

# Pony Tales

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PETER SPITZER ACCEPTS THANK YOU PLAQUE FOR DUPRATT'S CONTINUED SPONSORSHIP OF OUR CLUB AND THE BIGGEST LITTLE CAR SHOW



#### **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.

### 2021

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#### Hello Everybody!

I hope you all had a fun Halloween weekend. Some of our members are very creative with decorating their homes and they were fun to see on FaceBook. I took part in Stangz Across the Straits on Saturday, 10/30, and members from four different Mustang clubs had a great time driving through the countryside of Contra Costa County. Thank you, Robin Paulsell, for organizing this fun event! Autumn is my favorite season and it's beautiful to see some of the hills starting to turn green already. The Liquid Amber and Japanese Maple trees in our area are turning amazing shades of orange, gold and red. I hope everyone can get out for a drive and experience the Fall colors of our beautiful area.

One of our club's most important events is taking part in the Fairfield Veteran's Day Parade on 11/11/2021. Please be sure to contact Brian Evans if you can attend.

As we are looking forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas, we want to remember our CHiP's for Kids Toy Drive being held on 11/21/21! The Napa Valley Cruisers are also holding their toy drive on 11/27/2021. These two toy drives are so important to our community. Let's help children in need have a Merry Christmas this year!

GOOD NEWS: We have a General Meeting all set to go on Tuesday evening, November 23rd!! We will be holding our meeting in the back banquet room of Fenton's Creamery in the Nut Tree Center in Vacaville. We have the room from 6:30pm to about 9:00pm. I will start the meeting at 7:30pm. Let's support Fenton's and have everyone purchase dinner and/or dessert while we are there! Thank you, Tammy Holecek, for all of your help in making this happen.

Lastly – please check the calendar in this newsletter and online. We have a few wonderful events coming up!

Take care, Everyone!

# IS YOUR GHMC MEMBERSHIP CURRENT?

Thank You to those who have already paid, but we still have a few who haven't!

If you are uncertain if you have paid your dues, please contact me at:

membership@goldenhillsmustangclub.com

If you would like to send your check in the mail there is an application on the website, or contact me to have one mailed to you. If you would like to use PayPal there is a link on our website - Click Join Our Club and scroll down to: \*\*pay online for Membership Renewal (\$30)\*\* or you can go to your PayPal account and send money to a friend using the email: membership@goldenhillsmustangclub.com

Whether you pay by check or online, please fill out a new application for our records and either mail it to P.O. Box 497, Fairfield, CA 94533-0049 or email it to the above address.

Thank you! Please Stay Safe and hope to see you soon!

Norma McCabe





# American Armory Museum Show

We always enjoy this show and this year we invited several friends to join us, but a last minute "Call To Duty" (watching the grand "kids" - not the grandchildren, but actual goats) changed our plans. We know everyone had a great time because they were texting us and sending pictures all day!

It wasn't as windy this time and they must have done a really good job of holding the dust down, because nobody complained about the dirt.

We heard that Terry Burke got an award for Best Stock and so did Bill Davis. Yvonne Westberg got an award for Best Paint and so did Donnie McEachern. They had really cool handmade awards using surplus bullets and tools. Apparently they had two categories for awards, Museum Awards and People's Choice Awards voted on by the public. When Yvonne was picking up her award this adorable little red-headed girl named Mia came up to her and said, "You won because I voted for you!" They quickly became fast friends and Mia posed for pictures with the pink 40 Ford.

By Dan & Norma McCabe

Editor's Note: See more great pictures on our website!



# Dan McCabe

Peter Spitzer, General Sales Manager at Ron DuPratt 19, we were more than happy to resume the tradition.

Our good friend, club member and Ron DuPratt Ford's long-time sales manager, Bill Stevenson, passed away right after the 2019 event, so this was the first one we have done without him. As a tribute to him, his silver Mustang GT was on display under the tent. Peter was very pleased to receive a Car Show T-shirt featuring that Mustang, and a Thank You plague for Ron DuPratt Ford's continued involvement with our Club and Car Show.

The threat of rain did not stop members of our club or Ford, contacted us about having a Trunk or Treat this year. Sacramento Area Mustang Club from dressing up and deco-Of course, we said yes we would help! Since this is one of our rating our Mustangs in the Halloween spirit. Buckets of favorite events and it was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID- candy were set out for all Trick-or-Treaters to enjoy, both young and old. Snacks and drinks were provided and Peter walked around all of the decorated cars. He surprised some participants with special prizes for best decorated Mustangs, displays and costumes.

> We want to Thank Peter, Ron DuPratt Ford and all who participated in this fun event.



**Looking forward to Trunk or Treat 2022!** 





# Stangz Across the Straits X



We had so much fun last year we did it again, Stangz Across the Straits X Spooktacular Halloween Edition is in the books. The number of cars was down this year with the Golden Hills Mustang Club (GHMC), California Mustang Association (CMA), Bay Area Mustang Association (BAMA), and Sacramento Area Mustang Club (SAMC) showing up with 11 Mustangs total. Returning Stangz crew Brenda Romero was our starter and checkpoint 3 official, I manned checkpoints 1 & 2 (the same location), and Paige handled team check in and gave shop tours.

After a driver's meeting the cars were staged and sent off in 1-minute intervals on the first of three stages. Stage 1 went from Crockett to Pinole on I-80 and then took the backroads heading toward checkpoint 1 near Briones Regional Park. Stage 2 was a scenic loop around Briones Regional Park including downtown Orinda and the backroads of Pleasant Hill to checkpoint 2 (same location as checkpoint 1). Stage 3 continued back up Alhambra Valley and Franklin Canyon to Cummings Skyway and then back to Crockett with views of the Carquinez Straits and Napa River before ending at East Bay Classics for the lunch, awards cere-

mony, and costume contest. Lunch was again catered by Shaw's Texas Style BBQ and the food was delicious as always. Each entry fee included a \$10 donation to the American Cancer Society, this along with some extra donations came up to \$212. Sue Calvert President of GHMC added a \$100 donation from the club and East Bay Classics added \$100 bringing the total donation to \$412.

Now it was time to announce the stage and the overall winners. Congratulations to Mark & Sherri Pastor winners of Stage 1, John De La Mora and fiancée Michelle winners of Stage 2, Cindy Lenz and Mark Perry winners of Stage 3, and the Overall winner Curt Stewart. Officer Mark and Inmate Sherri Pastor won the Costume Contest with their Cop and Robber themed outfits.

Thanks to all the competitors for coming out and making this such a fun event and thanks to my fantastic crew, they make it all possible. If you measure the success of an event in the number of smiles you see, we scored yet another win so make sure to join us for Halloween next year (can't stop now) for Stangz Across the Straits XI!

By Robin Paulsell



# Bar of the Month



On November 1<sup>st</sup>, I made a quick trip to Henderson Nevada to pick up #24! After losing the EBay bid on what would become the 24th Mustang in our collection last Thursday I received the perfect Birthday gift the next day when I was contacted by the seller offering me the car at my bid price. The winning bidder had flaked out and now the car was mine.

So what does it take to get someone with 23 Mustangs to buy another? Well, it has to be special for sure. What could be more special for a guy with a 1979 Indy Pace Car and a 1994 Indy Pace Car than the original 1964 Indy Pace Car? When I got home #24 joined the herd and completed my Trifecta of Indy Pace Cars.

What makes this car so special? Ford produced an initial run of 180 1964 Indy 500 Pace Car replicas as Dealer incentives, there was a shortage so they built what is believed 10 more in a second run. All of the cars were equipped with 260 V8 and C4 Automatics. They were special paint code C (Pace Car White) with trim code 42 (White Interior with Blue Trim). Less than 70 are known to still exist. #24 is one of those 70.



## In Memoriam

### ELWOOD "WOODY" GRAHAM

JUNE 20, 1928 - OCTOBER 19, 2021



Former member Woody Graham will always be remembered for his wonderful smile. He was no longer a club member due to health reasons, but his beautiful Mustang is still in the club. He sold it to Mike & Tammy Robinette because he knew it would be well taken care of. He was a Veteran of WWII, Korea and Vietnam and was a big supporter of our Veterans activities. He will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.





INVITATIONS ARE IN THE MAIL FOR THE ANNUAL GHMC CHRISTMAS DINNER

&

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS ON SATURDAY,

December 11, 2021

NAPA ELKS LODGE CHECK YOUR MAILBOX

## CONGRATULATIONS

We have some HAPPY NEWS to report this month!

- ▼ Tim Leathers became a grandfather for the second time. On November 3rd his daughter, Courtney, blessed him with a grandson, Aiden.
- Rob Lo and his girlfriend, Carina, are now engaged!
  Congratulations to Everyone!



### \*\* UPCOMING EVENTS \*\*

	ALL FUTURE EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE
Nov 11	Fairfield Veteran's Day Parade, Brian Evans, Chair. Watch email for more details.
Nov 13	Judging seminar for National MCA show – East Bay Classics 1000 Loring Ave, Crockett Contact Robin Paulsell at 510-453-6203 or <a href="mailto:lrpcon@aol.com">lrpcon@aol.com</a>
Nov 21	Annual GHMC CHiPs4 Kids Toy Drive, "Drive up and Drop off" Toy Drive at JD Real Estate, 1351 Oliver Rd in Fairfield 10:00am - 2:00pm Bill & Judy Davis, Chairpersons.
Nov 23	General Membership Meeting and dinner at Fenton's Creamery, Nut Tree, Plaza Vacaville. Dinner at 6:30, meeting starts at 7:30pm.
Nov 27	Napa Valley Cruisers Annual Toy Drive, 11:00 - 3:00 Fosters Freeze, 1195 W. Imola Ave, Napa
Dec 11	Annual GHMC Christmas Party and Installation of Board and Officers at the Napa Elks Lodge. Watch mailbox for invitation. Reservations required. Sue Calvert will be collecting the money.
Dec 18	Wreaths across America, Sacramento National Cemetery, Dixon. 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: <a href="mailto:info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com">info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com</a>



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



### No New Members this month!







## Happy Birthday

#### 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

11/20 Kevin Onesko

11/23 Brian Evans

11/27 Monika Bielka-Vescovi

11/28 Dan Cordeiro

11/28 Evan Robinson

#### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/2 Courtney Leathers

12/4 Don McEachern

12/6 Elise Stevenson

12/7 Regina Bassett

12/7 Andrew Schneider

12/8 Judy Davis

12/8 Robert Schuette

12/14 Lisa Mitsopoulos

12/14 Kurt Souza

12/17 Lauma Jurkevics

12/18 Michele Rebollini

12/18 Yvonne Walter

12/22 Ron Normandin

12/25 Austin Bauer

12/26 Ron Bramlett

12/26 Mariah Irwin

12/27 Gloria Valencia



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

## Sunshine Corner

No cards sent last month. It was very quiet. This month has been very busy, sorry to say. Cards were sent to the following members:

- Frank Lopez has been in the hospital for several days and has had surgery. Flowers will be sent when he gets home.
- Rob Lo was sent a sympathy card, as he lost his little fur baby. Sorry for your loss.
- Ramona Bartley was sent a sympathy card for the loss of her father Woody Graham
- Michelle Bauer got a get well card. She is having medical problems and will be having surgery soon.
- 🕏 Gaylord Gee was sent a get well card for his hernia surgery a few weeks ago.
- Gerry & Cyndy Lamphiear were sent a congratulations card for the birth of their first grandson, Baker in September.

Please keep OUR members that have had health issues in your thoughts. They could all use our prayers. If you would like to send them a card, email or text please do so. It really means a lot to know that others care.

Remember if you know of some one in need of SUNSHINE please contact me. You can text or leave me a voicemail @ 707-337-5532 or email Yvonnecoho@gmail.com

You can also email GHMC Info at info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com for contact information.



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# HAPPY NEWS?

#### DOES ANYONE HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

It is always great to share some happy news, especially during difficult times like a pandemic. If you have something HAPPY (retirement, engagement, new grandchild, recognition or an award) to share with your fellow club members, please send me an email: <a href="mailto:nrmccabe@gmail.com">nrmccabe@gmail.com</a>

