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STAY AT HOME MUSTANG BIRTHDAY



Dan & Norma McCabe
(above)

stayed home with their
'69 Fastback, '06 GT
and custom pedal car.

Terry & Ileine Burke
(right)

stayed home with
Abbey Rose and their 2
'68 Coupes, 2019 GT,
and custom pedal car.



On April 17, 2020
GHMC hosted a
Virtual Car Show in
honor of Mustang's
56th Birthday.



Members submitted their
photos which are posted on
our website and are fea-
tured on pages 4 and 5 of
this issue.

Happy 56th Birthday
Mustang!



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 All,

I know everyone is getting anxious to see a light at the end of this COVID-19 tunnel. I, for one, am tired of only being able to leave the house for "essential items." Our children and grandchildren have to celebrate birthdays with drive-by parades of friends. Our own Joe Holecek just retired, and Rodriguez High School held a social-distancing parade in his honor. (Congratulations, Joe!) A little bird told me that our Mustang Sally Wright has retired, as well. (Congratulations, Sally!) We will celebrate all of these milestones - hopefully sooner than later.

Continuing in the spirit of giving and helping our community, Laura Mize contacted me and suggested that GHMC make a monetary contribution to our local food pantry. Well, your Officers and Board Members unanimously agreed, and a donation of \$500.00 was sent to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties a few weeks ago. We requested that the donation remain in Solano County.

Stay strong, everyone!! Let's show the U.S. that Northern California knows how to bend and flat-line a curve!

All the Best,
Sue



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



VIRTUAL CAR SHOW



VIRTUAL CAR SHOW



The Passing of a Legend

MUSTANG DESIGNER GALE HALDERMAN PASSES AWAY
Designer of the original Ford Mustang, and member of the Mustang Hall of Fame, dies at the age of 87. Halderman worked 40 years at Ford Motor Company. *Used with permission from the author*



This is probably the hardest story I've ever written. It's one I didn't want to write. This one is personal. But Gale Halderman, one of the last remaining original Mustang legends, passed away suddenly from a short battle with liver cancer.

Gale was a personal friend of mine. He, and his entire family, are like my family. So I'm typing this with tears in my eyes. I'm sure many of you reading this also have tears in your eyes reading this.

Gale was one of the most interesting people I had the privilege of knowing. I chronicled his entire life's story in my book, **Mustang by Design**. I'm not going to exploit this situation to sell a few more copies of this book. But I just wanted to be transparent as well.

He was the main designer of the original Ford Mustang. It was his sketch that was

chosen by Lee Iacocca to become the 1965 (1964 1/2 if you will) Mustang. Just being known for that alone makes Gale a legend.

But his legacy goes beyond that. Gale worked 40 years at Ford Motor Company as a designer and design executive. He worked alongside every single major name in FoMoCo's history (Henry Ford II, Hal Sperlich, Lee Iacocca) he was even Bill Ford Jr.'s boss at one time.

Gale is beloved at the Blue Oval. Heck Gale is beloved amongst everyone in the Mustang community. This is a profound loss for every Mustang enthusiast.

Every car club, every collector, every person that ever got joy from the iconic Ford Mustang owes a thank you to Gale for creating such an amazing, beautiful car.

Halderman Barn Museum



After retirement, Gale turned his family barn and property into a museum dedicated to car design. Gale, being the humble human being he was, didn't center the museum around his career and his accomplishments, even though that's certainly worthy of a museum. Rather, the Halderman Barn Museum was turned into a homage to all things car design.

With a few Mustangs and other Ford vehicles inside the museum the primary focus is on the walls which have sketches, designs and concepts that Gale collected throughout his illustrious career. Many were from designers that Gale helped hire or that Gale found to be very talented.

Photos of Ford legends are scattered throughout. In short, the Halderman Barn Museum stands as a must-see location for all Ford fans, and anyone with an appreciation for automotive history, because Gale has a major spot within automotive history.

There's a giant Mustang logo emblazoned on the side of the barn. As such, the Halderman Barn Museum has been a mecca for many Mustang enthusiasts. The backdrop of that giant Mustang logo on the barn makes for a great beauty shot and to showcase each person's prideful pony car.

Likewise, the barn would host many car outings and car clubs. It was quickly becoming a rite of passage every car show to take a trip down to Tipp City, Ohio to have a great day at the Halderman Barn Museum.

Gale would speak to visitors with stories of his time at Ford. I had heard many of the stories multiple times, but they never got old. The joy at which he told the stories to the interested crowds was inspiring to me. And the gleam in his eye and that great smile he had, will be etched in my memory forever.

His daughter will still keep the barn open for the public to enjoy and as a car club destination.

Gale Halderman's Legacy

The story of how Gale drew the winning sketch for the Ford Mustang is quite amazing, in that it was quite unremarkable. Late at night, in his home, on his kitchen table, knowing there was a big meeting the next morning, Gale sketched his idea for Iacocca's concept car.



It had to be exciting and sporty. It had to appeal to both men and women. It needed to have a long hood and a short deck. Many designers at Ford Motor Company were making submissions for this project, Gale, along with his boss Joe Oros teamed up to create their vision.

Joe Oros's design ideas were displayed on the passenger side of their clay model and Gale's was displayed on the driver's

side. Iacocca came around to look at it. His cigar twirled in his mouth, which Gale said was always a good sign.

Lee proclaimed that he liked Gale's design the best and the still unnamed Mustang project was approved, with Gale's concept greenlighted.

Some of Gale's concept can still be seen on today's Mustang. The side scoop, which was one of Gale's biggest ideas can still be seen on today's Mustang. Likewise, the three-slashed taillight is symbolic of the Mustang. And that was something that Gale worked on.

Whenever I see Mustangs old or new, I see my friend Gale in each one that rolls down the road.

Now with his passing, I'll think of my friend even more when I see a Mustang on the road, or hear the roar and growl of the single most iconic car in American automotive history. His spirit lives on in each Mustang on the road.

Thank you, Gale, for all you've done for the Mustang community. But thank you also for being a role model for everyone on how to be humble and kind. As talented of a designer as Gale Halderman was, he was an even better person. He will forever be one of the biggest role models in my life.

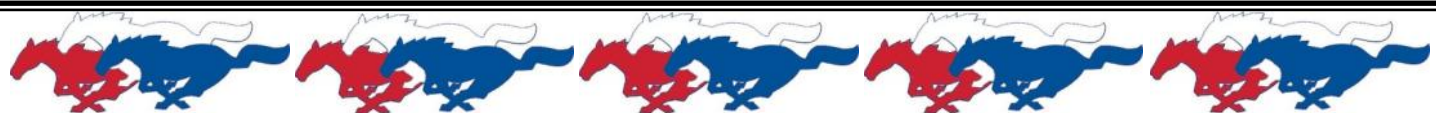
Gale leaves behind three daughters, nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. But for everyone who ever met him, they felt like he was part of their family too. And he is part of the Mustang family, now and forever. I will miss you my dear friend.

By Jimmy Dinsmore Apr 29 2020 - 10:59am



Jimmy Dinsmore has been an automotive journalist for more than a decade and been a writer since the high school. His Driver's Side column features new car reviews and runs in several newspapers throughout the country. He is also co-author of the book "Mustang by Design" and "Ford Trucks: A Unique Look at the Technical History of America's Most Popular Truck". Also, Jimmy works in the social media marketing world for a Canadian automotive training aid manufacturing company. Follow Jimmy on **Facebook**, **Twitter**, at his special **Ford F-150 coverage on Twitter** and **LinkedIn**. You can read the most of Jimmy's stories by searching **Torque News Ford** for daily Ford vehicle report

Editor's Note: Kirk Stafford received a copy of "Mustang By Design" autographed by Gale & Jimmy as his outgoing President's gift.



Retiring a Legend

Congratulations are in order for GHMC's very own Joe Holecek, who retired on April 30th from the Fairfield Police Department after 25 years of service. Having served as a School Resource Officer at Rodriguez High for the past nine years, he will be very missed. The students and staff gave him a big send-off with a social distancing parade in his honor, followed by sirens and lights from a host of police cars and motorcycles plus a fire engine. He went out in style!

Officer Holecek #2L686/J-2 is 10-10!

CONGRATULATIONS, JOE!
ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT!



Mustang Sally Retires, too!



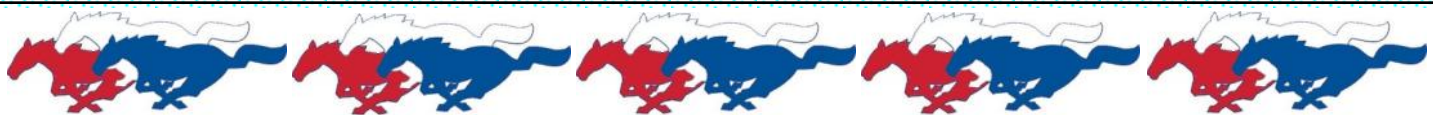
Sally Hagler Wright, or "Mustang Sally" as we like to call her, announced her final day at the Solano County Health and Social Services Department on May 4th. (May the 4th be with you, Sally as you cruise into retirement.) While Sally didn't have quite as much fanfare as Joe did, our congratulations are no less sincere. We hope you enjoy having more time to spend in your pretty red Mustang Convertible.

CONGRATULATIONS, SALLY!
ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT!

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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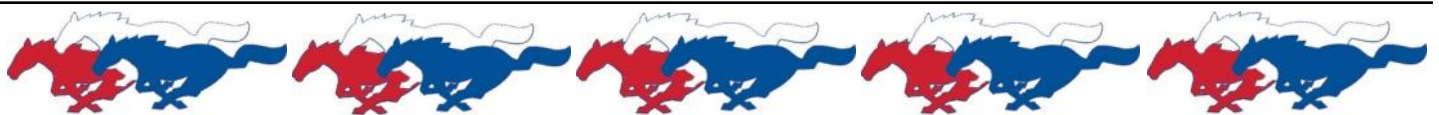
Cars of the Month



Angie & Marlon Markle's 2001 & 2017 Mustangs

Before I met Marlon, I was strictly a 4x4 kinda girl. My first car was a Jeep Wrangler and my second a Ford Explorer. When I met Marlon he was driving a Ford F150. Shortly after we began dating, we moved in together, and he came home with a 2001 laser red Ford Mustang GT. I was mad as hell. Those who know Marlon, can attest to the fact that he's quiet and sweet, and doesn't like trouble, so he revved the engine, asked me to hop in, and took me to the Old Spaghetti Factory for dinner. At some point during the drive from Arcadia to Duarte I cooled off enough to actually enjoy the ride, and after spaghetti and meatballs and a house Chianti, Marlon had me convinced that the car was going to be a lot of fun. And, oh boy it was! We joined the Beach Cities Mustang Club, and began modifying our car from tires and rims to a carbon fiber hood, Brembo brakes, and lambo doors, to name just a few aftermar-

ket modifications. We entered it into car shows and won trophies - 1st and 2nd place mostly at breathtaking venues like the Queen Mary. At Cops for Tots sponsored by the Los Angeles Police Department, we were designated as most likely to get a ticket and our second place trophy was awarded by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. The most amazing thing about our car was the people we encountered who shared our passion for the Ford Mustang - including Bernie Mac, who we caught up with at a liquor store in Long Beach as he was buying refreshments after playing golf in Long Beach. At Christmas, we delivered toys to kids at local hospitals with Courtney Hansen, everyone's favorite garage girl, and hung out with Chad McQueen, Steve McQueen's son, at the Queen Mary. Celebrity aside, we'd pull into a gas station, the door would go up, and we would be sur-



Cars of the Month cont.

rounded by people asking if they could take photos of the car. At

their request, Marlon even did a burn out for some film students at Cal State Long Beach. Little boys would tell us that this was their dream car, and grown men would nod their heads up and down and say, "Damn!" I was even featured in an educational magazine for being a new teacher with an interesting hobby, and got to do a photo shoot at the beach. Being a new high school teacher is tough, and that car made me cool. It made me approachable and relatable to kids on campus I didn't even have as students. We moved to northern California and joined the Golden Hills Mustang Club, but we ended up trading the car for a Ford Explorer and then we bought a Jeep Wrangler and a Nissan 350Z, all cool, fun cars, but none with the fanfare of the Mustang. This past holiday season, we were in need of a new car so I started looking online with a strict budget in mind, and there I found a 2017 ruby red, twin-turbocharged manual transmission coupe that I just knew was perfect

for us, so even though it was a dark, cold, wet night, we drove over to the dealership. Of course, we started with brand new models, but they were way out of our price range, so we ended up on the used lot and began looking around, and then just as the salesman was walking towards us, we spotted the car and as soon as Marlon's gaze locked on it, I knew he was a goner, so I left him there while I went inside to get some popcorn. As I passed the salesman, I told him, "Just let him take it for a spin and it's a done deal." Right now the car is stock. The only thing we've done is Weathertech it to protect it from all our puppy-dogs as best we can. And I'm back to having students tell me that I'm driving their dream car. Staring at it, the possibilities are endless, but for now we are enjoying it as is, and we entered it in its first car show - The Biggest Little Car Show. The Markles are back!

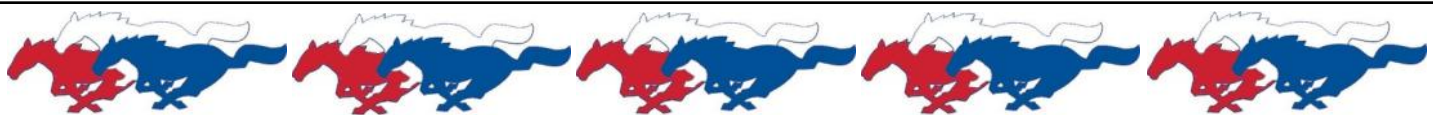
By Angie Markle

Dent Removal Day & Dustless Sandblasting Demo Tentatively Rescheduled to May 30, 2020 ★ 10:00 am

In light of the stay at home orders being extended, Saturday, May 30th will be the dent removal day with Ian from Dent Solutions and dustless sandblasting with TJ from J & T Blasting Abrasion, two of our sponsors. TJ will have a demonstration of his dustless sandblasting and will be able to do small parts... that day. Ian also will be removing dents from cars (daily drivers and classics) at a discount. If you have never seen Ian work his magic, it is worth it to come watch. Ian now has a paint chip service which will also be available that day. They will each quote you a price before each job.

If you are planning on bringing a car to be worked on by Ian, or parts to be sandblasted, let Dan Cordeiro (486-6709) know so he can put you on the signup form.

There will also be a BBQ lunch provided. It is a fun day to watch the miracles happen on the cars, see how the sandblasting works and have a good lunch, not to mention the fun of hanging out with other car people... This year we are combining two clubs, Boyz Under the Hood and Golden Hills Mustang Club. The event will take place at Cordeiro Vault, 495 Ryder St., Vallejo



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. If possible, the Car Show Committee will continue to work diligently to make this:

THE BEST SHOW EVER!

★★★

YOU CAN STILL HELP

WITH OUR RAFFLE!

★★★

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:

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



FORD POWERED DRIVE FOR HUNGER

JUNE 6TH 2020 @ 9:30AM - 12:30PM

COMPLETE REGISTRATION AND SIGN WAIVER PRIOR TO EVENT:

<https://tinyurl.com/forddriveforhunger>



Participating Clubs & Organizations

Mustang Club of America - www.mustang.org

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GHMC is proud to be one of the participating clubs.

Each participant must register but only the driver needs to register the car.

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/regform?llr=lduj8trab&oeidk=a07eh2bx5x4de7dde3b>

See your email for complete flyer or click on above link for more information. The club will be meeting as a group tp drive to the Cobra Experience. Watch email for meeting time & place



★★ UPCOMING EVENTS ★★



May 7	CAR SHOW MEETING & BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD VIA EMAIL
	ALL MAY AND FUTURE EVENTS DEPEND ON LIFTING OF THE STAY AT HOME ORDER
May 16	Car Show Day Social Distancing Picnic ★ Location TBD ★ Bring Your Own Food Watch email for details.
May 26 (?)	General Membership Meeting, 7:30pm, Stars Recreation, 155 Browns Valley Parkway, Vacaville
May 30	Dent Day & Dustless Sandblasting @ Cordeiro Vault - Tentatively Rescheduled—See pg 7
June 6	FORD POWERED DRIVE FOR HUNGER sponsored by MCA & Cobra Experience, see page 10
June 13	Napa Ford Display w/Canine Guardians Assistance Dogs - watch your email
Jun 25-28	Camping @ Lake Francis - watch email for details after May 22nd
Aug 29	Saturday Night River Cats game rescheduled from April = Details to follow
Sep 26	36th Annual Biggest Little Car Show - Rescheduled from May 16th
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:

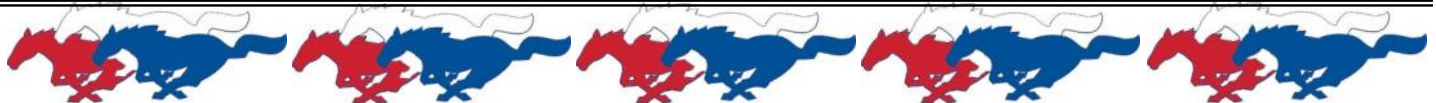
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Nick's question for our next meeting is :

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



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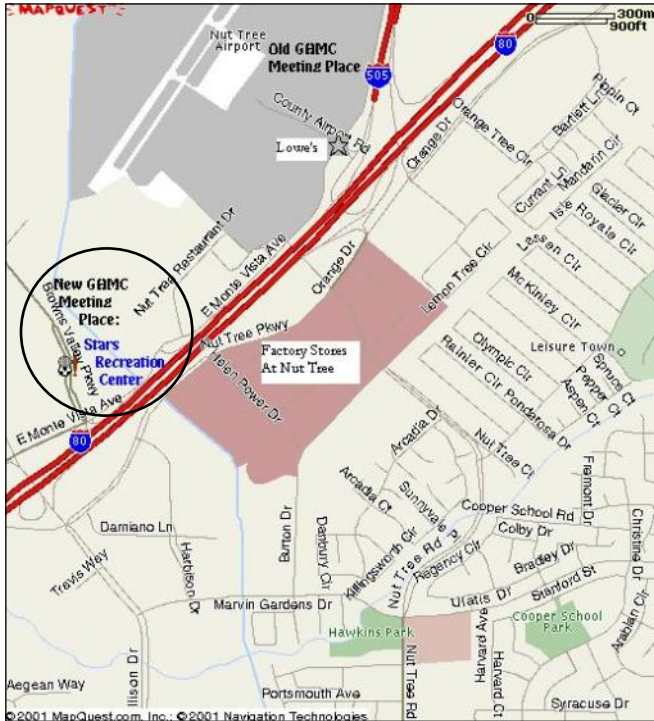


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