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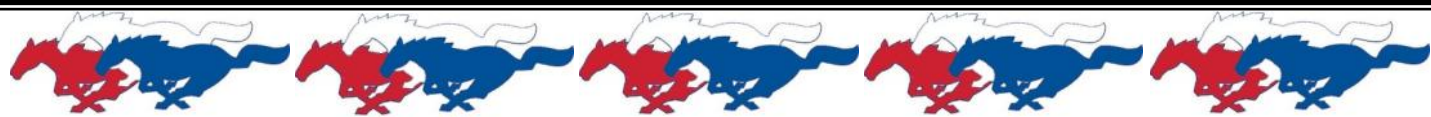
## GHMC VISITS THE HORNET



### Cruise to the USS Hornet September 19, 2020

After months of being cooped up with no car events, things are beginning to reopen here in California. We still have plenty of restrictions in place to combat the spread of Covid-19 so planning a group event and staying within the guidelines was a bit of a challenge. Masks are required in public when within 6' of others and to enter all businesses. Museums are not open unless they have outdoor exhibits, restau-

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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.

# 2020

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# President's By Sue Calvert Message

Well Gang...COVID-19 has tried to take over the entire year – but our group is extremely resilient! There were two great events in September. The Cat Banovitz Memorial visit to the cemetery and Sonic Burger Run on 9/12/20 was very well-attended. I'm not sure if we all wore our masks because of the virus or because of the smoke in the air all around us. Regardless, it was very nice to be near Cat and be with friends we haven't seen in awhile. Cat would have loved the gathering in her memory.

Our trek to visit the USS Hornet in Alameda on 9/19/20 couldn't have happened on a nicer day! The view of San Francisco from the flight deck was breathtaking! Everyone enjoyed roaming around the flight and hangar

decks, which were the only 2 decks available to visit. Members later gathered back at their cars to have lunch (socially distant, of course!) Most of us took advantage of the great photo ops with the ships in the background. Check out the pictures on the website!

We have one more scheduled event in October – on Halloween, to be exact. Robin Paulsell's "Stangz Across the Straits" is a super fun event. Robin always finds the nicest back roads of Contra Costa County to guide us through – and lunch is available from Shaw's Barbecue. This event supports the American Cancer Society, as well. There are only a few more spaces available – so don't hesitate to register!

**HANG IN THERE, EVERYBODY! STAY WELL!!**



## WELCOME NEW MEMBER



**Bruce Gatchel**  
Yountville, CA  
2007 GT/CS, Red



### From the Membership Chairman:

To everyone who paid their dues on time this year, your promptness is much appreciated! For the people who paid late, your contribution was much appreciated, as well. We still have a few people who have not let us know if they still want to continue their membership and we hope that they will.

To everyone who hasn't paid, you won't be dropped, but we do ask that you get in touch with us. We normally purge the mailing list on April 1st but this year, with meetings being cancelled and lives being disrupted, we have postponed that custom. With the car show being cancelled, we have lost our main source of revenue besides membership. We hope that you still want to help us be a positive influence in our community and help us support our veterans and meet other needs in our area like the Wild Life Center, the Food Bank and other charities. We don't want to lose you as a member, but we need to hear from you. If have any questions you can text or call me at 707-738-0938. **STAY SAFE OUT THERE!** Thanks, Norma McCabe



# Cruise To The Hornet

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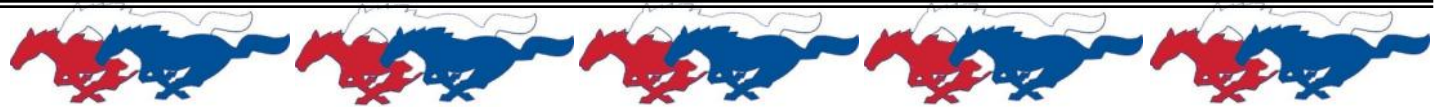
rants cannot seat inside or seat more than 6 people at a table outside so feeding a large group is out of the question. So how is a club supposed to hold an event, the answer was to get creative. I came up with a cruise to the USS Hornet Museum in Alameda California. Because of its sheer size and open-air atmosphere, the Essex Class Aircraft Carrier is able to open the flight and hangar decks to a limited number of patrons. 8 Mustangs from the Golden Hills Mustang Club, 4 from the California Mustang Association, and 2 non club cars met at my shop in Crockett for the 27 mile cruise to Alameda. There we met up with 8 Mustangs from South Bay Mustang Car Club that cruised the 43 miles up from San Jose making the total 22 cars.

After some socially distant masked greetings we made our way onto the Hornet where everyone scattered to view the

exhibits. You don't realize how big and F-14 Tomcat is until you see it in the Hangar deck of a WW II carrier flanked by several vintage helicopters. The Hornet recovered Apollo 11 after its flight to the moon and has an exhibit including several space capsules and appropriately for the current pandemic a Nasa Mobile Quarantine Facility. After spending time in the museum we made our way back to the parking lot for a self-supplied picnic lunch separated in our social bubbles. After lunch some of us moved our cars over for photos with the Hornet in the background before heading out to find our way home individually. We had a great time and were invited back by the Hornet staff, next time they will come off the parking directly in front so we can get group photos of the Mustangs in front of the ship!

Robin Paulsell

National Director/MCA #75252



# Memorial and Burger Run

**Memorial and Burger Run** - Sounds like an odd combination, doesn't it? But Cat would approve. September 12 was a lovely, albeit smoky day. There was a very good turnout at the Solano Cemetery on Suisun Valley Road. We met at 12:30 p.m. as a memorial for our fallen long-time GHMC member, Cat Banovitz. This was the day four years ago that we lost her. Both her GHMC family and her personal family were there.

Cat served for years on the Board as our Vice-President and our raffle gal at monthly meetings. She also managed the raffle at the car show for years. She served the club in many ways, one of which was annual chair for the 4th of July parade, after which she graciously opened her home for an after-parade barbeque and swim party. We all remember different things about her. When she ordered her drink "ice tea with no ice." We remember her beautiful smile. We remember her witty sense of humor. We remem-

ber that she was kind and thoughtful, strong and resilient. We remember when her straightened hair would immediately frizz up when it encountered moisture. We remember her laugh. We remember her sparkling eyes. We remember the love she had for her family, and her friends. We remember how she could tell a story. We remember how vibrant and full of life she was.

Too soon, as we parted ways, her family went home to have a barbeque in her honor and memory, while most of us Mustang folks drove to the Sonic drive-in for a late lunch. It was very busy at Sonic, but we all managed to find parking spaces, unfortunately not all together. Several of the group snagged a picnic table that was in the shade and we converged around the table visiting, enjoying the company and the food, and pondering how brief is our appearance on this stage called life. We miss you, Cat.

**By Pat Sivigliano**



# ★★ UPCOMING EVENTS ★★



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

Oct 10-11	American Armory Museum Car Show /Military Swap Meet—watch next month's <i>Pony Tales</i> for article and see our website <a href="http://www.goldenhillsmustangclub.com">www.goldenhillsmustangclub.com</a> for pictures
Oct 27	General Meeting 7:30 p.m. ??????????????
Oct 31	Stangz Across the Straits IX—Halloween Edition—Contact Robin Paulsell or <a href="mailto:lrpcon@aol.com">lrpcon@aol.com</a> ) for details. Space is limited, so don't wait until the last minute.
Nov 11	Fairfield Veteran's Day Parade ???????
Nov 21	GHMC Annual ChiPs for Kids Toy Drive –Specialty Sales Classics, Fairfield - Watch next month's newsletter and your email for details
Nov 24	General Meeting 7:30 p.m. ??????????????

*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](mailto:info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com)*



## 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: [nrmccabe@gmail.com](mailto:nrmccabe@gmail.com)

# Congratulations!

### More Happy News to report:

We are most happy to report that two members of the Pfeifer household are retiring in 2020. Brad has already retired after many years as a Healthcare Executive and a Registered Nurse, and Lisa is retiring at the end of this year as a Software Analyst for Kaiser Permanente. The best part is that they are still young enough to enjoy their Shelby GT350 and their beautiful home in the redwoods. Brad states that they "are in a good place but COVID threw nitrous into the retirement engine." Congratulations, and we hope to see more of you in 2021!



# Happy Birthday



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/2 Chris Laffranchi  
10/3 Jerry Williams  
10/4 Sally Walter  
10/6 Johnny Baldizan  
10/6 Paulette Rand  
10/6 Liz Tunac  
10/6 Jeremy Wiederspahn  
10/8 Chris Inman  
10/8 Nick Loya  
10/11 Cindi Osbun  
10/11 Charles Shepard  
10/13 Victoria Joines  
10/14 Tommy Irwin  
10/16 Bradley Freitas

10/18 James Sturgeon  
10/21 Kitty Brevig  
10/22 Bruce Gatchel  
10/24 Thomas Williamson  
10/25 Peggy Concepcion  
10/25 Tyson Wallinger  
10/26 Renee Inman  
10/26 Brandon Leathers  
10/26 Kathy Loya  
10/27 Antonio Williams  
10/29 Robin Paulsell



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/2 Kim Paulin  
11/4 Seth Custis  
11/4 Marlon Markle  
11/6 Cheryl Stafford  
11/7 Kathryn Irwin  
11/7 Jessica Robinson  
11/13 Bob Haran  
11/15 Margie Overton  
11/16 Lisa Pfeifer  
11/19 Isabella Schneider  
11/23 Brian Evans  
11/28 Dan Cordeiro  
11/28 Robert Pacini  
11/28 Evan Robinson

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYONE!**

# Sunshine Corner

- ❁ A card was sent to Peter and Lisa Mitsopoulos as they lost the love of their lives, Skilos. I was told Peter you had your little dog Skilos since before you were married. We are so sorry for your loss.
- ❁ A card was sent to Brant and Halley Seghetti for the birth of their baby boy, R.B. Congratulations on your bundle of joy!
- ❁ We sent a card to Frank Lopez as he had a Huge birthday. Frank turned EIGHTY!!!! Wow, Congratulations!
- ❁ A card was sent to Tim Leathers as he was hit by a car while riding his bicycle. Thank God he did not break any bones, however he was very sore.
- ❁ Good news and sad news: We sent another card to Ron Normandin as he went back to work after his accident, and then a condolence card for the loss of their beautiful dog, Elektra.
- ❁ 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](mailto:info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com)



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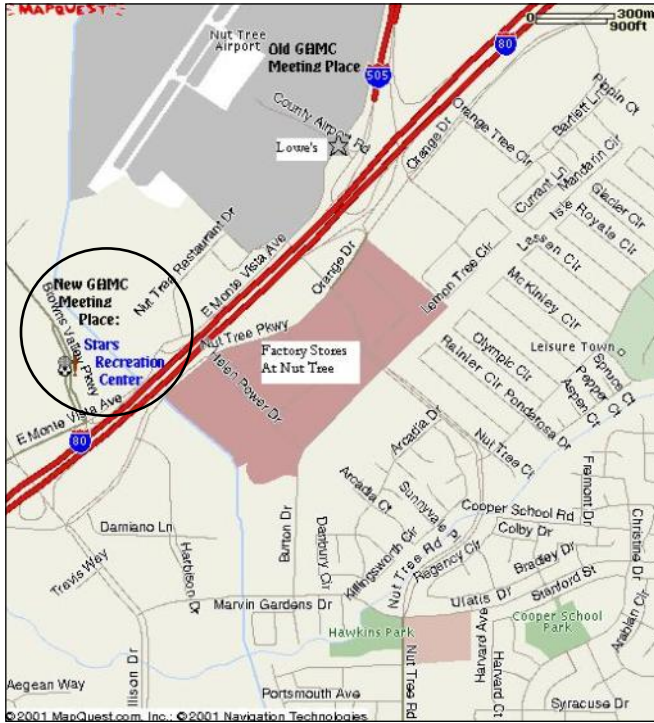


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