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CHIPs for KIDS



“A Huge THANK YOU to All . . .

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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.

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Moving Forward

By President Sue Calvert



Hi Everyone!

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving! One of the things that I am most thankful for in my life is our wonderful club – and ALL of you!! We made it through 2022 and I can't believe it's December already.

We accomplished so much this year! We were able to go back to holding regular General Membership meetings beginning in March. Thanks to all of you, our scholarship fund is growing once again and our food donations are helping our community every day. We held more than 25 events – including a phenomenal 3-Day MCA National Car Show! Congratulations to our club for taking 1st Place in the Automobile category of the Fairfield Veteran's Day Parade!

I cannot bring 2022 to a close without congratulating ALL of our members on this, our 40th Anniversary of the Golden Hills Mustang Club! It takes us working together to continue what Gil Baumgartner started back in 1982. We will plan a special Mustang display event to visit him in the Spring.

Thank you for trusting me to lead our club into 2023. We'll have a Happy New Year breakfast to kick things off on January 7th – so watch your email for details!

I am extremely proud to be your President for another year!

Sue Calvert



IT'S ALMOST TIME TO PAY FOR 2023

2022 IS ALMOST OVER AND 2023 WILL BE HERE SOON!

A Big Thank You to those who have already paid, however DON'T panic yet.

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Thank you! Please Stay Well and hope to see you soon! Norma McCabe





2022 Fairfield Veterans Day Parade

By Brian Evans

On Friday November 11, the City of Fairfield, through the Parks and Recreation Department, held its annual Veterans Day Parade. One great thing about living in close proximity to Travis Air Force Base is the way Fairfield and the surrounding cities in Solano County show respect, support and admiration to our entire military community and especially our Veterans. This annual parade is just one way that this is accomplished. While Fairfield is known for its 10am ceremony and lunch-time parade, Vacaville, Dixon and Suisun also hold Veterans Day events and ceremonies. This year's parade theme was **"SERVING WITH HONOR"**

I feel the parade themes over these last several years have been very meaningful and appropriate. Prior parade themes have been: 2021 – **"FRONT LINE PATRIOTS"**; 2019 – **"CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF AMERICAN LEGION"**; 2018 – **"CELEBRATING TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE 75TH ANNIVERSARY"**; 2017 – **"WITH RESPECT, HONOR and GRATITUDE"**; 2016 – **"PRAY. THANK. REMEMBER"** and from 2015: **"LAND OF THE FREE, BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE"**. I particularly like this last one. But they are all good stuff to pause and reflect on...

While I personally never served in the armed forces, my late dad was a transport pilot for the Air Force for 21 years, flying the C-124 (Ol' Shakey!) for ten years, the C-141 for six years, and finally the C-5 for his last three years. He also spent six months flying the F-100 Super Sabre at Clovis AFB New Mexico, in preparation for his tour in Vietnam in 1967-68, and then retired from Travis as a Lt. Col. when I was just a little guy. And now my son, after graduating from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in May 2019, is an Air Force pilot flying the B-52 at Barksdale AFB in Louisiana, following in his grandfather's footsteps. So the personal connection to the Air Force is strong, and I'm pleased that our club, through the efforts of Bill Davis and many others, does so much for our Veterans.

We started the day at our usual Solano Mall/Starbucks parking lot meeting place at the requested arrival time of 10:15am and had plenty of time to visit with each other. As always, it was good to see a pretty even mix between the old 1960's-70's classics and the modern ponies. And what would a Veterans Day Parade be without seeing Terry Burke looking sharp in his Air Force dress blues?

Soon it was time to head over to our assigned staging area on Kentucky Street, and the past apprehension I used to feel leading a caravan of Mustangs to the staging spot (where would we encounter the hassle of an unplanned barricade this year?) has been alleviated by the Parks & Rec Dept. keeping the check-in process consistent with prior parades.

Once again, and for as many years as I can remember, The Golden Hills Mustang Club made a strong presence at this parade, this year with 16 Mustangs! Although 16 is a little short of the 20 plus cars we've had at some recent parades, we still had a lot more cars than other car clubs (ahem, and

better looking too!). The Judging Committee felt this way also, awarding our club first place in the vehicle club category with a nice \$150 award.

Also once again, the parade organizer asked me to provide my '68 convertible to carry the Grand Marshal in the parade; this year it was Daniel Blake, who retired at Travis after a long career of service to his country. Mr. Blake was very pleased, and humbled, with this honor.

With our cars decorated in our usual patriotic theme, we were waiting for the low altitude flyover of an Air Force C-5 which signals for the parade to begin. This year, word spread through the crowd that the flyover was cancelled at the last minute. As I passed the news around to fellow parade participants, I took the opportunity to embellish/enhance the news with interesting details like... "the pilots left the keys at home!" or ... "ignition key was left on overnight and drained the battery, couldn't find another plane to jump start it!" and "...rookie pilot over pumped the gas pedals and flooded the Holley carburetors!"

Soon it was time to take our turn parading down Texas Street. Just like last year, when we reached the judging stand, the parade emcee encouraged us to "rev 'em up a little...let's hear those ponies roar!"

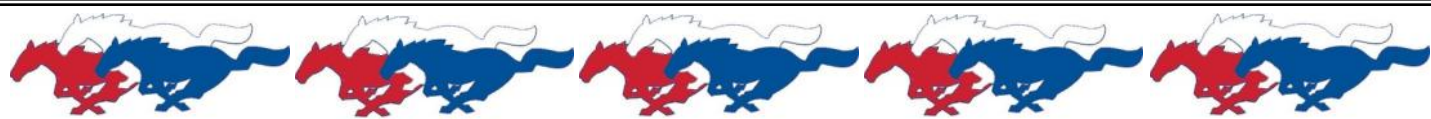


After the parade, most of us enjoyed a nice lunch at Suisun's Los Altos Mexican restaurant, where we all participated in our own "Battle of the Bulge" with their never-ending chips and salsa and tasty Mexican food! Once again, I'd like to thank the club for making a great showing at this parade, supporting our Veterans and our community.

Finally, to the many in our club who have served our country, THANK YOU for your service!

Editors Addendum:

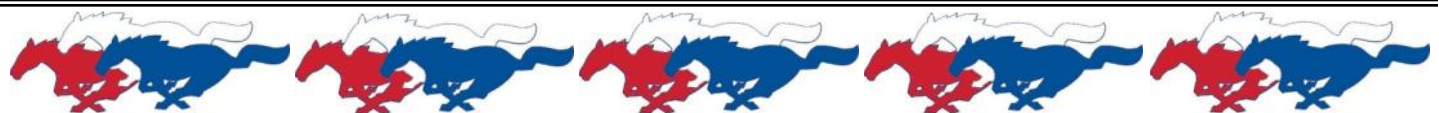
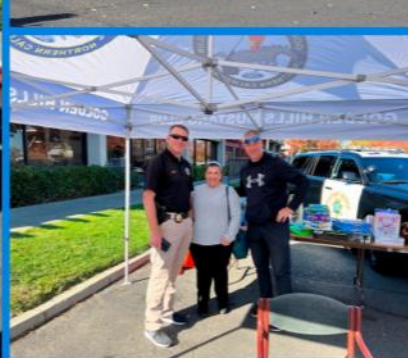
The huge smiles you see in the pictures on the following page belong to the Burke family. Twins, Charlette and Mackenzie Burke, came all the way from Kodiak, Alaska to drive in the parade for the first time. Charlette drove her dad, Retired Chief Petty officer, Christopher Burke, in the red '68 and Mackenzie drove her grandfather, Retired Master Sergeant, Terry Burke, in the green '68.



CHiPs for KIDS Toy Drive



A Huge THANK YOU to all who helped make our part of this year's CHiPs for KIDS Toy Drive so successful! We didn't ask the chairmen of this event to write an article because we knew they wouldn't thank themselves enough. When we lost our venue due to COVID back in 2020, the Toy Drive was on the verge of being cancelled. We heard one voice shout loudly, "Oh, H***, NO! The kids are getting their toys!" That voice belonged to club member, Judy Davis, who volunteered her Real Estate office as a place for a COVID safe Drive-up and Drop-Off. It was so successful that each year since, she has done the same. In order to reach out to the community she placed weekly ads for a month in the local papers and had her office open for drop-offs for several weeks before the actual collection day and even had toys come in after the date. Social media and the ads were a huge contribution to the success when total strangers drove up with toys and gift cards. Our club members turned out to help on the day of, greeting people and filling the CHP Cruiser & Dan Cordeiro's pick-up truck with the toys. Thank you GHMC members and Bill & Judy for all your time and generosity!



1st Annual Black Friday Mustang Cruise

November 25, 2022

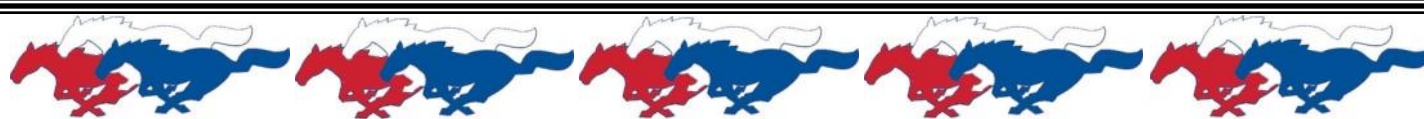
by Robin Paulsell

I don't know about the rest of you but the last place I want to be on Black Friday is shopping. With that in mind and knowing traffic on I-80 would be lighter than a normal Friday, I created the 1st Annual Black Friday Mustang Cruise. I selected the Oakland Aviation Museum as our destination 31 miles away from our starting location at East Bay Classics. It's a smaller museum tucked away at the Oakland Airport North Field off Dolittle Drive. The weather was great and we had 5 Mustangs and 1 Ranger make the cruise. I drove my 2015 GT, Brenda Romero drove her 2013 MCA Edition Convertible, Paige drove her 2004 GT Convertible, Rob Lo drove his 1967 Coupe, SBMCC member Michael Arkin drove his 2003 Mach 1, and George Pezzolo brought up the rear in his (lucky we don't have the Ha Award) Ranger.

We made the leisurely drive down I-80 and 880 with no traffic delays to the museum in 30 minutes, getting thumbs up from several cars along the way. We took the opportunity when we arrived to line the cars up with the massive Short Smart Flying Boat in the background for a photo op, before moving them into parking spaces. Once inside everyone scattered looking at the different exhibits, the museum is

on the smaller side with 9 aircraft inside and 9 more outside. There are special exhibits for engines, women in aviation, Transocean Air Lines, World Airways, and more. A good time was had by all and we're looking forward to next year's event.

If you have a special place or unique experience you want to share, set up a cruise or event. If you create it they will come!



Car of the Month



The COBRA EXPERIENCE's CAR OF THE MONTH by Brian Evans

As they finish their eighth year of being open, I think most of the Mustang community knows about The Cobra Experience in Martinez, CA, a non-profit museum and event center committed to the promotion, conservation, education and preservation of the cars produced by Shelby American. The museum was founded in 2014 and is operated by Drew and Janet Serb and their daughter Emily Lambert, along with a crew of dedicated volunteers. As they like to say, "The cars can't talk, but we can!" Their official tag line is "America's



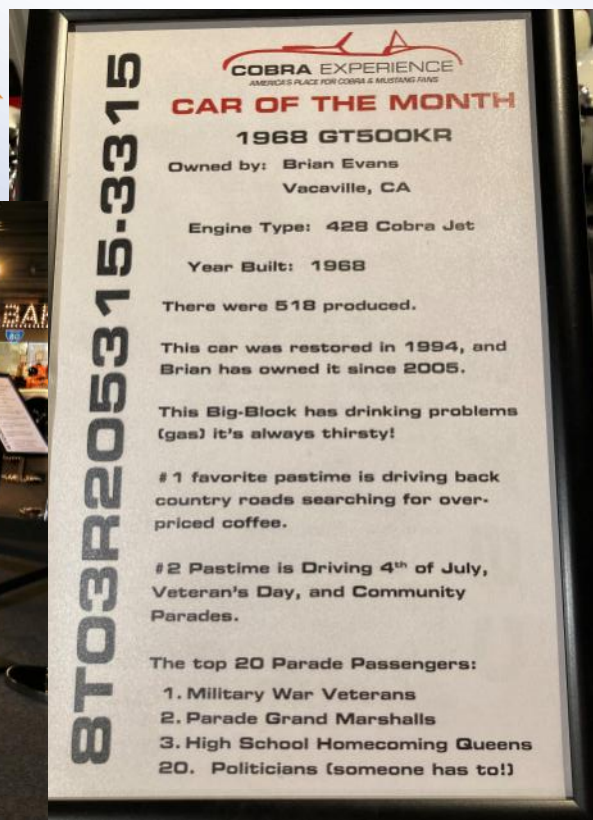
Car of the Month, Cont.

Place for Cobra and Mustang Fans” They are very down to earth and a wonderful family to share the cars and memorabilia with the general public. The museum is open the third Sunday of every month and if you visit their website at www.cobraexperience.org you will see that there are many other events held throughout the year. Now that I’ve earned a beer from Emily for this free plug, on to the car of the month

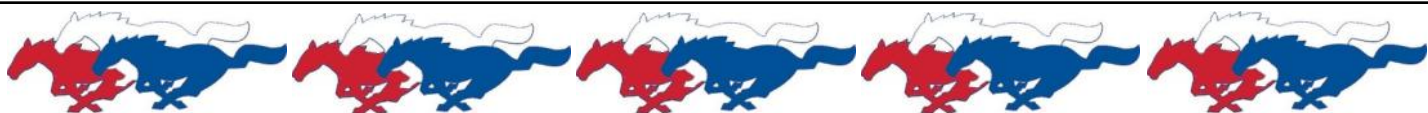
A new program they have just started is a “Car of the Month” program, where the Museum would like to honor one car each month from their Northern California “fan base”, by displaying the car in the museum for a month. The only requirement is that the car must be a Ford (duh!)...and fit on their car lift to get it into the museum! There are several opportunities or levels of participation: “The Riverside”; “The Sebring”; “The Daytona”; and “The Le Mans”...each one with a different cost (it is a fundraiser for them) and features, benefits, levels of “swag” that are described in detail on their website. At a minimum, you get to keep the placard that is displayed next to every car in the museum describing its features, you get a swag bag, and you receive a picture of you with your car in the museum.

Yours truly enthusiastically signed up to participate, and currently I have the honor of displaying my 1968 Shelby in the museum, from last month’s November 20 Public Open Day to the upcoming December 18th Open Day. Remember, the car doesn’t have to be a Shelby, or even a Mustang, to participate! Just has to be a Ford. Gotta a lime green 1973 Pinto wagon with the (rare) plastic simulated wood paneling on the sides (rare because it hasn’t flaked off yet!)? ...let’s see it in the Musuem!

So if you haven’t seen the Museum, or haven’t visited in a while, come on out on Sunday, December 18th, between the hours of 10am to 3pm. The 18 minute promo movie on Carroll Shelby, the history of Shelby American, and the historical significance of what they accomplished on the 1960’s international auto scene, is alone worth the price of the \$10 admission!



Congratulations, Brian! What an honor to have your car in such a great venue. Thank you for submitting this Happy News for Car of the Month.



Suisun Valley Cruise

November 20, 2022

On a beautiful fall Sunday, November 20th, Rob Lo organized a fun run from Suisun Valley to Lake Berryessa and back. Jim Derby and Dick Cartwright joined him for a great cruise.

We would like to encourage more members to plan days like this. It doesn't cost anything besides gas money to get out and let your ponies run in our beautiful countryside. Plus you get a chance to meet more club members and enjoy your common interest.

Thanks Rob for making this happen! We hope more members can join you next time!

GHMC

Pictures by Rob Lo



★★★ Car Show Update ★★★

Planning for the 38th Annual Biggest Little Car Show on May 20th 2023 is underway. So far Brenda Romero is show Registrar, Don McEachern is chairing the Sponsorship Committee, Jerry Lamphiear is chairing the Parking Committee, and Sue Calvert is chairing the Raffle Committee. As always, these shows don't get done by just a few people, it takes all of our club members volunteering to make them happen so please give me a call or shoot me an email and find out how you can help. We are also looking for someone to Co-chair the show, this is the best way to learn how to chair the show.

We are looking for sponsors and need raffle prizes. Sponsors and items do not need to be auto related, think out of

the box. I have sponsor forms that I can email you. If you have a friend selling arts and crafts that would like to be a vendor, 10X10 spaces are only \$50. Non-profit organizations get a free 10X10 booth while space is available.

Judging Seminars to train those interested in judging or learning how their car will be judged are scheduled for January 28th, February 25th, and April 1st at East Bay Classics. The seminars will be followed with a car show meeting, and we will have pizza for lunch. If you have any questions or ideas please contact me.

Robin Paulsell

MCA National Director

Gold Card OD/DD Judge

2023 Biggest Little Car Show Chair



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Congratulations go to Joey Holecek. He graduated the Law Enforcement Candidate Scholarship Program in May and received his acceptance to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Academy on November 21, 2022. We know his parents, Tammy & Joe, are busting their buttons with pride. It has been such a joy to watch this young man grow up in our club.

Joey, your Mustang Family is so proud of you, too!



Sophia Anne Lamphiear was born on November 10, 2022 to Scott and Meghan Lamphiear. Her grandparents Jerry and Cyndy Lamphiear were floating on air the next day at the Veterans Day parade. She is their second grandchild and the first girl. We can't wait to see more pictures!

Congratulations Lamphiear Family!!



★★ UPCOMING EVENTS ★★



ALL FUTURE EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE

Dec 10	Saturday, GHMC Christmas Party, Napa Elks Lodge, No Host Bar @5:30pm, Buffet Dinner 6:30pm
Dec 17	Wreaths Across America. Watch email for details.
Dec 18	Open Day at the Cobra Experience in Martinez, 10:00am-3:00pm
DEC 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS
Dec 27	NO GENERAL MEETING
JAN 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR
Jan 7	2023 GHMC Annual Breakfast, 8:30 am @ Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia
Jan 1	Public Day @ The Cobra Experience Martinez, 10:00am-3:00pm
Jan 24	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia
Jan 28	1st Car Show Judging seminar. East Bay Classics, 1000 Loring Ave, Crockett. Time TBA
Feb 19	Public Day @ The Cobra Experience Martinez, 10:00am-3:00pm
Feb 25	2nd Car Show Judging seminar. East Bay Classics, 1000 Loring Ave, Crockett. Time TBA
Feb 26	Capay Almond Festival, Esparto. Watch email for details.
Feb 28	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia

*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*



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



No New Members This Month



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/1 Alice Troxell
 12/2 Courtney Leathers
 12/3 Karen Bradley
 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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/1 Miyuki York
 1/2 Cristy Cordeiro
 1/5 Cara Lorenzetti
 1/7 Olivia Herman
 1/8 Jacob Mathews
 1/9 Diane Riga
 1/12 Jackson Bozarth

1/18 Mark Scott
 1/18 Tisha vonTing
 1/20 Brittni Haran
 1/20 Shelby Myska
 1/21 Larry Tunac
 1/26 Chase Myska
 1/27 Clif Wilson, Jr.
 1/28 Kyle Lo
 1/30 Deanna Gee



PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYONE!



Sunshine Corner



This had been a quiet month, with only one card sent, until our Miss Sunshine (Yvonne Westberg) came down with the bug that is going around. While she has been under the weather her editor filled in and a card was delivered to her house.

- ❁ A card was sent to Elise Stephenson who fractured a bone.
- ❁ A card and flowers will be sent to Paulette Rand who has been in the hospital, and cards will be sent to the Burkes who both came down with the bug.
- ❁ 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 someone in need of some SUNSHINE please contact me. You can text or leave me a voicemail or email You can also email GHMC Info at info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com for contact information.



HAPPY NEWS?

DOES ANYONE HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

It is always great to share some happy news, especially during difficult times. 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: nrmccabe@gmail.com



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NEXT MEETING

Tues, January 24, 2023

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to All

