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GHMC ends the summer show season with a variety of fun shows and events. See the following pages for more pictures and some great articles. If you would like to plan an event or write an article to be featured in an issue of Pony Tales, please contact the McCabes! (See phone list on page 2) Dan will be happy to help you schedule your event and Norma will be glad to accept your article for the newsletter.

CLUB PURPOSE

The Golden Hills Mustang Club, established in 1982, is a nonprofit organization, the pur of which is to promote the admiration, ow ship, care and maintenance of the Ford Mus Automobile - regardless of model year.

The club provides a social group for its m bers whereby they can meet, socialize and m tain a spirit of good fellowship, and participa activities including the use of their Mustang.

The club serves as a medium for the exchange of ideas, information and parts, and is dedic to furthering the interest of owners and dri of the Ford Mustang.

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Happy Autumn Everyone!

The morning chill is in the air and the warm afternoons are upon us. There are still lots of events coming up, so please be sure to check the calendar of events in this issue!

One event that everyone looks forward to is the Trunk & Treat at Ron DuPratt Ford. This year it will be held on Saturday, October 22nd. I'm hoping we have nice weather for our little goblins who love to raid our candy bowls! Watch your email for details as they become available.

I want to thank everyone who attended our last General Membership meeting on September 27th! We had a packed house and there were some amazing home-made raffle prizes. We brought in a lot of money for our Scholarship fund...so, Thank You!!

Don't forget that nominations for the 2023 Officers and Board of Directors will take place at the

October General Meeting on October 25th. If you would like to be a part of our wonderful Board of Directors, please be sure to attend the meeting. If you would like to run for a position but are unable to attend the meeting – simply get in touch with me or any of our current board members and we'll take it from there!

Please review the "job descriptions" shown in this issue of Pony Tales. It's fun and rewarding to be a part of the decision-making crew for our club!

I hope to see everyone soon!!

Sue



DID YOU PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

2022 IS ALMOST OVER AND A FEW PAYMENTS ARE *PAST DUE*! A Big Thank You to those who have already paid, however you won't get an Invitation to the Christmas party or a Ballot to vote if you are not current. 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 our 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 using the email : <u>membership@goldenhillsmustangclub.com</u>

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



9th Annual Ball Metal Car and Motorcycle SchoolSeptember 10, 2022.Supply Drive Car Showby Peter Mitsopoulos

Ball Metal in Fairfield California, hosted their 9th Annual School Supply Drive Car Show on September 10, 2022. The show was a huge success, bringing in more school supplies than ever before, so much so that they ran out of storage bins for the school supplies.

Over 200 cars, trucks and motorcycles attended the show, with hundreds more spectators. There were amazing handmade trophies that were created by the employees of Ball Metal, and local car clubs. The Solano County Sheriff, and Solano CHP were also there displaying their vehicles and recruiting for potential new team members.

Students from the School of Rock in Vacaville provided entertainment for the crowd, and food vendors Patty's Eats N Treats and Baby O's Donuts were on hand to satisfy your hunger.

Next year's show is scheduled for September 9, 2023, see you there.



Mustangs at the Marriott September 17, 2022 by Robin Paulsell

This has become one of my favorite Regional MCA Club shows, hosted by the Sacramento Area Mustang Club (SAMC) at the Marriott Hotel in Rancho Cordova. This year they registered 212 cars but with some no shows ended up with a shade under 200. There was a big turnout of Gen 1 (64-73) Mustangs, they overflowed the parking area laid out for them displacing several of the Gen 4 cars. Last year I had the only Gen 2 Mustang II there but this time 4 showed up and they were all Coupes. Gen 3 Foxbodies also had a good turnout with 6 total including my 89 GT Convertible. Like our show this is an all-Ford show so there were plenty of other Ford, Lincoln, and Mercury models for everyone to see, even a rarely seen Mercury Pickup. I dubbed the Gen 5 row of Mustangs President's Row when I discovered DVMA President Harry Davis's 2006 Coupe was parked next to our own GHMC President Sue Calvert's 2012 Convertible.

This was the debut show for Project 89 (AKA The World's Most Expensive Foxbody) and I was pleasantly surprised to find out the cars were going to be judged instead of the usual participant choice format. Judging was performed by the local Mopar club and was based only on cleanliness and workmanship including the trunks but excluding the undercarriage. All of my hard work getting Project 89 ready for the Biggest Little National paid off and I was rewarded with a Best in Class for Modified Foxbody.

Brenda and I had a great time, we got to see many old friends and make many new ones. We will definitely be back next year!





The Rowland Freedom Center is a nonprofit military and aviation museum located at the Nut Tree airport. I was contacted by one of the docents a few weeks ago and he told me of their plans to put on their first "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" car show on Saturday 9/24. He invited our club and asked me to spread the word. After talking to our members about this event and having Peter spread the word on social media sites, we ended up with a nice showing of cars. The museum itself is extremely interesting and the exhibits are very well done. The show ran a little too long and I know the museum volunteers look forward to making some positive changes for next year's show. All in all, their event was very successful! Sixty cars and hundreds of visitors came to the museum that day.

I would like to thank Peter & Lisa Mitsopoulos, Bill & Judy Davis, Donnie & Lynne McEachern, Dennis and Nicole von Ting and Joe Holecek for attending this event with me.

By Sue Calvert



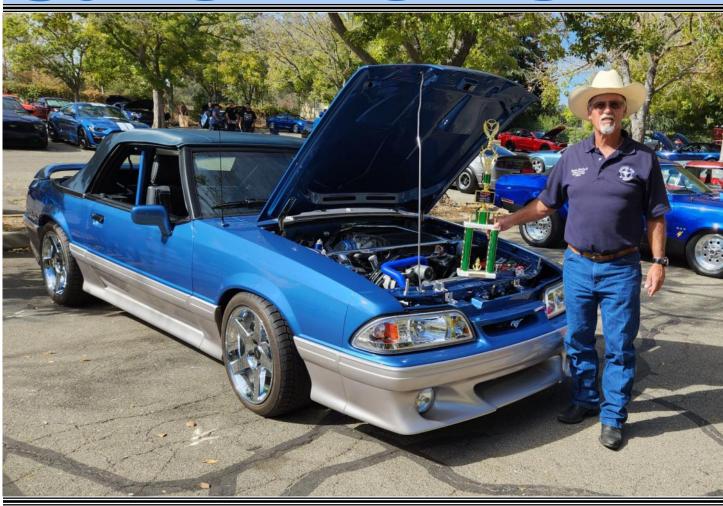


This was our first time at this Regional MCA Club show hosted by the Central Valley Mustang Club (CVMC) at the California 9/11 Memorial in Clovis. This is an all makes and models show with around 150 cars in attendance. I took 6T4NHAF my 64 ¹/₂ Vintage Burgundy Coupe and Paige took PAGS PNY her 65 Rangoon Red Coupe. We parked together with 8 more cars from the California Mustang Association make for a nice row of Mustangs. Since my car has moved to the Classic class in the MCA this was the first time since the Biggest Little National Paige and I were able to together and use our showboards, it made for a very popular display. The opening ceremony included a prayer, recital of the Pledge of Allegiance, VFW Color Guard, live singing of the National Anthem, and even a flyover by the Clovis PD Helicopter complete with a siren. Throughout the day there were ceremonies honoring area Law Enforcement Officers that had lost their life in the line of duty. All of the area law enforcement and fire agencies had equipment on display, there were lots of local vendors, a pancake breakfast, and plenty of food vendors.

Paige and I had a great time, we got to see many old friends and make many new ones. 6T4NHAF even brought home a Best in Class Award!



Carofthe Month



ROBIN PAULSELL'S PROJECT 89

So what is Project 89? Project 89 began life as an ordinary 1989 Mustang GT Convertible in very tired condition. In early July 2017 I was contacted by Dan McCabe that one of our GHMC club members needed some help. Jacqueline McCalmont's car had broken down and was sitting at a garage in Vacaville, it needed to be moved quickly so they didn't incur any storage fees as the repair (diagnosed blown head gasket on the right side) was going to be expensive and they weren't sure the car was worth the costs. I picked up the car and brought it back to my shop East Bay Classics for storage until the McCalmonts could decide what they wanted to do. After a few days Mike decided they wanted to sell the car, something that would be hard to do when it didn't run, had minor body damage, needed a complete interior, and needed a new top. They really didn't want the car to be scrapped and neither did I, so we struck a deal and Project 89 was born.

With over 150,000 miles on the car there was no question the engine needed to come out for at least a top end overhaul. Af-





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ter pulling the engine and disassembling it we discovered both head gaskets were blown and much worse, two of the pistons were burned and the cylinder walls were scored. The engine would now be a complete rebuild which completely changed my plans for the car. I decided to build a car that would showcase the shops abilities, a high horsepower CARB legal, Modified MCA show car. With the engine off to the machine shop I began formulating a plan for the modifications and gathering parts. This was going to be a long process since my crew, and I could only work on it during our minimal free time between customers cars.



Step 1 was removing the front bodywork, suspension, and steering. Then the entire front end and subframe was prepped and painted in Bright Regatta Blue Metallic to match the exterior. The original AOD transmission was also sent out for a complete rebuild and upgrade to handle the additional planned horsepower.

Step 2 was installing the new front suspension with BMR adjustable tubular lower control arms, Eibach lowering springs and struts, massive Eibach sway bar, and new steering rack. BBK adjustable top strut mounts and brace were also installed. For the rear the standard traction lock axle was removed, converted to disc brakes, changed from 3.0 gear to 3.55, painted, and a Drake Girdle cover plate was installed. BMR adjustable upper and lower tubular control arms were installed with Eibach lowering springs and shocks along with a Eibach sway bar.

Step 3 was the drive train starting with reassembling the engine after it came back from the machine shop. I selected the Trick-Flow complete CARB compliant engine kit designed to make 370 HP when used with tuned headers and a 70MM throttle body. The kit included their Twisted Wedge aluminum heads, Wiseco forged pistons, roller cam, and roller rockers. I added Eagle forged steel rods for extra strength and a Melling high flow oil pump in the bottom end, then topped it off with Trick-Flow upper and lower intake manifold, aluminum valve covers, BBK throttle body, BBK cold air intake, MSD distributor, and a high flow water pump. The engine was mated to the rebuilt AOD transmission, then installed and connected to the rear end with a rebuilt heavy-duty driveshaft. The exhaust was handled with BBK tuned headers followed by MagnaFlow SS 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " high flow cats and complete exhaust, again all CARB legal.

Step 4 was handled by Rolf Fabrication out at Sonoma Raceway where the custom 6 point roll bar was fabricated and installed. Rolf also welded in the subframe connectors to stiffen the chassis.



Step 5 was back in house where the roll bar was painted Regatta Blue Metallic and then the body work began. Cracks were found in both door frames that required welding and additional plates to stiffen the metal, this is a common problem with Foxbody convertibles since they began life as coupes and are modified. The rear deck lid required considerable work to remove the factory luggage rack and install the Cervini Cobra style spoiler which was modified to fit perfectly. The quarter panel wheel openings were modified to clear the larger 17X9 wheels and minor body damage repaired. The stock GT rear bumper and rear skirts were replaced with a Cervini Cobra rear bumper and skirts which was modified for a closer and tighter fit to the body. The front fenders were clearenced for the 17X9 wheels, had minor body damage repaired, and were then installed so the Cervini Cobra side skirts, Cobra Stalker nose, and Ram Air hood could be fitted. The side skirts were modified and bonded onto the side of the car and front fenders in 2 pieces so the fenders could be removed for paint. The nose was modified heavily to provide better fit and tighter gaps and the hood required major bodywork to fix wavey spots and get the gaps right. Once all the body mods were complete the panels went through 3 stages of block sanding before disassembly and paint. With bodywork completed the painting began, the fenders, bumpers, hood, trunk lid, and spoiler were all painted off the car. After everything was painted the car was reassembled, then color sanded and buffed.

Step 6. With all of the mechanical, body, and paint completed the car was now solely in my hands to complete the top, interior, and trunk. Since I had never replaced a convertible top on



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a Foxbody I called my retired interior mentor Milad to help me install the new Robbins Cadet Blue vinyl top. While I fitted the new carpet around the roll bar my body shop crew modified the rear quarter panel covers fiberglassing over the seat belt openings, speaker grills, and arm rest slots. TMI made custom Mach 1 style door panels for me and I sewed up some matching covers for the quarter panel covers. I fabricated the rear seat delete to fit around the roll bar tubes and covered it with matching carpet. The kick panels were cut and fitted around the roll bar tube, then painted. The center console was modified by removing the arm rest and ash tray, then cup holders and multiple power ports were added, a B&M Rachet shifter was installed, and the console repainted. The final interior touch was to install the leather and suede Corbeau racing seats with 4point seat belt harness. For the trunk I installed matching carpet and then hand fabricated front and side panels out of aluminum and covered them with foam and vinyl that matched the interior panels.

This couldn't have happened without my dedicated shop crew Ken, Jose, and Clive, or the help from Greg, Paige, and Brenda when I needed a hand. After 5 years, 450 hours of bodywork and paint, 200 hours of mechanical work, and 100 hours of interior work Project 89 (aka "The World's Most Expensive Fox-

body") was finally done. I had hoped to have the car completed for the MCA National but couldn't make it, the car debuted at the Sacramento Area Mustang Club car show and received Best of Class. I hope the McCalmonts like what I've done with their family car!

By Robin Paulsell







It's that time of year again!

Election time is near and we need to find out who would like to run for office or board position. The board is made up of four elected officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer), the outgoing President, and not less than three, nor more than six members in good standing (current dues paid). Any member in good standing who would like to participate in the management of the club is encouraged to add their name to the ballot. If you are interested in running for office and cannot attend the October meeting, please call President Sue Calvert (see page 2) so that your name can be added to the ballot. Remember, no experience is needed, just willingness to help the club and lots of Mustang spirit! Nominations will be presented at the October General Meeting and nominations will also be taken from the floor at that time. If you want to be nominated for a position and cannot attend the October meeting, please notify the president.

The ballot will be mailed to you in early November and you can either mail it to the P.O. Box or bring it to the November General Meeting.

The following list explains the duties of each office:

- ★ President: Presides over club meetingsboard & general (calls meetings to order; announces sequence of business to be discussed; recognizes members entitled to the floor, calls for motions on any questions when necessary, adjourns the meetings, and delegates duties as needed, including the handling of club correspondence), and signs all contracts or other instruments or writing approved by the Board of Directors.
- ★ Vice-President: Presides over club meetings -board and general- in the absence of the

President; (see President), maintains the club calendar, and is the contact member for members interested in chairing club activities.

- ★ Secretary: Keeps a record (minutes) of club meetings-board and general; maintains a club roster (unless another officer or board member is assigned to do so); keeps record books of club by-laws and minutes; as well as any amendments thereto, and any other significant reports; prepares and mails election ballots; may prepare an agenda for each meeting if so requested by the president; prepares/ responds to club correspondence as directed; and performs other duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors.
- ★ Treasurer: Handles club funds (receipts and deposits); balances the club checking account records with the bank account statement monthly; makes a financial report to the membership each month regarding income and expenditures, collects membership dues and other income; handles the sale of club t-shirts; attempts to collect on dishonored checks received by the club; and makes disbursements as authorized by the board.
- ★ Our club provides an MCA membership to all officers during their term
- ★ Any combination of officers may be required to sign checks for disbursements made from the club account.
- ★ At least two officers hold a key to the club mail box and are responsible for collecting mail.



	** UPCOMING EVENTS **
	ALL FUTURE EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE
Oct 7+8	Cruisin Suisun: Friday Car Cruise, Saturday Car Show Register @SUISUN.RECDESK.COM
Oct 12	Wednesday, October 12 th North Bay Stand Down, Contact bill Davis to sign up.
Oct 14-16	Sacramento International Auto Show, Cal Expo - Postponed
Oct 22	Trunk or Treat, Ron DuPratt Ford, Dixon Watch email for details.
Oct 25	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia
Oct 29	Stangz Across the Straits XI - Halloween Edition - 10:00 am , East Bay Classics, Crockett Contact Robin Paulsell to sign up.
Nov 11	Friday, 11-11-22, Fairfield Veterans Parade - Brian Evans, Ch. Watch email for details
Nov 19	Saturday, November 19 th 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—Watch snail mail for invitation

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>





Ron & Olivia Pippert Napa, CA 1968 GT/CS Coupe, Gulf Stream Aqua

Allen (Gene) & Ruth Tapia El Sobrante, CA 1966 Fastback White/Blue





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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS	10/26 Kathy Loya	11/20 Kevin Onesko
10/3 Jerry Williams	10/27 Antonio Williams	11/23 Brian Evans
10/4 Sally Walter	10/29 Robin Paulsell	11/27 Monika Bielka-Vescovi
10/6 Paulette Rand	NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS	11/28 Dan Cordeiro
10/6 Liz Tunac	11/1 Ian Isaacson	11/28 Evan Robinson
10/6 Jeremy Wiederspahn	11/2 Kim Paulin	4
10/8 Nick Loya	11/4 Seth Custis	💧 😤 👲
10/11 Charles Shepard	11/4 Marlon Markle	
10/13 Victoria Joines	11/6 Alan Keezer	MARRIN
10/14 Tommy Irwin	11/6 Cheryl Stafford	C. C. C. C. C. C.
10/16 Bradley Freitas	11/7 Kathryn Irwin	ALALA MINATAL
10/18 James Sturgeon	11/7 Jessica Robinson	
10/21 Kitty Brevig	11/13 Bob Haran	
10/24 Thomas Williamson	11/15 Margie Bates	A
10/25 Peggy Concepcion	11/16 Lisa Pfeifer	
10/26 Brandon Leathers	11/19 Isabella Schneider	

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYONE!



This month has been quiet, which is a good thing. Cards were sent to the following members:

- A Thinking of You card was sent to Frank and Pat Lopezano regarding their house fire.
- A Get Well card was sent to Dennis Von Ting for his shoulder 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 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 <u>info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com</u> for contact information.



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MEETS THE 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT:



7:30 p.m. Denny's Cordelia 304 Pittman Rd. Cordelia, CA 94534

NEXT MEETING Tuesday, Oct. 25th

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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: <u>nrmccabe@gmail.com</u>

