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GHMC DRIVES FOR HUNGER



FORD POWERED DRIVE FOR HUNGER - JUNE 6, 2020

In April GHMC President, Sue Calvert was contacted by MCA Member and *Mustang Times* contributor, Paul Cuff, who wanted to help our communities by organizing a food drive on June 6th. With help from the Cobra Experience and other local clubs, we shared a very successful outing. Thanks to all GHMC members who participated in this great event!

The following article from **Paul Cuff** will be featured in *Mustang Times:*

"The car enthusiast community rolled into 2020 with great expectations for a myriad of car shows, cruises, and auctions. Little did we know the chain of events unfolding around the world would permanently alter our plans for (Continued on page 4)



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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By Sue Calvert

Message

Hello Everyone!

It's hard to believe that we're now in July and the same pandemic that shut us down in March is still affecting all of us.

While we have not been able to have meetings, parades or scenic drives that end up at nice restaurants, please know that your club has been busy donating to many worthy causes during our "down time." GHMC donated \$500 to Wounded Warrior Family Support. We also donated \$500 to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties. This was in addition to the many donations made at The

Cobra Experience Museum's Ford Powered Drive for Hunger. Our hearts went out to the numerous volunteers and animals that were adversely affected by the recent marshland brush fire that almost destroyed the Suisun Wildlife Center. We donated \$500 to this very worthy cause, as well. Reconstruction at the Center is now underway.

So far, our Biggest Little Car Show is still a "GO" for September 26th. Fingers crossed that we can make this happen and make even more donations within our community!

BE SAFE AND STAY WELL!!



Welcome New member





Bryan Coomes, Jr.
El Dorado Hills, CA
Looking for Dream Car





From the Membership Chairman:

To everyone who paid their dues on time this year, your promptness is much appreciated! Your checks have been turned over to the treasurer and receipts have been written, so if I didn't hand you one at the meeting, I will be emailing them soon.

To everyone who hasn't paid, this **WILL NOT** be your **LAST** newsletter. We normally purge the mailing list on April 1st but this year, with meetings being cancelled and lives being disrupted, we are postponing that custom. If you have the means and would like to pay electronically, please go to our website and submit your renewal using PayPal. We don't want to lose you as a member, so rest assured you are still on our list. Don't forget to email a copy of your renewal application to membership@goldenhillsmustangclub.com. If have any questions you can text or call me at 707-738-0938. **STAY SAFE OUT THERE!** Thanks, Norma McCabe



DRIVE FOR HUNGER

2020. The idea for Ford Powered Drive for Hunger was day morning to drive for a good cause. After food drop-off, the Cobra Experience Museum and America Road Trips.

Preparation for the day began just before 9am at the tancing of course), fresh air and sunshine. Cobra Experience parking lot. The weather was perfect for the day, low 70's forecast as the high and lots of sun- well. Promptly at 10:30am the cars started streaming out of shine. With the U-Haul truck in place and food bins ready, the Cobra Experience parking lot led by a 2016 Shelby GTpeople began arriving at approximately 9:15am. Thanks to H. The drive took approximately 45 minutes and followed the Cobra Experience, drop off and parking went very a scenic route two lane route through vineyards, oak studsmoothly. As each car pulled up to the food drop-off point, ded hills, two small towns and towering redwoods. The volunteers did a great job of quickly removing the food drive finished cresting the Oakland hills with beautiful donation, sorting and organizing by food type and packag- sweeping views of the San Francisco Bay and the cities of ing. Thanks to the generosity of our Bay Area enthusiast Oakland and San Francisco. With 75 vehicles it was not community, food donations totaled 1379 pounds! As a possible to keep all the cars together through the entire frame of reference, according to the Contra Costa and So-route but a group of us in the lead stopped at the end of the lano Food Bank representative that was present, an average drive to cheer the participants on. It was fun to get one last food drive totals 400 pounds. In addition to the food dona- look at the cars and smiles at what turned out to be a super tions, cash donations totaled \$1703. The combination of the event for the community and participants. All in all, a very donated food and the cash donations equated to 4,555 successful day and great memories, which is what this meals, a job well done by all!

ent that people were eager to get out on a beautiful Satur- Mustang Times. (See more pics on our website also.)

developed in April as a way to help communities and indi- the parking lot was transformed into a car show while peoviduals in need, as well as engage in one of our primary ple waited for our departure time of 10:30am. It is estipassions, the drive! The food drive was held on June 6th to mated we had 75 cars present so there was plenty to benefit the Contra Costa and Solano Food Bank. The see. The eye candy varied from 2 authentic 427 Cobras to a amount of support from other clubs and organizations was 2020 Shelby GT350 to a beautifully restored Bronco. There incredible and instrumental in creating a safe, enjoyable were also several bowtie vehicles in attendance including a and beneficial event. Special thanks to the MCA, Golden spectacular 1957 Bel Air. Not surprisingly there were Hills Mustang Club, Diablo Valley Mustang Association, plenty of Mustangs in attendance as well! It was a pleasure to see everyone enjoying the cars, camaraderie (social dis-

> The positive energy transferred to the planned drive as hobby is all about."

The cars were spectacular as well! It was readily appar- Watch for this article and more pictures in a future issue of



by Brian Evans

you may recall...with sweat running down your face,

all the way to your underwear (for those of you who The Golden Hills Mustang Club's annual camping wear them camping!)...was 108-110 degrees! Once trip was once again held at the beautiful Lake Francis again we had several early bird's in a caravan led by Resort in the hip town of Dobbins, CA (blink and the Cordeiros who were the first to arrive Thursday you'll miss it!) on Thursday June 25 to Sunday the morning, callously ignoring the proper RV check-in 28th. This year's trip saw temperatures in the high time of 1pm! I drove up with first-time-at-Lake-90's...as in 99 degrees...for most of our four day Francis-campers Jerry and Cyndy Lamphiear. Our two weekend, which was up from Lake Francis' usual mid coach caravan grew to include the McCabes, who I 80's to low 90's for June. While this was plenty unknowingly passed on Highway 70 near the Sac Airtoasty, it was far from the record heat of 2017, which port, apparently doing 70 (hey...70 on 70, that works (Continued on page 6)



LAKE FRANCIS CAMPING TRIP cont.

for me!) You should have seen me on Hwy 99! I don't think I quite hit 99, but I was really haulin' the mail!

This year we had 14 RV sites and 5 cabins occupied by Golden Hills Mustang families or guests of members, which is the most we've had in several years. I think a lot of it was the pent-up demand to get out and do something besides sit at home! The camping season opened in late May at Lake Francis, and GHMC was their first group reservation of this year. Our 19 sites and cabins consisted of the usual repeat offenders Dan & Cristy Cordeiro with all their kids, yours truly, Mike & Tammy Robinette, Terry & Ileine Burke, Kirk & Cheryl Stafford, Dan & Norma McCabe, Mikal & Kitty Brevig, the Lopez-Sivigliano -Schneider gang, Michelle & Perry Bauer, and the Burke's extended family Kathy & Jim Holston. As mentioned earlier, Jerry and Cyndy Lamphiear were able to join us for the first time, and Dan & Norma's son Ryan and his family came up to keep their eye on Mom and Dad! Members who haven't been able to attend in a while were Craig & Amy Beckley, Chris & Angela Billings, and Dennis & Tisha Von Ting, Finally, we had the following guests: Mikal's friend John Matthews, and Napa Valley Cruiser Dianne Ouick and her sister Debra & John Browse.

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, and no one got sick from any rancid potato salad sludge or coleslaw! One tradition we didn't have was the nightly visit to the ice cream store, cancelled due to the supposed you-know-what. Another big tradition is our hang-out-at-the-beach time during the day on Friday and Saturday. Thanks again to Mr. Cordeiro for getting up early each day to claim some prime beach real estate for us by putting chairs, blankets, etc. across picnic tables. Many of us enjoyed soul baring conversations, drifting along on our floaties with beers in hand, working on our sunburns! I hope everyone has figured out that it's al-

ways cooler down at the lake than it is in the campground. So if you didn't spend much time at the lake I hope you didn't suffer too much in the 99-100 heat!

An old tradition was carried out down at the lake. The Treasure Hunt! The McCabe's grandkids, Keira, Raegan & Luke were joined by Austin (the pirate assistant) and Ryan Bauer (Burke's grands) along with Joshua Reagan who came with the Cordeiros. They found a very old map drawn by a tired old pirate and followed the clues to find where a treasure box was buried. They all helped dig it up and brought it back to our picnic spot to open it to reveal the treasure inside. A very telepathic pirate must have envisioned the current situation and made bundles for each adventurer with their names on them. They opened them to find trinkets, bubbles and shiny gold coins.

A new tradition was a visit all the way down Lake Francis Road until it dead-ends into the Power Plant at the river coming down from Bullard's Bar Reservoir. There was some beautiful scenery to be seen. I had such a great trip the first time (thank you Mikal and John), I went back for a second visit later in the same day!

One tradition that was broken this year was the fact that usually the hottest day of a trip is the day you pack up to leave for home, and fortunately this year the temp on Sunday dropped down to a more comfortable 80 degrees.

Thanks to all who attended! It looks like the date for next year's trip will be the same weekend, Thursday June 24 to Sunday June 27. We can get more cabins on that weekend, so let's have more club members join us next year!





CAR SHOW RESCHEDULED



Unfortunately, our Biggest Little Car Show was just one of many that had to either cancel or postpone their show this year due to COVID-19. GHMC was very fortunate to secure another date September 26th at our same wonderful venue.

We are crossing our fingers for a go ahead from the City of Suisun but whatever it takes, the Car Show Committee will continue to work diligently to make this: THE BEST SHOW EVER! It may be more difficult to secure items for the raffle, but now we have more time. Please remember that the proceeds from the Raffle Prizes and the 50/50 Raffle go directly to the local charity. The more prizes we have to offer, the more money we are able to donate. Please contact Sue Calvert if you are able to help. Watch your email for updates or call Donnie McEachern @ 707-470-9940 or email:

carshow@goldenhillsmustangclub.com to volunteer your talents when the Stay At Home order is lifted.

Congratulations, Sergeantl



Long distance GHMC member, U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Renee Wiederspahn, a professional military education instructor for the Lankford Enlisted PME Center was recognized for her outstanding service from April to June 2020, at the I.G. Brown Training and Education Center located on McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base in East Tennessee.

The NCO of the Quarter is U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Renee Wiederspahn. Officials said that Sergeant Wiederspahn led a six-member team through lesson plan modifications that prepared 24 instructors for virtual courses. She also created two videos for use during the virtual classes to enhance the learning experience. She facilitated the TEC virtual tactical pause, which embodied TEC's number one priority: Taking care of team TEC. She also chaired a local car show event that raised \$5,000 for four local charities. Way to go, Renee! GHMC is very proud of our former Secretary. We miss you!



** UPCOMING EVENTS ** ALL JULY AND FUTURE EVENTS DEPEND ON LIFTING OF THE STAY AT HOME ORDER July 3-4 All 4th of July activities and parades have been cancelled. Happy Birthday America! July 28 General Membership Meeting, Hope to have in an outdoor venue. Watch email for details Aug 29 Saturday Night River Cats Game - Season cancelled

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

GHMC Jet Boat Ride - Road Trip to Grants Pass - Date to be determined.

36th Annual Biggest Little Car Show - Rescheduled from May 16th -fingers crossed

Sacramento International Auto Show - Cal Expo - Still Scheduled—watch for details.

HAPPY NEWS!

Contact Dan McCabe if interested for next year.

Sep 26

Oct 16-18

Postponed to 2021

It is always great to share some happy news, especially during difficult times like a pandemic. If you have something HAPPY (retirement, engagement, recognition or an award?) to share with your fellow club members, please send me an email:



nrmccabe@gmail.com

MUSTANG TRIVIAL PURSUIT GAME

Dan McCabe's Question for February was:

The 1969 Mustang had a choice of many engines. Each one had its own letter code. How many different engine codes were available for 1969?

Nick Loya gave the correct answer, which was:

12

Nick's question for our next meeting is:

How many years was the 3rd Generation Mustang produced?

Watch for the next question in the ???? issue of Pony Tales

DUE TO THE FACT THAT THERE WAS NO MEETING IN MARCH, APRILOR MAY

AND JUNE IS IFFY THIS QUESTION WILL STAND UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN



Happy Birthday

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7/2 Kerry Pacini
- 7/5 Susan Dixon
- 7/5 Shelby Evans
- 7/7 Meagan Gallegos (Pickering)
- 7/7 Scott Paulin
- 7/11 Robert Fentress
- 7/11 Brenda Romero
- 7/12 Delilah Wilson
- 7/16 Kathy Pickering
- 7/19 Tammy Holecek
- 7/20 Ron Myska
- 7/21 John Herman
- 7/21 Joe Holecek

- 7/23 Taylor Evans
- 7/25 Bill Herman
- 7/26 Grea Pretti
- 7/26 Heidi Wilson
- 7/30 Karen Shepard
- 7/31 Cindy Bramlett
- 7/31 George Pezzolo



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 8/1 Sharon McCune
- 8/4 Cody Wallinger
- 8/11 Kris Concepcion
- 8/12 Riku York
- 8/20 Jeremy Snow
- 8/21 Rick Hohas
- 8/22 Brad Scott
- 8/23 Tim Leathers
- 8/23 Dylan McCabe
- 8/23 Jose Rosario Class
- 8/23 Art Rose
- 8/25 Robert Lo
- 8/27 Daniel Wright

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYONE!

* Sunshine Corner*

Things have been pretty quiet again this past month:

- 🕏 A card was to Paulette Rand. Paulette had a procedure on her sinuses.
- 🕏 A card was sent to Karen Shepard as she had Hip replacement surgery.
- ➡ It would be nice to send a card or maybe a phone call to the following members to make their day as they are going through some tough health issues. Ron Normandin is on a scooter after ankle surgery. Carl McCune is fighting Kidney cancer and Christine Pezzolo is fighting Brain cancer. Please email info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com if you need their address or phone numbers.
- Please everyone stay healthy, wear your masks, use hand sanitizer and remember to keep the six foot distance.
- Remember if you know of someone in need of SUNSHINE please contact me. You can text or leave me a voicemail message @707-337-5532 or email GHMC Info at info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com





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