

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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Hi Everyone,

I want to send a special "Thank You" to those of you who replied to my email blast and let me know how you were doing after the fire. I've saved all of your responses as a reminder of how 2020 has tried to knock us down – but we continue to stand strong! As I write this message, the sky is a dull orange/ brown and the sunshine is unable to get through the smoke from all of the fires surrounding us. My prayers and heartfelt THANKS go out to each and every firefighter in California and now Oregon.

On an upbeat note...we have some sociallyresponsible events that are starting to appear on our calendar. Please take a look at the calendar page in this newsletter-Sep12,19, & 26 Fingers crossed for clear air as we caravan to the USS Hornet on Sept. 19th.

Everyone please stay well and stay safe! I hope to see you all soon.

Sue Calvert

NO NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH



Do you have a friend who would like to see their name here? We hope to be planning events again soon, so if you know someone who would like to come along with you, have them send me an email: membership@goldenhillsmustangclub.com

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 last meeting, I will be emailing you soon to let you know that I have received your check.

To everyone who hasn't paid, this **won't** be your **LAST** newsletter, 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 (see article on the next page) and the Food Bank We don't want to lose you as a member, so we will be contacting you. If have any questions you can text or call me at 707-738-0938.

STAY SAFE OUT THERE!

Thanks, Norma McCabe





The past few months have brought some unprecedented challenges to our world which have kept many of us apart. Our club has not had a meeting since February 25th and we have tried to maintain contact through our newsletters and email blasts. However, the lightning storm on August 17th began a series of events that would draw us together around one common goal - caring for each other. Club members stepped up to offer help and stored cars for those who had to evacuate.

As we watched from our computers, hand held devices and TV screens a horrific story began to unfold and it isn't over yet as the fires have merged into larger ones that CDF has named Lightning Complex fires. The LNU fire which encompasses parts of Lake, Napa, Sonoma, Solano and Yolo counties is now almost 95% contained despite the current heat and winds. We continue to watch as other parts of our state and Oregon are burning.

An email from a long time club member in San Diego started the wheels turning and President Sue Calvert reached out to our members asking how everyone was doing. The response to her email was tremendous.

We heard from members far and near about their experiences during the firestorm on Aug 19th that swept through the Vaca Hills. We also heard from long distance members about how they were concerned for those in harm's way. To cut and paste all the responses would take more than this newsletter would allow. Some of the responses were very short and some were lengthy, but here is a sampling:

• "Evacuated and back home safe and sound. . . in Quincy"

•"doing ok . . . no fires near us and only a few cases of virus in our area. We hope everyone is safe there."

•"we have been safe from fire but not the smoke. I'm looking forward to getting out again under blue skies!"

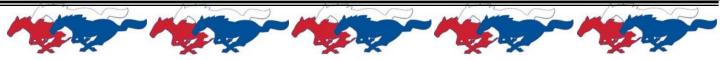
- •We "are OK. Great of you to check. We are a great club . . .Glad you are OK too. Thanks again."
- •"All safe here. . . "

•" I'm down here in San Diego and so am safe & sound. I've have been following the fires near Vacaville, Fairfield, and Napa on the news and hope everyone up there is safe & sound too."

"We are doing great. However the fire was rolling down the hill towards our development and police cars were cruising around our neighborhood telling us we needed to evacuate immediately no time to waste.... The hill one block over is grass covered and has very little real fuel like trees I about five of our neighbors husbands who had already sent their families away walked up to the end of our block to talk to fire fighters that were stationed there to see what we could find out. They told us to wait a minute or so then five water bombers laid fire retardant in rows about eight hundred feet up the hill. They let the fire burn down to that line. They did not say we should not evacuate but they felt it was going to be okay. So we stayed and it all turned out for the best. On the other hand so many families lost everything in the fires path. It is so very sad so if there is a plan to try and help them out in any way I would very much like to be a part of it. Thank you for all your concerns for everyone in need."

•"The place we used to board... on Pleasants Valley Road burned to the ground. Thankfully, we had moved him to Dixon. ... horses rarely concern themselves with the things that worry us sick. In the meantime, we were on alert here at

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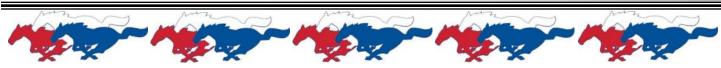


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our home in Fairfield as we watched the fire creep up Cement Hill and were told to pack and be ready to go, so we did. Those phone alerts are both helpful and unnerving. We loaded up the Mustang with things we need . . . We didn't concern ourselves with anything sentimental; just packed necessities. . . My husband was ready to fight to save our home and I'm so grateful that it didn't come down to that and that we didn't have to make a gut wrenching decision to either trailer our horse out or set him free if things got really bad. I'm heartbroken for all the devastation to life - human, critters, and wildlife and am so grateful for all the miracles big and small and kindness that have kept us moving forward and our spirits high. To put it in the words of my students, this sucks but we will be okay."

- "I pray that Fairfield and Vacaville never have to go through this again. I'm so grateful for our firefighters. They are the best. They always do an awesome job!"
- •" Ok here , from Davis CA. We drove down to Vacaville at 3:00 a.m. the night of the fire to check on . . . 93 year-old mother who lives alone. We had to evacuate her at 8 a.m. that same morning. Fortunately 2 days later she was able to return to her home near Vaca Valley Parkway , west of Browns Valley Road. The fire got pretty close to her neighborhood but her home is ok. Glad to hear you are safe. Hope all other club members are ok too. Looking forward to seeing everyone again after COVID-19 and the fires are behind us."
- "We're good. Thanks for asking. Hope everyone is safe. "

- "are all safe! We were not in danger, but a lot of FFPD officers were. It was a stressful few days at work for us, but everyone was ok. Thank you for always looking out for our Mustang families. Miss you and everyone sooooooo much! Sending you big hugs! Thank God you're ok too! "
- •" are just fine. Like you we were very concerned and are now thankful that we did not have to leave. Glad we moved from the country. Glad . . . you guys are OK."
- •"Thank you for reaching out. As I new member I don't know anyone yet. We live in Winters and we're all good. These fires seem to come every year now! Unfortunately, I know three people who lost their homes in the English Hills area. Sad..."
- •We "are safe at home now. Thankfully, a fire road around two sides of our neighborhood saved our homes. At about 3:00 AM on the 19th we were awakened by several vehicles driving in the neighborhood. I looked outside and smelled the heavy smoke. I turned on the police scanner and heard evaluations occurring just a couple blocks We immediately started packing. away. completely loaded our SUV and the Mustang with items and the dogs. While packing, city public works employees came by and told us to get ready to leave. About an hour later Vacaville PD officers came and strongly suggested we leave as to not be trapped by the fire surrounding the neighborhood. Fire was clearly visible moving at the end of our street approaching the fire road. We left and drove to Sacramento to stay with my son. We heard from some neighbors later that evening that the fire had been stopped at the fire road and the neighborhood (Continued on page 6)





was afe to return. Neighbors also said they had chased out suspected looters and called police to search for them. We were not supposed to return home yet because the evacuation order was still in "we are doing fine here ... no fire problems with affect, but I wanted to go home so we were able to sneak back in that night. Falling ash and smoke was heavy for a few days. It still seems a little smoky. We still have the bins packed in the garage with photos and mementos ready to load and "We made it without having to evacuate. Our leave. Hopefully we will feel safe enough this weekend to unpack some bins. We feel very fortunate. Our hearts and prayers go out to those who lost lives, homes, and animals in the fire. We only got fearful glimpse of what those fire victims are now dealing with. "

•"Thanks for reaching out! It was definitely a scary couple of days last week with the fires here in Vacaville. My family and I were woken up very trucks on our road, and then saw the emergency alert texts on our phones with the evacuation orders. The fire was being wind driven and only a couple of miles away at that time. We got up, got the kids, pets and a few personal belongings and was very surreal. Fortunately for us, our house and property are fine (the fire was stopped 1-2 miles away) and we were able to return home on Friday of last week, and feel very fortunate as others weren't so lucky. Thanks again for checking in Oh and our '65 fastback is doing just fine!" •We " are safe. We live in Plumas County and we had fires also. We didn't have to evacuate but we were ready to if needed. Talked to so many friends in Vacaville and some of their homes were So sad. What a strange year this has lost. been. Our prayers go out to everyone."

•"We live in Vacaville on Magnolia Ave, just a few streets over from the evacuation lines, so we

spent the day waiting to be evacuated (which thankfully never happened) and watching the fires progress. Thank you for asking!"

- the exception of a lot of smoke making bad air. We hope all of the members are ok. . We are blessed we don't live in the fire storm area. However we have been praying for all that do."
- home in Vacaville was right on the border of one of the mandatory evacuation zones. I did take valuables out of the house and we packed our bags just in case the order came. It was sure a stressful 24 hours. We had just gotten home with our new baby boy only a few days earlier. I really feel for all those who lost their homes, I can't even imagine how awful it would be. Thank you for reaching out."
- early Wednesday morning to the sounds of fire " all safe here in Suisun City. I had to leave early the morning of the fires to drive to Chico then a drive to Oregon for another Cisco job. On the way home I had to drive back on the 80 west amongst the flames and embers but did make it home safe. Hope everyone is doing well."
- evacuated to stay with friends in Sacramento. It "Currently am in SoCal so was not affected.My home in Fairfield is ... just outside of the evac zone. Hope all of our members are fine and staying safe."
 - •"We sold our house in south Vacaville in March of this year and moved to our other house along the Russian River full time. We are the western edge of the huge LNU Complex Fire. Lightning started fires in the deep wooded hills and canyons behind us and Armstrong Woods State Park. We were told to evacuate on the 20th and left on the morning of the 21st. We spent the first 4 nights at a hotel in Petulama, but then had to move our RV out of the fire path, so we have been in a campground ever since.





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Our house is fine, but this evacuation is getting old. For the first week we went to bed every night thinking this would be the night we lost the house. I expected to wake up with my phone blowing up as Hell descended on our home. I didn't happen, but we can't go back because the fire is still burning on the ridge behind our canyon. We just want to go home. We want to take a regular shower and wash clothes, eat normal food and stop worrying about all our valuables stuffed into the back of the Escape. We are trying hard to think positive and turn 'evacuation' into 'evacation' but this is going to go down as worst vacation ever!"

- "We're good here in Benicia (and were lucky to be in Bend, Or during the worst of it) Cheers!"
- We "I are OK!!! It's been over 110 degrees here for the last month.... but our pool is helping us to cope! Thank you for caring, and checking in on us!! PS. The homes of 4 of my friends have all burned to the ground..."
- "We are safe and out of harm's way."
- ... " are good, We did not have to evacuate, but it was a bit scary seeing how close the fire did get, to where we live in Vacaville. I think the worst part was seeing all the ash, and burnt leaves raining down in our neighborhood. Thank you for checking on us all, hope that everyone is safe."
- "We are ok . . ."
- "We are doing ok! Thankfully we were camping at Bodega Bay when the fires started. We stayed an extra day and would have stayed longer if we could. Our house was not in any danger but needed to stay away from the smoke...Thanks for your concern!"
- "All good on my end."

While putting this story together and searching for the best photos we found this statement from Explore Solano: (thanks Ileine Burke for sharing)

 During this time of what seems like chaos. It is imperative that we go through our community struggles together. The flags on Hill 147 are a powerful memorial in our region. Much like those flags were burnt to the ground and are standing better than ever, our community can too, with some work and time, get better.

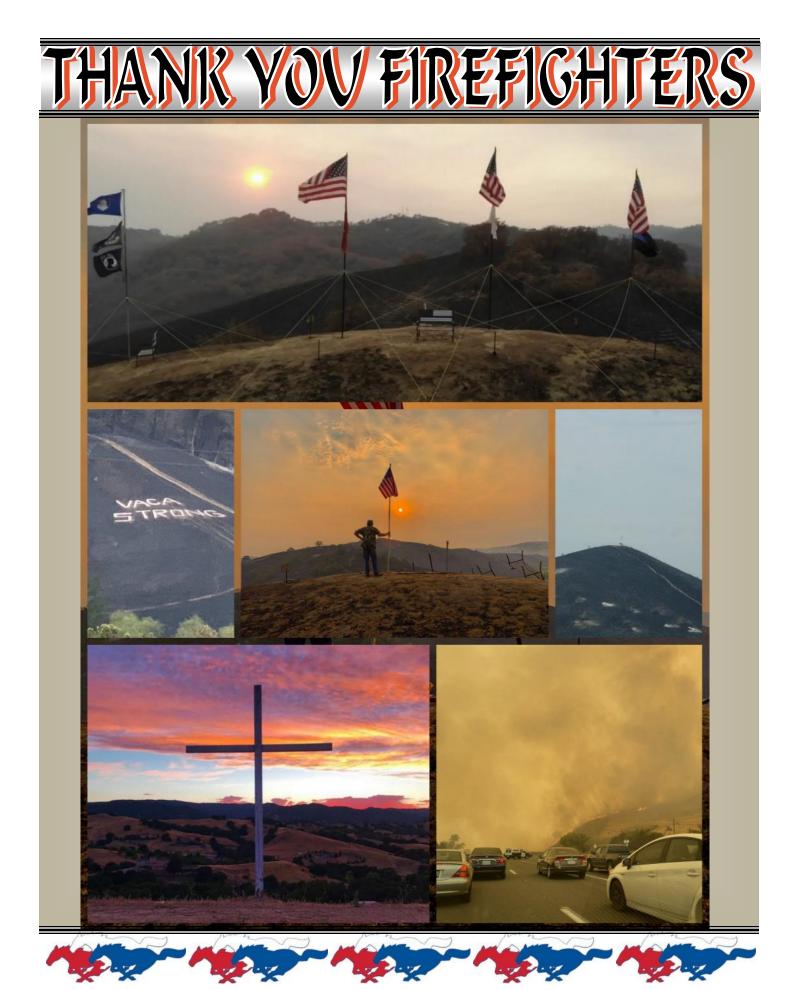
#together #strongertogether #america #vacastrong #bayareastrong

If you don't live in this area you may never have seen the hill in our photos. We discovered that Hill 147 is a memorial to fallen soldiers and also a fallen CHP officer, placed there by Marine Veteran Mike Goble. Each flag holds special significance and seeing it in the distance as you travel on Hwy 80 it is always a beacon of hope for our community. People were shocked and saddened when the flags were gone on August 19th, and before the roads were opened for Mike Goble to get back up there an unknown police officer had already hiked up there to replace Old Glory.

Photo Credits: Donnie McEachern for the picture of Hill 147 the night before the fire; Dave Grashoff (@CameraGuyDave1) for the after photos of Hill 147; James S. Guzzo for the cross on Steiger Hill in Vacaville; Matthew Henderson (@onfirephotos) for the awesome lightning photos and images of Lake Berryessa and English Hills:. and unidentified motorist who snapped the photo of the traffic nightmare on Hwy 80 that some of our members were stuck in.

Our hearts go out to all those whose lives were touched by this fire. **By Dan & Norma McCabe**







By Dan McCabe

We all have been through a lot in the past few weeks with ing the passenger compartment. Under normal circumthe wildfires, which makes this tip more important than stances, it helps trap pollen, bacteria, dust and exhaust ever. If your car is so equipped, changing the Cabin Air gases that may find their way into a vehicle's heating, ven-Filter is a must, not only for your Mustang but for all your tilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system, compromiscars and trucks! Also, while you're at it, check your engine ing interior air quality and damaging the system. Most air cleaner.

HERE IS A GREAT TIP FROM THE CAR CARE COUNCIL:

With forest fires continuing to burn throughout the West, the non-profit Car Care Council reminds car owners to have their cabin air filters inspected and changed regularly. This simple, yet important, service will help ensure vehicle longevity as well as clean air inside the car.

"With the amount of smoke and debris caused by forest fires, it is very likely that cabin air filters in the vicinity have been severely affected," said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "Cabin air filters are the first line of defense against contaminants that reduce vehicle cabin air quality. The Car Care Council recommends that motorists in areas impacted by wildfires and those in surrounding states have their cabin air filters replaced."

A cabin air filter should not be cleaned and reinstalled. Instead, it should be replaced every 12,000 to 15,000 miles or per the owner's manual, or more frequently in areas experiencing heavy smoke, debris and contaminants.

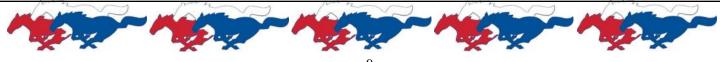
The cabin air filter is responsible for cleaning the air entercabin air filters are accessed through the panel in the HVAC housing, which may be under the hood or placed within the interior of the vehicle.





Finally some Happy News to report!

- 2 Brant & Hally Seghetti brought home a new baby boy, RB, just a few days before being evacuated on August 19th. Congratulations to the new parents!
- Shelby Bauer and Isaac Bozarth announced this past weekend that Baby Boy Bozarth is due in January 2021! Congratulations, to Great Grandparents, Terry & Ileine Burke, and Grandparents Perry & Michelle Bauer, too!
- Danny & Cristy Cordeiro announced that their daughter Rachel is engaged to one our advertisers, TJ Regan of J&T Blasting & Abrasion. The wedding is being planned for next year! Congratulations everyone!



*** * UPCOMING EVENTS * ***

	ALL SEPTEMBER AND FUTURE EVENTS DEPEND ON LIFTING OF THE STAY AT HOME ORDER
Sep 12	Cat Banovitz Memorial & Socially Distanced Burger Run, meet at Rockville Cemetery, 3219 Suisun Valley Rd, at 12:30 p.m. See below & watch your email for more info.
Sep 19	Mustang Cruise to the Hornet, leave from East Bay Classics, 1000 Loring Ave in Crockett. Cruise leaves East Bay Classics at 10 AM. Chair: Robin Paulsell
Sep 22	General Meeting 7:30 p.m. ??????????
Sep 26	Support The Locals Fun Cruise Through Suisun 4-6 Pm Watch email for details
Oct 27	General Meeting 7:30 p.m. ?????????
Oct 31	Stangz Across the Straits IX—Halloween Edition -Ch Robin Paulsell –Watch email for details

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: <u>info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com</u>

GHMC Cat Banovitz Memorial Event and Socially Distanced Burger Run

It sounds strange to have those two events combined, but I am sure that Cat would approve as long as we drive our Mustangs. September 12th marks the fourth anniversary of our dear Cat Banovitz going home to God. To honor her and remember her, let's meet at Rockville Cemetery, 3219 Suisun Valley Rd on September 12 at 12:30 p.m. at her gravesite. Her family will be there. Let's support them and show them how much we love and miss Cat. Enter the cemetery at the northernmost gate (going north on Suisun Valley Road from Rockville Road). Upon entering the gate, turn left, go a very short distance and you will see her family visiting her grave on the left by Suisun Valley Road. Bringing flowers would be a nice touch. I'm hoping we can each share a memory of Cat or tell what we loved about her. I'm sure the family would be pleased to hear from us. If you weren't fortunate enough to know Cat, please come anyway. This would be a great way to find out what you missed, and give us all a closer connection with each other and to our club.

After our memorial event, ride your ponies over to **Vacaville Sonic** for the **Burger Run** (Cat would have liked a hot dog run!). Just park wherever you can; we'll try to stay close. If there's no room for us, we can park in the adjacent Park and Ride lot and walk to the order window and take the food back to our cars. I hope we don't have to do so, but it is an option if we need it.

Any questions, call Pat Sivigliano 707-816-6598





PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYONE!



It has been quiet again this past month which is a good thing, only one note was sent:

- A card & flowers were sent to Elise Stevenson who had an emergency appendectomy.
- **\$** It would be nice to call or send a card to the following members who have been ill or had surgery.
 - 🍄 Christine Pezzolo
 - 📽 Carl McCune
 - 🍄 Karen Shepard
 - Paulette Rand
 - 🍄 Ron Normandin
- Please call me for the above members telephone numbers or addresses, or email <u>info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com.</u>
- 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

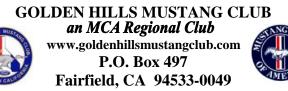






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