

# Pony Tales

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This little band of volunteers, plus a handful not pictured, pulled off an incredible feat . . . See Robin Paulsell's article on page 4 for more details.



#### **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 FOWARD By President Sue Calvert

"Team Resilience"... It seems to be the newest *buzz phrase* of my insurance company seminars.

However, after seeing what our club members can do when hosting an MCA National Car Show, I would say that our members could TEACH a course on Team Resilience!

I am so proud of everyone who volunteered to help with certain jobs – then went above & beyond the call of duty and tackled whatever else needed to be done on the spur of the moment! Yes, we were tired.

Yes, it was hot outside...but we pushed through it all and showed the MCA what the "Friendliest Little Club" can do!

As I walked around the show field, I heard nothing but compliments about the beautiful

venue. Everyone loved being able to grab a cold bottle of water off of a passing golf cart. I saw many Mustang owners helping other Mustang owners with everything from mechanical questions to cleaning products. People were actually relaxing and smiling!

For me, the highlight of the show was getting to know Kevin & Shelli Marti. The dinner at the Cobra Experience Museum was more fun than I ever anticipated and Kevin had nothing but compliments for our club.

You all did yourselves proud! I can't wait to see the article about GHMC's Biggest Little National Car Show in a future issue of Mustang Times!

Stay well!!

Sue



### HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

### 2022 IS ALMOST HALF OVER AND A FEW PAYMENTS ARE PAST DUE!

(A Big Thank You to those who have already paid!)

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Please Stay Safe and hope to see you soon!

Norma McCabe





"Wow, what a great show", "Best National we have ever been to", these are just some of the comments I've received by email, text, and social media. I heard similar comments throughout the days of the show. Another comment I still hear is "Wish I hadn't missed it". The "Friendliest Little Club" put on one heck of a show and all of you should be very proud! This club has had my back since 2009 and I want to personally thank everyone that helped throughout the past 4 years.

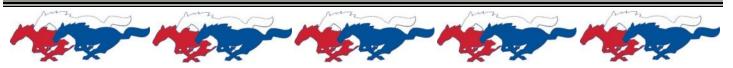
This was a special show for so many of us in so many ways. For me it was the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of my first MCA National, I received a Yellow Grille Medallion for 6T4NHAF and became only the 2<sup>nd</sup> person to have their car achieve Classic Status. For many of you it was your first opportunity to have your car judged at an MCA National. But, for all of us it was a time to remember 9 very special people that we have lost to Cancer since the last MCA National in California. Over the course of three days I was able to introduce my GHMC family to my MCA family, both of which are very special to me.

Friday, day one started bright and early with the first car showing up at 6:15 AM. Manuel Perez is a regular at our Regional show and was looking forward to his first MCA National in the Modified Driven class, he earned a Gold Award in his first attempt. By 8:00 AM when Classification opened there were over 30 cars waiting in double file lanes. MCA and GHMC staff made short order clearing the lanes and parking cars on the showfields. This was no small task for the parking gang as we had 4 separate showfield areas. The large grass field for Judged cars at the East end near the Hampton Inn, the triangle plaza with pie shaped grass pads for Display/FSi cars, the paved parking lot between those two areas for Judged cars, and the Waterfront sidewalk for Judged cars at the triangle plaza. By the time Classification closed at 5:00 PM 70% of the cars had arrived and been parked. Not only that, 39 of them had already been judged thanks to the MCA's early judging program.

Saturday, day two went like clockwork. We had a much shorter line when Classification opened with a smooth flow of cars until it closed at 10:00 with the last car parked by 10:15. At 11:00 sharp the Solano County Sheriff's Honor Guard including GHMC member Dennis Von Ting performed the opening ceremony from the Veterans Hall located in the center of the showfield and it was awesome as usual. With all the cars parked some of our staff got a muchneeded break but the golf carts kept rolling all day distributing water to the judges and participants and collecting completed judging sheets to be turned into the Tally room. At 4:00 awards for the Display/FSI cars were handed out and those cars were allowed to leave early via a separate exit that did not take them through the judged showfield. Registration was closed and the GHMC staff cleared everything out of the Veterans Hall, nobody wanted to be late for the dinner at the Cobra Experience. Barbara Stapleton stepped in for me to lead the Pony Trail from the show to the Cobra Experience as I got the shuttle bus on its way, over a dozen Mustangs cruised over together.

The Cobra Experience Dinner gets a paragraph all to itself and I really don't know how I can capture it in words. Emily and her gang were the perfect hosts and I have her to thank for pulling it all together. The food was excellent, the setting was spectacular, Kevin Marti spoke about the Mustang and how it has created a family of enthusiasts around the world, and Don McEachern absolutely knocked it out of the park with the charity auction! Every Regional club with a National coming up is trying to figure out how to top our dinner.

Sunday, day three was very casual and a great opportunity to check out all the cars. The East end grass showfield was reconfigured for the awards ceremony which started promptly at 11:00 AM. MCA President Steve Prewitt presented the awards to the Conservator and Classic cars followed by me presenting awards for the Judged cars. Once again GHMC set a new



standard with our unique Biggest Little National American Cancer Society and the MCA is sending us Hansen's face when he collected the Gold Award for viewed. We had 140 Judged and 40 Display/FSI cars his 70 Boss 302? Following the awards, the GHMC attend the show and 50% of those cars were first gencleaning the showfield in record time.

they are. We raised a substantial amount for the MCA's statistics for several years to come!

award, it has been lighting up (literally) social media a check which will make it the biggest donation to a since the ceremony! Hey, did you see the look on charity in the history of our club. Details will be an-Discovery Channel's Deadliest Catch Captain Sig nounced proudly once the final tally has been restaff jumped into action moving out the cars and then eration 64-73 Mustangs, a percentage that hasn't been seen at an MCA National in many years. I think it's Since no report is complete without the numbers, here safe to say the Biggest Little National will be skewing



## ATOS FOR ATTISMINE BENEFIT BAT Show

Saturday April 30 was the third annual Autos for Autism car show fundraiser held, for the first time, at the 128 Hall and Kitchen in Winters (128 is the highway that runs from Winters up to Lake Berryessa and beyond). The goal was to raise funds for autism research and programs to help those families who deal with autism.

I have gotten to know the owner of The 128, Maria Annetoinette!, over the last year as a "almost near the border" of Winters resident, so when Maria called me and said their show registrations were lacking and "could I help get some cars from Golden Hills Mustang to participate?" The answer was "Sure!"

I want to thank Terry and Ileine Burke, who brought their Green 1968 Coupe along with the matching Pedal Car, which is always a hit with the youngsters, and my neighbor Ron Boatman, who brought his super sweet maroon 1963 Corvette convertible, and a couple other club members and neighbors who made donations but couldn't bring cars. I brought my Brittany Blue 1967 GT500 Fastback, the (light) Blue Lady, so I guess it was a good turnout as they only had room for about 35 cars. They ended up making about 40 cars (or is it 39 ½ with the pedal car?) fit, so it was a sell-out and a great success!

They had great raffle prizes available and a 50-50 raffle that went well into the thousands for the win-

ner. The Buckhorn BBQ Food truck was also in attendance so good eats were in abundance! The weather was warm sunshine all day, so our ace club photographer Terry was able to capture some very nice photos. Please see the website for more photos.

One final reason I liked this show was there was no participant or spectator voting for this show, which means you can just enjoy the cars and the people you meet, friends old and new, with no deadline to turn in a ballot that's due in 15 minutes and you haven't even started on it yet. We all know that "spectator voting" just turns into a ballot stuffing exercise for those hell-bent on winning a trophy, ask anyone who's attended the Benicia or Budweiser car shows, among others, in the last ten years. So at this show they did have about a half dozen awards, that were only voted on by the show organizers and the local Autism Board of Directors for various things like best paint, interior, engine, etc. And when I was called up at the end for Best of Show, I was really quite surprised because there were some really nice cars and trucks, hot-rods and even some cool "scrapers" or lowriders there! It probably helped that one of the autism staff judges mentioned afterwards that he saw the Gone in 60 Seconds movie with Nicolas Cage about a month prior to the show, so he had "1967 Shelby" fresh on his mind! Let's get more cars out next year, it was a fun show!

(More pictures on page 7)

By Brian Evans









### The Golden Horse Award

The Golden Horse Award is given in recognition of a member who goes "above & beyond" the regular routine of their membership participation. The 2022 Officers and Board of Directors are proud to present this special award to Robin Paulsell in recognition of all of the hard work he put into creating a very successful MCA National Car Show on May 20-22, 2022. Robin began planning this event over 3 years ago. He kept moving forward, even though the pandemic caused scheduling problems - and assistance that was promised by other clubs in our region never materialized. Robin never lost faith that GHMC club members could handle this event.

So, Robin was presented with a special Golden Horse Award (thanks to Cristy Cordeiro) at our General Meeting on May 24, 2022.

OK, Robin... that's twice now!! Thank you for all that you do!

By Sue Calvert





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### Vacaville Fiesta Days Parade

So most of you probably forgot that last year's 2021 Fiesta Days parade was rescheduled from Memorial Day weekend in May to Labor Day weekend in September. We were signed up, paid up and ready to go...and then barely a week prior to the parade they pulled the plug on the entire Fiesta celebration...the events, the concerts, the parade...all of it cancelled. So when this year's Fiesta Days was announced for May, I recalled being told our application and fee would just roll over from last September to the 2022 event. A couple months ago I looked online and this year's entry deadline had already passed. When I called to verify that we were good to go, I was told (in a snarky voice) "Sorry, we changed our mind and you had to reapply, the deadline has passed, and you can't be in the parade!" I thought about her statement and asked her "Do you realize Donnie McEachern is in our club? Do you want me to tell him GHMC can't be in the parade?" (Let me explain further...Bigfoot is still hiding because he once saw Donnie walking in the mountains... and when Donnie cuts onions, the onions cry!) After a short silence the lady said "Sorry sir, I didn't know. Please don't tell him that. Would you like me to schedule you in the early or middle part of the parade?" (This lady didn't want to join MC Hammer who learned the hard way that Donnie can touch whatever he wants!)

To the best of my knowledge, one of the oldest parades in our area takes place as part of Vacaville's annual Fiesta Days celebration every Memorial Day weekend. This celebration of Vacaville's town history, heritage and pride has been held since 1957 in downtown Vacaville, except for the dreaded year 2020 and 2021as mentioned above. I Imagine (John Lennon 1971) the first 1957 Fiesta Days parade had some shiny, brand new Ford Thunderbirds with their state of the art design porthole windows and perhaps some sleek Little Red Corvettes (Prince 1982). Otherwise, the "old cars" in a 1957 parade were probably 1920's and 30's Model A's and T's that were built One Piece at a Time (Johnny Cash 1976). There were probably also Sedans, Roadsters and Hot Rod Lincolns (Commander Cody 1971) that actually had Ford or other original engines (and not cheap Chevy small blocks lol!) Some of the local old-timers I checked with recall seeing a maroon 1939 Mercury 8 Town Sedan with a "for sale" sign on it at one of the early parades... Dream On!

(Aerosmith 1973). So this Fiesta Days event and parade is still going strong 65 years later, and year after year continues to draw large crowds to the Saturday morning parade, cheering on the many parade entrants.

This year was no exception. A cool, cloudy unseasonal 75 degree day was forecasted, which is perfect parade weather! No spewing-over radiators or vapor-locking carburetors on the older classics, and no newer cars showing off their rolled-up windows with frosty A/C blasting! We started the day at our usual meeting spot at the downtown Bank of America parking lot and then once all had arrived, we caravanned over to our assigned waiting area in "our" GHMC "Mustang Sally (Wilson Pickett 1966) alley". Seriously, we've been staged so many years in that alley that the parade committee volunteers year after year refer to it as "Mustang Alley" (in your best Wilson Pickett voice...you got to sloowww that Mustang down... Mus-taaang Alley...)

Unfortunately, this year we only had 10 cars sign up, and three convertibles, Sue Calvert's 2012, Dan McCabe's 1998 Saleen S281, and the Cordeiro's in their 1932 Roadster, had already made commitments to transport some of the Fiesta Queens. The remaining seven Golden Hills Mustang Club cars were decorated in our usual patriotic theme, and we decided to drive single file on the parade route.

After the parade, most of us went out for lunch at Fenton's Ice Cream Creamery, where we have enjoyed lunch in prior years. Other than the lower turnout, it was an enjoyable time conversing with friends and sharing pictures taken at the parade.

I'd like to thank club members Pete and Lisa Mitsopoulis, Sally Wright, Bill Davis, Donnie and Lynne McEachern, Ron Normandin and the three convertible owners mentioned above for joining me and making a great showing at this parade, supporting our community and celebrating Vacaville's heritage!

by Brian Evans

See pictures on next page and on our website www.goldenhillsmustangclub.com







### Annual Car Display & BBQ

June 18<sup>th</sup>
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
50/50 Drawing with proceeds going to:
Canine Guardian Assistance Dogs in Napa
\* Come see the Assistance Dogs in training \*

All Classic Cars Welcome: Mustangs, Cruisers, Model A's & Hot Rods



50/50 Drawing at 1:00 p.m. (tickets are \$5 each or 3 tickets for \$10)







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### ANNUAL WILL G. WOOD CAR SHOW

After 2 years off because of Covid, the Auto Shop class at Vacaville's Will C. Wood High School once again hosted their lunch time Auto Show. It is always on the first Friday in May and only lasts for a few hours. The Golden Hills Mustang Club has supported this show since it started and we were very pleased to see it return. They had around 60 cars and trucks on display and we got a chance to speak to our future generation about own-

ing and caring for our Mustangs. We got a lot of great questions and of course some wanted a closer look as you can see in the pictures. One student was so excited to see Terry's "Bullitt Green" Mustang and asked to take a picture with his Bullitt.

Thank You to Terry Burke, Jim Derby, Robert Schuette and Dan McCabe for sharing their Mustangs. Hope to see more members next May.

By Dan McCabe





### CONGRATULATIONS



Austin Bauer, son of GHMC members Perry & Michelle Bauer, grandson of Terry & Ileine Burke, & brother of Shelby Bozarth and Ryan Bauer, graduated from Vanden High on June 4. 2022.

Austin has been a Fire Explorer with the City of Fair-field and will soon be taking courses to become a full fledge firefighter.

Congratulations, Bauer family!

Riku York, son of GHMC members, David & Miyuki York and brother of Emma York graduated from Will C. Wood High School on June 3, 2022.

We don't know Riku's plans beyond High School but we know he will make his family happy! They are very proud of this accomplishment.

Congratulations, York Family!





### \*\* UPCOMING EVENTS \*\* ALL FUTURE EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE Jun 4 Cobra Day Car Show on at the Cobra Experience in Martinez Jun 5 **DVMA Streets of Brentwood Car Show Jun 18** Saturday, Napa Ford Display and BBQ 10:00 am to 3:00pm Jun 23 - 26 Annual Camping Trip to Lake Francis. Brian Evans, Chair Please see email for details **Jun 28** GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's , 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia Jul 3 Benicia Torch Light Parade—watch email for details Fairfield 4th of July Parade and BBQ - watch email for details Jul 4 **Jul 16** Saturday, Grillin & Chillin, Dixon Jul 20-24 Jet Boat Ride & Back to the 50's show in Grants Pass Oregon with Napa Valley Cruisers GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd, Cordelia **Jul 26** Aug 19 Main Street Reunion Show & Shine—5:00pm to 8:30 pm limit 150 cars pre-'76 Aug 20 Main Street Reunion Napa Downtown Association, 10am to 3pm, pre '76 cars only GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia Aug 23

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>





MICHAEL & JOI ANN MEKHALIAN VALLEJO, CA 1969 FASTBACK, RAVEN BLACK





### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

#### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6/1 Paige Paulsell
- 6/3 Norma McCabe
- 6/3 Mike McCalmont
- 6/4 Liz Normandin
- 6/5 Susan Breslin
- 6/5 Joey Holecek
- 6/5 Alexia Robinson
- 6/8 Mason Sturgeon
- 6/9 Angie Markle
- 6/10 Jason Richard Marz (Pickerina)
- 6/10 Peter Mitsopoulos
- 6/11 Terry Scott
- 6/12 Shannon Hodgers
- 6/12 Pat Sivigliano
- 6/17 Tammy Robinette
- 6/20 Eli Prado (Pickering)

- 6/20 Connor Wiederspahn
- 6/20 Vincent Wiederspahn
- 6/22 Drake Wilson
- 6/23 Suzanne Freitas
- 6/23 Dean Laroski (Pickering)
- 6/26 Mari Haran
- 6/26 Logan Sturgeon
- 6/30 Hilmar Walter

#### JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7/6 Dianne Quick
- 7/7 Meagan Gallegos
  - (Pickering)
- 7/7 Scott Paulin
- 7/8 Joel Edelmann
- 7/10 Miki Leathers
- 7/11 Robert Fentress
- 7/11 Brenda Romero
- 7/12 Delilah Wilson

- 7/16 Kathy Pickering
- 7/19 Tammy Holecek
- 7/20 Isaac Bozarth
- 7/20 Ron Myska
- 7/21 John Herman
- 7/21 Joe Holecek
- 7/25 Bill Herman
- 7/26 Greg Pretti
- 7/26 Heidi Wilson
- 7/30 Karen Shepard
- 7/31 Cindy Bramlett
- 7/31 Dick Cartwright
- 7/31 George Pezzolo



PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYONE!



May was a very quiet month for Sunshine, so no cards were sent.

- Lisa Mitsopoulos was at the monthly meeting. She looks really good and is feeling much better after recuperating from her surgery.
- 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 or email You can also email GHMC Info at

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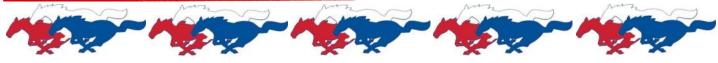
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