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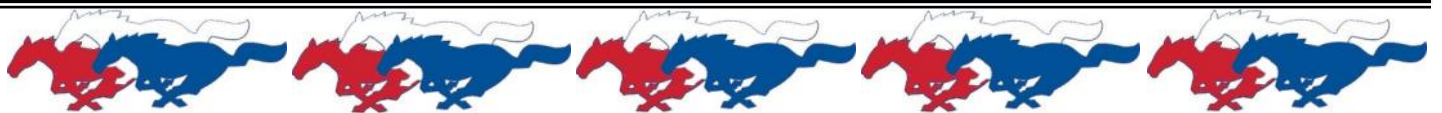


CRUISN' SUISUN BRINGS CLUB MEMBERS TOGETHER ON FRIDAY MAY 15, 2020

The Golden Hill Mustang Club hosts its annual "Biggest Little Car Show" on the 3rd Saturday in May. Since 1999 we have used the Suisun Water-front location. Because of Covid-19, this year's show has been postponed until September 26th.

Suisun City reached out to us along with other car clubs and invited us to an event they called "Cruisin' Suisun" This was held on Friday, May 15th and it was for classic car owners only. We contacted the City and asked for a special allowance

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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.

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President's By Sue Calvert Message

Hello Everyone!

We made it to June! I hope this message finds all of you well and enjoying the first stage of our slow return to normal. (I know...what's "normal"?!)

Last month's evening cruise through Suisun City showed just how much everyone is longing to get back to our car events. The same went for the Boyz Under the Hood cruise in Vacaville.

It looks like events are starting to be planned once again. I was just looking through my new Mustang Times and can see some car shows in the future. Take a look at our calendar and you'll see that the Lake Francis Camping Trip is ON! Also, see page 5 for a great Thank You letter from the Food Bank.

I think I see that light at the end of this long tunnel. Hang in there everyone! **STAY SAFE AND STAY STRONG!**



Welcome New members



Jeff & Regina Bassett
Winters, CA
1968 GT Hardtop, Black



Diane Riga
Discovery Bay, CA
2019 GT, Need For Green



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.

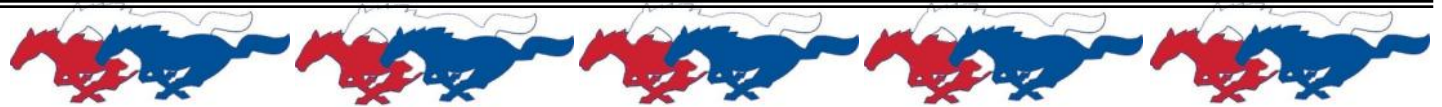
To everyone who hasn't paid, this **WILL NOT** be your **LAST** newsletter. We normally purge the mailing list on April 1st but this year, with meetings being cancelled and lives being disrupted, we are postponing that custom. If you have the means and would like to pay electronically, please go to our 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



Cruisin' Suisun

to allow any year Mustang since we could not have our show in May. The City of Suisun said, Yes!! We were not surprised to see HUNDREDS of cars and trucks assembled into 2 different starting locations. We were all ready to get out and have some fun! GHMC members who attended were all smiling and really enjoying being out and seeing each other. To have driven in this event you must have registered with your name and email prior to the start time. Once the cruise started we had to stay inside our cars and it was like follow the leader, even when the leader took a few wrong turns. It was a little bit crazy since nobody really followed the map they gave us! This cruise followed a 2 lap, 11 mile course thru the streets of Suisun and back. People were out in their yard and on street corners to cheer us on and give us lots of Thumbs Up's. It was a great cruise that really was needed! We want to Thank Suisun City for organizing this event, it was a great time! It wasn't our car show but we at least got to spend some time together!

By Dan McCabe



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Your donation of \$500.00 to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano on 4/17/2020 to feed the needy of Solano County could not have arrived at a better time.

Before the COVID-19 crisis, we were already busy serving 178,000 people monthly. The reality is **the number of people needing our services is growing significantly.**

As unemployment numbers skyrocket, many of our neighbors are turning to us for food for the first time in their lives. **The good news is we will be there for them because of people like you!**

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Be Well,

Joel Sjostrom
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We are especially thankful for your support during these challenging times!

PS: For the latest update on our Coronavirus response, visit foodbankccs.org/COVID19 and sign up to receive our emails at foodbankccs.org/enews.

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Tires, the most important thing...

Tires are the most important thing between you and the road! Several years ago at a Napa Valley Cruiser meeting the subject of tires came up, so I did a little research to write an article for their newsletter. I thought GHMC members might also be interested. Since I just replaced the tires on our new (to us) travel trailer, I thought the information might just bear repeating. (the word bear used here means “worthy of” not the furry animal)

As I found out, tire stores will not mount a tire that is 10 years or older. Tires are undoubtedly one of the most critical safety components on a vehicle. Where the rubber meets the road affects traction, handling, steering, stability and braking. Because of this, a sudden tire failure can have serious consequences especially if it occurs at highway speeds in a vehicle with a high center of gravity. It's amazing that tires hold up as well as they do considering all that we put them through. Many tires today are easily capable of going 60,000 to 80,000 miles or more -- provided they are properly installed, maintained, aligned and inspected regularly. With proper care and "normal" use, most tires will go the distance without a problem. But sometimes tires fail and with our classic's it may be age. The sun can be a tires worst enemy. We had a tire blow on our first Travel Trailer when they looked almost new. Under closer inspection I could see the small cracks on the side walls and that is where the failure took place. Our trailer was 9 ½ years old at the time. We did replace all 4 tires, and we just did it again.

TIRE FAILURES CAUSED BY OLD TIRES

Tires do not last forever, even if the tread shows little visible wear. As rubber ages, it loses elasticity, hardens and can become brittle. The reinforcing cords inside a tire can also deteriorate and lose strength. This increases the risk of a sudden tire failure the older a tire gets. After six years, the risk of failure goes up sharply. Because of this, many safety experts say tires that are more than 10 years old have expired and should be replaced regardless of how much tread is left on the tires. Using a tire protectant will make your tires look good but not make them last forever. Another way to make them last longer if you store your car for a long period of time, put it on jack stands. If you can't do this drive it at least every two weeks, this will allow the tire to stay flexible. Also do not store in the direct sunlight. All tires have a date code stamped on the sidewall. You will find it in a little recessed rectangle on the side of the tire. The date code re-

veals the week the tire was manufactured, and the year. Before 2000, the date code had three digits. Since 2000, it has had four. The first two digits are the week of the year (01 = the first week of January). The third digit (for tires made before 2000) is the year (1 = 1991). For most tires made after 2000, the third and fourth digits are the year (04 = 2004). In the photo below, the date code is 3616. That means this tire was manufactured during the thirty-sixth week of 2016. Even if you know the date you bought your tires, they may have been manufactured years before that. Check the date code on your tires, and if they are more than 10 years old you should probably replace them, especially if you do any high speed driving during hot weather or heavily load your vehicle. Another club member was driving his Mustang on Hwy 80 when one of his tires blew. They looked great and he was only going to replace the one but when he went back and looked at the paper work, his tires were well over 10 years old. He did replace all including the spare.



TIRE FAILURES CAUSED BY UNDERINFLATION

Another common cause of tire failure is under inflation. Tires that are under inflated experience excessive flexing in the sidewalls which causes them to run hot, especially at highway speeds during hot weather. The buildup of heat can lead to tread separation or a sudden blowout. The underlying cause here may be lack of maintenance (not checking the inflation pressure of

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... between you and the road

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the tires regularly) or a slow leak that has allowed the tire to lose air. You should read your owners manuals or the tire inflation decal in the door jam or glove box and know how much pressure your tires require. You should also own a good tire pressure gauge and know how to use it. Check tire inflation pressures when the tires are cold. Add air as needed to maintain the recommended pressure. If a tire is losing air, look and listen for air leaks. Spraying some soapy water on the tire tread and where the tire seats against the rim can help you locate the leak (look for bubbles). If you can't find the leak, take it to a tire dealer so the problem can be diagnosed and repaired. Punctures, rim leaks and leaky valve stems can all cause a tire to lose air. Some companies are now using Nitrogen instead of compressed air to fill tires. Nitrogen has less moisture and less likely to leak out.

TIRE FAILURES CAUSED BY OVERINFLATION

Over inflating tires increases ride harshness and may increase a tire's vulnerability to damage caused by potholes and curbs. Over inflation occurs when somebody adds air to a tire until it "looks full" or doesn't use an accurate tire gauge. Or, the person may be attempting to reduce rolling resistance for better fuel economy by adding extra air. Never exceed the maximum pressure rating on the side of the tire. Remember, as you drive the air pressure builds up. Always follow the OEM recommended inflation pressure for vehicle load and operating conditions.

TIRE FAILURES CAUSED BY OVERLOADING

This is more of an issue with our pickup trucks, vans and SUVs than it is with our classic cars, especially those that may be used as utility vehicles to haul building materials or other unusually heavy loads. The best way to prevent this kind of failure is to check the load rating of the tires and make sure they match the application. If they do not, recommend upgrading to a tire with a higher load rating. The load rating is a two digit code that is just ahead of the

tire's speed rating on the tire sidewall. If the tire says P205/65R15 86H, the 86 is the tire rating code and the H is the speed rating code.

Load index ratings for passenger car/light truck tires range from 71 up to 110. The higher the number, the more weight the tire can carry:

Sample Load Index Ratings: 71 = 761 lbs., 75 = 653 lbs., 80 = 992 lbs., 85 = 1135 lbs., 90 = 1323 lbs., 95 = 1521 lbs. 100 = 1764 lbs., 105 = 2039 lbs., 110 = 2337 lbs.

This risk can be reduced by inspecting new tires when they are first installed and inflated for obvious defects such as bulges, lumps, cracks, Tires should also be inspected for defects or damage anytime a vehicle is in for service. Any tire that is bulging, cracked, has missing chunks of rubber or similar problems are unsafe and should be replaced immediately.

TIRE FAILURES CAUSED BY EXCESSIVE SPEED

Driving at high speed on tires that are not speed rated or are badly worn is taking a big risk, especially during hot weather or with an overloaded vehicle. Speed-rated tires have additional reinforcements and are better able to dissipate heat than ordinary tires and should always be used for these types of applications. Make sure the speed rating on the tires matches the vehicle requirements and your driving habits. Some of us may want to upgrade to an appropriate speed-rated tire. The speed rating is on the tire sidewall, and is the last letter in the tire size. Example: the speed rating on a tire marked 205/65R15 86H is the letter H, which is 130 mph.

Tire Speed Ratings:

R = 106 mph, S = 112 mph, T = 118 mph, U = 124 mph, H = 130 mph, V = 145 mph, Z = 149 mph, W = 168 mph

Remember, your tires are the only thing between you and the road, take care of them, and they will take care of you!

By Dan McCabe

HAPPY NEWS!

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:

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Congratulations, Seniors!

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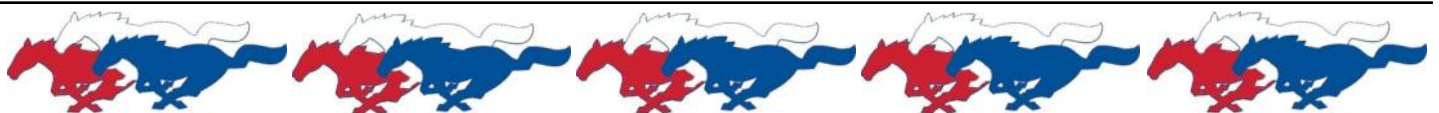


Andrew (Drew) Schneider was just one of many high school seniors who received his diploma in a drive-thru ceremony. Granted, not many of them got to drive a classic '65 Mustang Fastback, but they all deserve warm congratulations. Drew has been a member of Golden Hills Mustang Club his entire life so this must have felt natural to him. We know his entire Mustang Club family will join us in wishing him and all of the graduating seniors much success in the future.

CONGRATULATIONS,
DREW!



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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 still waiting on 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!

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YOU CAN STILL HELP WITH OUR RAFFLE!

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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.

You may have noticed that the design looks a little different than the original one that was disclosed for the T-Shirt. We were very fortunate to secure Brizio Products (formerly Andy's Tees) as our T-Shirt vendor this year. They are a little more expensive, but their quality is superior. Their graphic designer has enhanced the beautiful design by Peter Mitsopoulos so it can be digitized for high quality screen printing.


The cars featured in this year's design are those of two club members who recently passed away: Bill Stephenson and John Rose. This year's design is a tribute to two individuals who made a big impact on our club for many years. Watch your email for updates or call Donnie McEachern @ 707-470-9940 or email:



★★ UPCOMING EVENTS ★★



ALL JUNE AND FUTURE EVENTS DEPEND ON LIFTING OF THE STAY AT HOME ORDER

June 13	Napa Ford Display w/Canine Guardians Assistance Dogs - Cancelled
June 22 postponed	General Membership Meeting, 7:30pm, Stars Recreation, 155 Browns Valley Parkway, Vacaville
Jun 25-28	Camping @ Lake Francis - still happening with restrictions, all spots filled.
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 rescheduled from April , waiting for word from MLB
Sep 26	36th Annual Biggest Little Car Show - Rescheduled from May 16th -
Oct 16-18	Sacramento International Auto Show - Cal Expo - Still Scheduled—watch for details.
Postponed to 2021	GHMC Jet Boat Ride - Road Trip to Grants Pass - Date to be determined. Contact Dan McCabe if interested for next year.

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

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, APRIL OR MAY AND JUNE IS IFFY THIS QUESTION WILL STAND UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN



Happy Birthday

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/1 Paige Paulsell
 6/3 Norma McCabe
 6/3 Mike McCalmont
 6/4 Liz Normandin
 6/5 Joey Holecek
 6/5 Alexia Robinson
 6/8 Mason Sturgeon
 6/9 Angie Markle
 6/10 Peter Mitsopoulos
 6/11 Terry Scott
 6/11 Denise Imboden
 6/12 Shannon Hodgers
 6/12 Pat Sivigliano
 6/17 Tammy Robinette
 6/18 David Batchelor



6/20 Connor Wiederspahn
 6/20 Vincent Wiederspahn
 6/22 Drake Wilson
 6/23 Suzanne Freitas
 6/23 Dean Laroski (Pickering)
 6/25 Dennis Brosseau
 6/26 Mari Haran
 6/26 Kristin Irwin
 6/26 Logan Sturgeon
 6/30 Hilmar Walter

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 Greg Pretti
 7/26 Heidi Wilson
 7/30 Karen Shepard
 7/31 Cindy Bramlett
 7/31 George Pezzolo



PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYONE!

Sunshine Corner

Things have been pretty quiet this past month.

- ❁ We sent a Get Well card to Tyson Wallinger as he had Elbow surgery and we hear he is recovering well.
- ❁ A card was sent to Jerry Lamphiear who had esophagus surgery on Fri June 5th. He is doing very well, but the sad part is that he is still on liquid diet a few more days. He is looking forward to eating normal food again. Keep up the good recovery, Jerry.
- ❁ We hear that Ron Normandin is doing better after his second surgery and is looking to "Hot Rod" his knee scooter! Please take care, Ron! No more falls!
- ❁ We also have good news from Christine Pezzolo. She had a Zoom appointment with her doctor and the doctor said the results of her MRI couldn't have been better. She now has an MRI every two months to watch it. She still has six months of Chemo to go, but George says this is the first good news since August. We are praying for you Christine.
- ❁ I talked to Carl McCune, and he has been going through a lot. Still on chemo for Kidney cancer, but he has a very positive attitude. So please continue to keep him and Christine in your prayers. If you would like to send encouragement cards or text notes to the above members please contact me for their addresses.
- ❁ 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 Yvonne Westberg at yvonne-coho@gmail.com or GHMC Info at info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com



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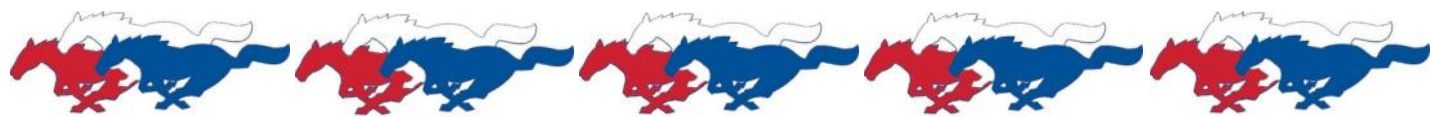
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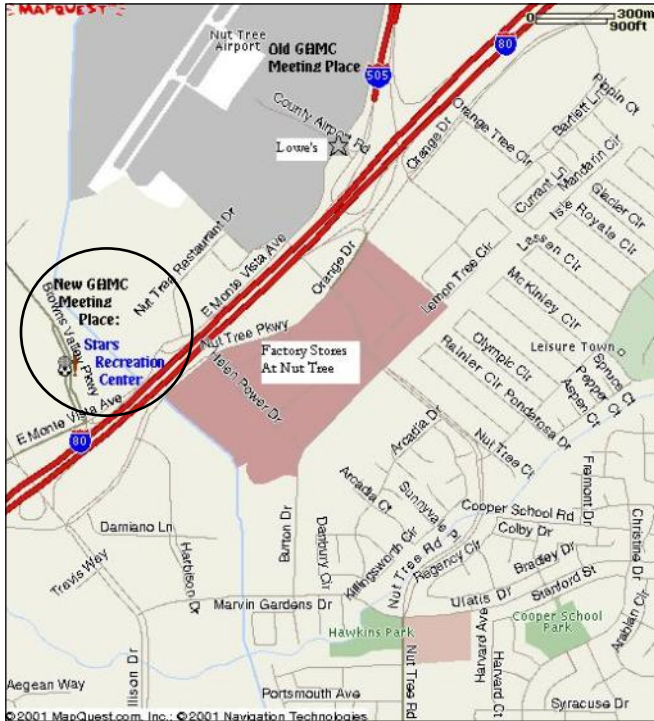


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