Dr. WATCH FOR EMAIL FOR DETAILS
Apr 17	HAPPY BIRTHDAY MUSTANG BURGER RUN LOCATION TBA—WATCH EMAIL FOR DETAILS
Apr 22	GHMC GENERAL MEETING -. DENNY'S, 304 PITTMAN RD., CORDELIA, CA 94534 6:30PM – 9:30PM, MEETING STARTS AT 7:30PM
Apr 23-27	KOOL APRIL NITES, REDDING, ROOMS AVAILABLE—CALL TAMMY ROBINETTE 916-803-2910
Apr 26	OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CAR SHOW 2025 2700 DOVER AVE, FAIRFIELD, CA SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR REGISTRATION FORM
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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

SAVE THE DATE

Pre-Father's Day Car Cruise

GHMC has been invited to join the 16th annual Father's Day car cruise with the Boyz Under the Hood car club. This is an annual event put on by Greg Trewin. This year it is held on Saturday, June 7th. We will meet at Starbucks in Vallejo at 7:30 am and travel to Sonoma and spend several hours at the Plaza. We then will take a back roads cruise to the Bally Keal Estate in Rockville where we will have a catered all-you-can eat brunch. There is musical entertainment planned, a mini car museum, and spirit tasting available. The best part is spending the day with other car enthusiasts (there is a fee of \$72 per person to cover the cost of the facility and the brunch). There is also a poker run available for \$5 a hand with cash prizes. There are raffle prizes given out at the brunch, and each car will receive an event t-shirt. Greg really puts on a fun filled day!

This is always a great event, it is a car cruise, and Greg never disappoints in taking the roads less traveled. Driving your classic car is encouraged, but a daily driver is also ok.

If you are interested in attending, give me a call and I will get an informational brochure to you. You must register to attend – the last day to register is May 18th. Hope you can join us for an exciting day!

Dan Cordeiro (707) 486-6709



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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 Miggin
3/15 Brad Pfeifer
3/19 Matthew Anaya

3/22 Jim Willis
3/29 Chris Barkman
3/29 Nicole Herman
3/30 Audrey Lambert
3/30 Stella Lambert



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/4 Regina Williams
4/6 Neal Randles
4/6 Austin Sturgeon
4/6 Catherine Taylor
4/7 Greg Stevenson
4/14 Jack Banovitz
4/14 Nicole vonTing
4/15 Danielle vonTing
4/21 Chuck Hodgers
4/23 Kai Pomereinke
4/24 Loretta McCalmont
4/28 Lisa Phillips

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYONE!

Sunshine Corner



By Yvonne Westberg

The following members were sent Sunshine cards in February:

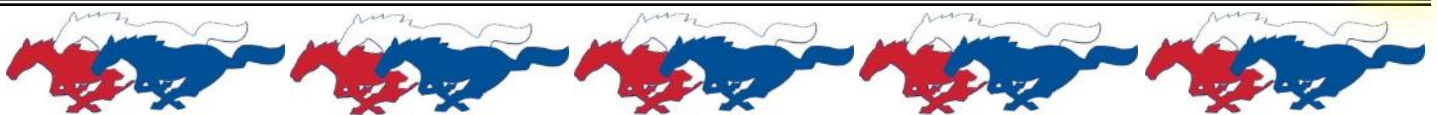
- ❖ Laura Mize was down a few days with the flu.
 - ❖ Peter Mitsopoulos has had a few problems with his foot.
- We hope you both are up and about and feeling much better.

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

A little birdie (Lauma) shared some Happy News that Jim Willis (who doesn't like any fanfare), is now enjoying retirement and can travel when he wants to not when he has to! They also shared a new address in Gardnerville, Nevada as well as Fairfield, so we hope we get to see him more when he is in California. Congrats, Jim!



40th Annual Biggest Little Car Show

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**2025 Biggest Little Car Show
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February thru April

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**Contact Paul Troxell
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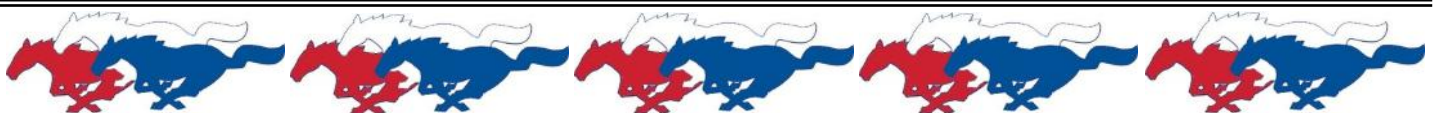
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HAPPY NEWS?

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

