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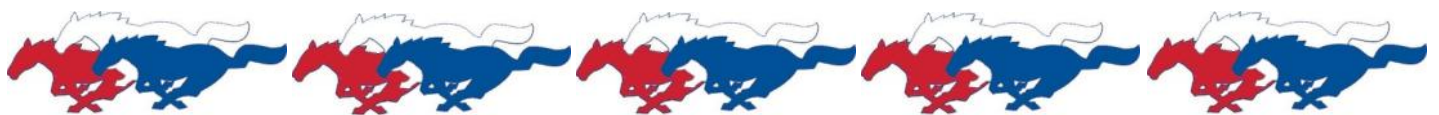
NOVEMBER 2022

## GHMC GETS SPOOKY



## TRUNK or TREAT 2022

“A good time was had by 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.

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.

# 2022

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# Moving Forward

By President Sue Calvert



Happy November, Everyone!

It's so hard to believe that this year is winding down already. We had a jam-packed October – with lots of fun events. We had a fantastic turn-out for the General Meeting and took nominations for your Officers and Board Members in 2023. Please be sure to return your ballots by November 15th – or bring them to the General Meeting on November 22nd. That meeting will be eventful and our raffle will, once again, feature homemade crafts as the raffle prizes. We had a lot of fun with a similar raffle in September and really helped our Scholarship Fund.

We have one more important community event before we start thinking about the holidays...and that is the Veteran's Day Parade on Friday, 11/11/22. Brian Evans will be organizing the parade once again this year, so please watch your email for all of the details. I'm proud of our club members for strongly supporting all branches of the military.

The very next week we will indeed be thinking about the holidays! Our Annual Toy Drive is on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 19th. We will be partnering with the CHiPs for KIDS to provide toys for less fortunate children in Solano County. Judy Davis is again offering her Real Estate office as a drop-off place and has taken out advertisements in the local newspapers and on social media. Please watch for them and share with your friends. We would love to get

the community involved again this year. You can drop the toys off at Judy's office any week day between 9:00am and 1:00pm or bring them on Saturday the 19th. (See add below.) The Napa Valley Cruisers will also have their CHiPs for KIDS event at the Napa Fosters Freeze on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 26th

Lastly, please be safe on the roads as (hopefully) the rainy season approaches. Check those tires, brakes and windshield wipers and please be extra careful with the upcoming time change.

See you soon!

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**November 19, 2022**  
**10am to 2pm**

**CHP TOY DRIVE**

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throughout Solano County**





# GORDON VALLEY FIRE DEPT CAR SHOW

By Brian Evans



Sunday, October 2nd was the 10th annual (minus 2020-21) Gordon Valley Volunteer Fire Department Car Show held at their station out in rural Gordon Valley, a few miles beyond Mankas Corner. I have attended all of these shows since the very first one, which I recall

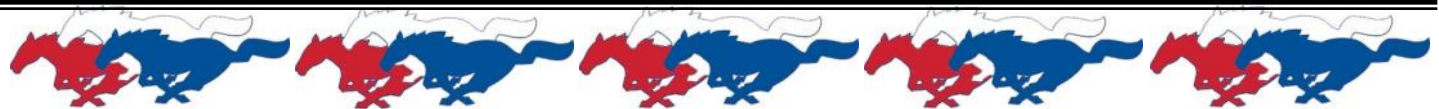
was chaired by Bill Banovitz (a fellow fireman) in his Boss 429. Also attending that first show were Kirk Stafford in his '65 Fastback and the late Bob Loya in his '68 California Special. The four of us started a tradition of showing up a little early to get those 5-6 spots right in front of the fire station rollup doors...which was front and center on the "show field" (fancy term for asphalt parking lot)! This show has a capacity for only 40 cars, and during the heyday before Covid, used to sell out a month early as word had spread about what a great show they put on.

This year I was notified by one of the GVFD car show staffers in ~mid-September that they only had about 25 cars signed up, so a plea was made at our September general meeting, and we got a very good turnout from our club. I brought the 1967 Blue Lady and displayed my newly acquired Carroll Shelby six bottle collector wine set on the fold-down rear seat deck, complete with a picture of a car very, very similar to mine! (Thanks Donnie!). I was joined by Jerry and Cyndy in their '69 Mach 1; Dan McCabe in his '69 Sportsroof; Donnie and Lynn-ie in their '65 Truck; Dan & Cristy in their '32 Hot Rod; Yvonne Westberg in her '1940 Ford Hot Rod; Pat, Frank & Drew brought their '65 Fastback, '68 Fastback & '67 Coupe; and Terry & Ileine brought their '68 Coupe. Although we didn't get the "fire station door" spaces, most of us were able to park near each other in the upper lot. So that made 10 Golden Hills Mustang member cars out of the approximate 40 cars in attendance...fourth grade math tells me that's about one in four or 25%! Good job GHMC!

Noticeably absent was Gil Baumgartner, our club founder and long-time Gordon Valley resident, who would usually bring one of his vintage Thunderbirds.

Gil and his family were busy doing a family move that weekend. Kirk Stafford and Cheryl helped the car show committee with some of the planning and attended but didn't bring a car. The voting this year was simple, it was "peer judging" where only the car owners could vote, and for just ONE car (besides your own) that was your favorite. This was a refreshing change as it combats the notorious "ballot stuffers" who somehow only feel good about themselves for winning a trophy after voting for their own car multiple times! A vintage Camaro "restomod" with a modern drivetrain and all the bells and whistles was the winner this year. My favorites were probably the '57 white Thunderbird (which reminded me of Suzanne Somers in American Graffiti), complete with a period-correct vintage suitcase in the trunk with all of Suzanne's personal necessities on display; and long-time Solano County car dealer Avery Greene's GMC truck rescued from the Prescott Ridge, AZ Silver Spurs Ranch!

This car show is one of the volunteer fire department's main fundraisers and has always been held the first Sunday in October if you want to plan for 2023. And it's right here in our backyard in Suisun Valley/Gordon Valley! I hope just as many or more GHMC members can attend next year's show. To summarize, you will enjoy cool cars of all makes and eras, a better-than-your-average-car-show-catered-lunch/BBQ, beverages, beer and wine, more cars, and most importantly, camaraderie with fellow enthusiasts!





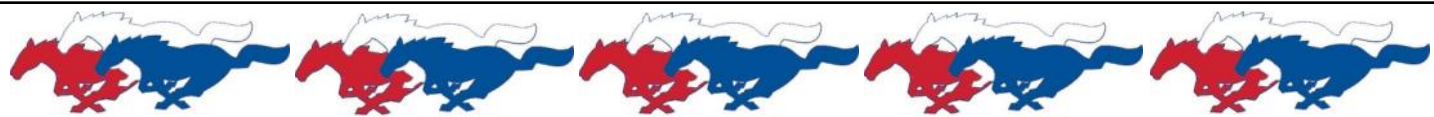


# GVMC ELECTION INFORMATION

**Ballots Are on the Way!**  
**Check your Mailbox**

*Ballots mailed to P.O. Box 497, Fairfield, CA 94533*

***MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 21, 2022 in order to count  
or they can be brought to the November General Meeting on Nov. 22, 2022.***





# Ron DuPratt Trunk or Treat

October 22, 2022

Ron DuPratt Ford held their annual Trunk or Treat on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and once again asked GHMC to bring cars for the display. They had been doing a lot of advertising and wanted as many Mustangs as they could get for everyone to see, so I contacted the SAMC and CMA to see if they wanted to help out. This year instead of grilling burgers and hot dogs DuPratt was bringing in a Taco Truck to provide a free lunch for everyone, the food was excellent too! The weather was great and so was the turnout with a total of 15 GHMC Mustangs including 1 from new member Cesar Garcia that joined at the event. SAMC brought 7

Mustangs and CMA brought 3, add those and a couple of local Mustang owners to our GHMC cars for a total of 25 Mustangs which made an impressive display. We also got a very nice custom Ranchero from the Napa Valley Cruisers. Although a little slow in the morning, traffic picked up in the afternoon with a good number of kids in costume picking candy from the bowls in front of all the cars. The kids and their parents got a big kick out of all the decorated cars. A good time was had by all and we're looking forward to next year's event.

By Robin Paulsell





# Stangz Across the Straits XI

October 29, 2022

by Robin Paulsell



**Stangz Across the Straits XI the Final Chapter!** This year's Spooktacular Halloween Edition will be the last and the end of an era so I thought I would reminisce a little. The event began in 2011 as a cruise from Crockett on the south side of the Carquinez Straits to a private car collection in Richmond and then to lunch at the Boiler House restaurant in the old Richmond Ford factory. The second year we went to tour the USS Iowa Battleship in Richmond and back to the Boiler House. Year three brought a change from the cruise to a 3-stage road rally hosted from my shop East Bay Classics in Crockett with a catered lunch at the shop after the rally. This proved to be very popular, so we stuck with the format through 2018. After taking office as an MCA National Director in 2019 I stopped putting on the event due to the time and financial commitments of the office. The event was resurrected for October 2020 after the

Covid pandemic put a stop to all public gatherings for most of the year. With the move from February to October we took the opportunity to add a Halloween costume contest. Over the 11 years the event has had participation from as few as 11 and as many as 47 cars, with as few as 25 and as many as 100 participants. We have raised over \$5000 for charities and collected hundreds of pounds of food for area food banks. I'm a little sad this year was our last but it's time to move on to something else. I'm proud of all we have accomplished and could not have done it without the help of the many volunteers we've had over the years.

On to this year's event, after a driver's meeting 18 cars were staged and sent off in 1-minute intervals on the first of three stages. Stage 1 went from Crockett to Port Costa and Martinez on the backroads to checkpoint 1 near Briones Regional Park. Stage 2 was a scenic loop around Briones Regional





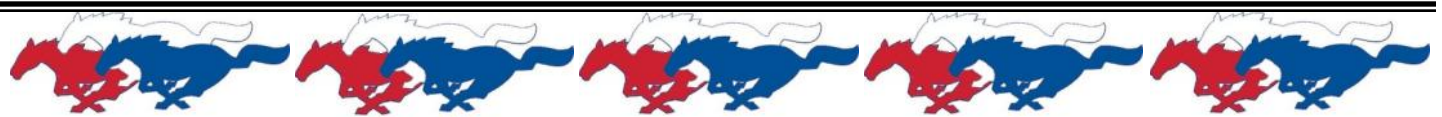
# Stangz Across the Straits XI cont.

Park including downtown Orinda and the backroads of Pleasant Hill to checkpoint 2 (same location as checkpoint 1). Stage 3 continued back down Alhambra Valley to Pinole and then back on the old Lincoln Highway to Crockett with views of the Carquinez Straits and Napa River before ending at East Bay Classics for the lunch, awards ceremony, and costume contest. Lunch was catered by Shaw's Texas Style BBQ and the food was delicious as always. Now it was time to announce the costume, stage, and the overall winners. Congratulations to Mark & Sherri Pastor who won the costume contest dressed as Winefred

& Billy from Hocus Pocus, Greg & Tina Nies winners of Stage 1, Curt Stewart winner of Stage 2, Greg Pretti and Darryl Ott winners of Stage 3, and the Overall winners Dan & Norma McCabe. Dan and Norma, who have participated in 8 of the 11 events and 6 of the 9 rallies had never won so I was super excited to see them take home the top award for the final event.

Thanks to all those who have participated throughout the 11 years, it has been a great pleasure to put on the event!

by Robin Paulsell





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**AT THIS YEAR'S  
GHMC  
CHRISTMAS  
PARTY**

**WE WILL CELEBRATE  
THE CLUB'S 40TH  
ANNIVERSARY.**

**THE COMMITTEE IS  
HARD AT WORK PLAN-  
NING LOTS OF FUN AND  
SURPRISES FOR GHMC  
MEMBERS IN GOOD  
STANDING  
HOPE TO SEE  
YOU THERE!**

**INVITATIONS  
TO THE GHMC  
CHRISTMAS  
PARTY  
ARE IN THE MAIL**



**PLEASE CHECK  
YOUR MAILBOX  
AND RSVP BY  
NOV 29TH**



**HAPPY NEWS?**

**DOES ANYONE HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?**

**It is always great to share some happy news, especially during difficult. 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](mailto:nrmccabe@gmail.com)**





# ★★ UPCOMING EVENTS ★★



**ALL FUTURE EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE**

Nov 11	Friday, 11-11-22, Fairfield Veterans Parade - Brian Evans, Ch. Watch email for details
Nov 19	Saturday, November 19 <sup>th</sup> GHMC Toy Drive - Judy Davis, Ch. Watch email for details
Nov 22	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia
Dec 10	Saturday, GHMC Christmas Party, Napa Elks Lodge— Invitations are mailed .CHECK MAILBOX . RSVP by November 29th.
Dec 17	Wreaths Across America. Watch email for details.
DEC 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS
Dec 27	NO GENERAL MEETING
JAN 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR
Jan ?	GHMC Annual Breakfast—TBA
Jan 24	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia

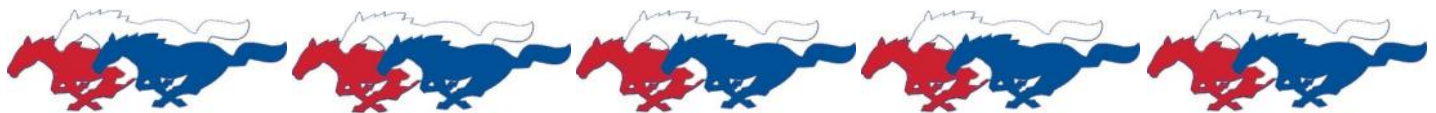
*NOTE: If you sign up to attend a GMHC event but cannot attend, please notify the event chairperson ASAP.  
If you need contact information, please email: [info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com](mailto:info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com)*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**Paul & Alice Troxell**  
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2017 GT, Magnetic

**Cesar & Brandy Gomez**  
Fairfield, CA  
2016 Coupe, Ruby Red





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/1 Ian Isaacson  
11/4 Marlon Markle  
11/6 Alan Keezer  
11/6 Cheryl Stafford  
11/7 Kathryn Irwin  
11/13 Bob Haran  
11/15 Margie Bates  
11/16 Lisa Pfeifer  
11/20 Kevin Onesko  
11/23 Brian Evans  
11/27 Monika Bielka-Vescovi  
11/28 Dan Cordeiro

## 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



PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYONE!

# **Sunshine Corner**

This has been another quiet month , which is a good thing.

- ❁ A sympathy card was sent to Marlon & Angie Markel for the loss of their therapy dog. Reggie. We are so sorry for your loss.
- ❁ 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](mailto:info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com) for contact information.



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MEETS THE 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT:

SEE YOU AT



7:30 p.m.

**Denny's Cordelia**  
**304 Pittman Rd.**  
**Cordelia, CA 94534**

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 22nd**

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Happy  
Thanksgiving

