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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
LITTLE PONY CAR



The #1 song on April 17th, 1964 was "Can't Buy Me Love" - by the Beatles and that was what Americans tried to do as they ordered over 22,000 Mustangs that very first day. That was just the beginning of America's Love Affair with the pretty little pony car.

Ford had been building up the unveiling for several weeks, only showing snippets of the design, but NBC viewers got a sneak preview on April 16th when the comedy show, Hazel (sponsored by Ford), showed the Baxter family driving the car out to dinner. This picture is a screen shot from a YouTube video of the show. According to historians this may be the very first time the Mustang was shown on TV and I'm sure we won't see the last time it is shown for a very long time.

Read more about the Mustang's Birthday on page 7



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.

2023

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Moving Forward

By President Sue Calvert



Hi Everyone!

Well, it certainly looks like “April Showers will bring (LOTS of) May Flowers!” What a Winter this has been! I know we’re all ready for some warmer temperatures and dry days. The good news is that we should have plenty of water this summer. That’s a good thing – since our Biggest Little Car Show happens at the Suisun City Waterfront Park! It’s hard to believe that our show is just about 8 weeks away. I hope everyone is thinking about where they can donate some time and energy to making this show another success! I’ll be managing the drawing this year and I’m always looking for special items that will support our charity.

I hope this aerial view from 2021 helps to get everyone in the mood for a great car show!

Please watch your emails for announcements of car show meetings coming up in the next few weeks.

I hope everyone has a Happy Easter – no matter how you choose to celebrate. Come on, Spring! We’re ready for you now!

~ Sue Calvert



IT'S TIME TO PAY FOR 2023

A Big Thank You to those who have already paid, however about 1/4 of our members are still NOT in good standing on April 1st. Please pay now to keep getting your emails and newsletters. If you are unsure if you have paid, please write to me (Norma McCabe) at: membership@goldenhillsmustangclub.com

If you would like to send your check in the mail there is an application on our website and in this issue, 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 :

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 Well and hope to see you soon!

Norma McCabe



Eccentric Car Club Show

By Sue Calvert

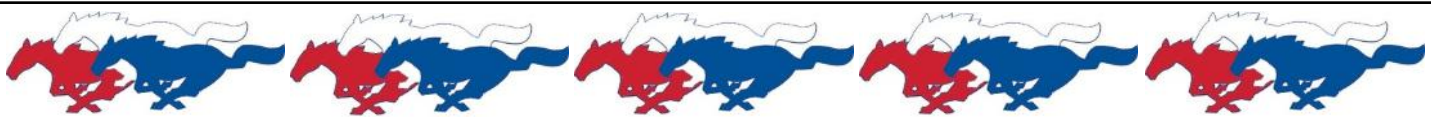
The “Eccentric Car Club” held their annual show on March 18, 2023 at the Suisun City Waterfront Park – which happens to be the same venue as OUR Biggest Little Car Show in May. I thought I’d go check it out and compare it to the way we run our show. First of all, their club was charging people more to park on the lawn area. Regretfully, the lawn was so soggy from all of our rainstorms that no one got to park on the grass. However, the entrants who had paid for the lawn area did get to park in preferred spots along the water and on the sidewalk in front of the gravel parking lot. The vendors were moved to the gravel lot and everything seemed to work out well.

I ran into Paul & Alice Troxell checking out

the car show, too. I knew some of my friends in the Stray Cats Cougar Club would be there, so we had to get a group photo as soon as I could get everyone together.

The show was well-attended for a gray and windy day. Some of the guys who had elaborate displays set up were getting worried that it was going to rain any minute, but the car show wrapped-up before any rain started falling. There were quite a few Mustangs with some extremely enhanced engines. The Mercury Cougars had a good showing, too. I think my favorite car was the Fox Body CHP Mustang that “chases Porsches for a living!”

Hopefully this car club will be back next year!



A BLAST FROM THE PAST

From the Desk of the Historian, Ileine Burke
Kool April Nites 2023 is almost here! Here are a few great memories from years gone by.



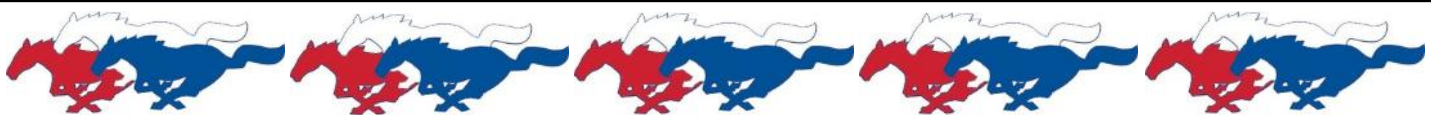
Kool April Nites



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



Tech Talk 2.0



Hello everyone, my name is Paul Troxell and I had suggested to Norma that we have a section of Pony Tales dedicated to things related to maintaining, repairing, modifying, and customizing our cars to extend their lives, save money, have fun, and make them more a reflection of how individual we each are. Norma told me that there used to be a Tech Talk section and thus the Title of Tech Talk 2.0. I have done all of my own maintenance and modifications on every car and truck that I have owned over the past 50 years. They only go to a shop when I don't have the tools or computers to get the job done. I have not only enjoyed doing this, but it has also saved me tens of thousands of dollars keeping all of my vehicles doing what I want them to do.

I am also sure that there is a HUGE amount of knowledge in our club. I want to ask everyone who has experience doing anything, even for the first time, to join me in sharing what you know about any task you have taken on. It could be something as simple as checking your transmission fluid or as involved as rebuilding your 427 Cammer. Make it as technical or as humorous as you want and email it to me, and I will act as your editor to prepare it for publishing in Pony Tales (of course you will have final say on any edits that I recommend since it is your work). If you have a car question, send it to me and I will do my very best to answer it. The purpose is to share knowledge and have fun. So, all of you who have been building engines, trans (race engines, too) transmissions, rear ends, doing upholstery work, painting, any kind of car stuff, let's share the victories and defeats! Then, we all can learn and laugh!

I will share a laugh. I was servicing the differential in my '17 GT. Had it drained and was refilling from quart bottles. Now, you gotta squeeze them bottles to get the gear oil through the plastic tubing into the diff. Well, there is a point where you end up with a pretty well squashed bottle that still has oh about 5-6 ounces in it. So, I thought well heck I'll just shoot a little bit of compressed air into the bottle to get all the squishy out of it. Stuck the nozzle into the tubing to inflate the bottle, squeezed the valve and Whew Boy!! Not only did all of the squishy come out of the bottle fast, but when I stopped putting air to it the remaining gear oil in the bottle became Angel Oil and was flying all over me, the garage, and my car. So, **DON'T PRESURIZE PLASTIC BOTTLES THAT HAVE ANYTHING IN THEM UNLESS YOU LIKE THE SMELL OF WHAT IS IN**

THEM. Gear oil is not my favorite by quite a bit and the garage smelled like it for months.

As far as a maintenance item this month I am going to start with one that many overlook and when they do take the time to do it, they do it wrong. And that is checking the pressure in the tires on their cars and trucks. This is a very simple thing to do that increases tire life (have you priced them puppies lately?), fuel mileage (another cheap consumable, RIGHT?), safety, and simple driving pleasure. The only thing between you and the road is the tire. Through the tire's contact patch all of the acceleration, cornering, and braking happens the road. In order to check your tire pressure, you will need a good quality tire pressure gauge. Not one of those pocket pen style ones that you see in Earl's pocket at the tire shop. Search the WEB for "Tire Pressure Gauges" and get a decent one. Can be had for about 30-40 dollars and will last a lifetime if taken care of properly. When you check the pressure in your tires do so when the tires are cold. This means that the vehicle has not been driven for 3-5 hours and preferably all of the tires are at the same temperature. My OCD causes me to do this in the morning using my infra-red temp gun which might be a bit of overkill, but it provides consistent pressure settings by ensuring that all of the tires are within a degree or two of each other. Set the pressure to the pressure on the data tag on the driver's door jam. **DO NOT** set them to the pressure listed on the sidewall of the tire. That is the pressure for the tire at the Maximum Load Rating. The manufacturer lists the tire pressure for the vehicle which will produce good tire wear, fuel economy, comfort, and safety. If you don't have a tire inflator or compressor at your house this can be done wherever you can get air but keep in mind that the tires will not be cold, and it would be normal for them to be a few 1-3 pound higher than the pressure listed on the door jam since you have driven on them and they are warming up from the flexing of the sidewalls and friction with the road..

I will add more about this in the next Pony Tales, but for now keep the pedal to the metal and email me at Dieselgunner@comcast.net with your stories, questions, ideas, experiences, favorite gear oil, anything. Let's pass along knowledge and have some fun doing it.

By Paul Troxell



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations go to Robert and Carina Lo who were married on March 2, 2023.

We wish them many happy miles in their beautiful Mustang as they begin a new chapter in their life together. Rob is also retiring on April 3rd after over 36 years with Kaiser Hospital.

Happy Trails!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY LITTLE PONY CAR cont.



Friday, April 17, 1964:

The official unveiling took place at the largest exhibit at the New York World's Fair, the Ford Pavilion also known as the Wonder Rotunda. The Mustang's grand debut came on April 14, 1964 for the press and April 17, 1964 for the general public.



The Base price was \$2368.00 for a 6 cyl 3 speed manual floor shift coupe. The Mustang had a very long option list so it could be personalized for every buyer.

Ford hoped to sell 100,000 for the 1965 model year. They sold around 22,000 the first day and had sold 1,000,000 (One Million!) in the first 18 months. Thanks to the loyal buyers our Mustang is still in production and celebrating its 59th Birthday, outlasting all other "Pony Cars"

Please join us at the Cobra Experience in Martinez on Sunday, April 16th for National Mustang Day and help us wish our beloved Mustang a Happy 59th Birthday!



★★ UPCOMING EVENTS ★★



ALL FUTURE EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE

Apr 1	3rd Car Show Judging seminar. East Bay Classics, 1000 Loring Ave, Crockett. Time 9 AM to 12 Noon. There will be a car show meeting following each of the judging seminars from 1 PM to 3 PM, the club will provide a pizza lunch from noon to 1 for members that attend both.
Apr 15	American Armory Car Show -- Postponed until October
Apr 16	Sunday, Cars & Coffee @ The Cobra Experience Martinez - National Mustang Day Event
Apr 23	Benicia Car Show, pre-1990 American-made cars and trucks Link on our website.
Apr 25	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia
Apr 27-30	Thursday – Sunday, Annual Road Trip to Kool April Nites in Redding
May 13	Dixon May Fair
May 20	Biggest Little Car Show @ Suisun Waterfront = Robin Paulsell, Car Show Chairman
May 21	Cars & Coffee @ The Cobra Experience Martinez
May 23	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia
May 27	Fiesta Days Parade
Jun 3	Cobra Day and Car show. Cobra Experience Martinez
Jun 10	Ford Drive for Hunger @ The Cobra Experience
Jun 17	Napa Ford Display

*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

Apologies to:

Jeanette Parsons -3/9

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/1 James Isaacson
 4/2 Danielle Wright
 4/4 Regina Williams
 4/5 Michael Irwin
 4/6 Neal Randles
 4/6 Austin Sturgeon
 4/7 Karin Irwin
 4/7 Greg Stevenson
 4/12 Michael Rossa
 4/13 Michael Mekhalian
 4/14 Jack Banovitz
 4/14 Nicole vonTing

4/15 Danielle vonTing
 4/18 Ellyn Derby
 4/18 Sophia Vescovi
 4/21 Chuck Hodgers
 4/23 Kai Pomereinke
 4/23 Sally Ann Wright
 4/24 Loretta McCalmont
 4/25 Cesar Gomez
 4/28 Lisa Phillips

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/2 Ileine Burke
 5/2 Dennis vonTing
 5/3 Shelby Bauer
 5/5 Carly Waterstraut
 5/7 William Vallejos

5/8 Jeff Bassett
 5/9 Sue Calvert
 5/10 Tony Barkman
 5/13 Jim Hedin
 5/14 Ian Myska
 5/16 Rachel Cordeiro
 5/16 Dan McCabe
 5/18 Jackson Herman
 5/19 Jason Scott
 5/22 Melinda Barkman
 5/24 Will Valencia
 5/24 Yvonne Westberg
 5/25 Mike Robinette
 5/26 Kirk Stafford
 5/27 Carl McCune
 5/27 Emma York

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYONE!

Sunshine Corner



WHAT A BUSY MONTH!

By Yvonne Westberg

- ❁ A card was sent to Kathy Pickering as she has been in the hospital, flowers will be sent when she returns home.
- ❁ Laura Mize lost her Fur Baby, Lola, a sympathy card was sent.
- ❁ An encouragement card was sent to Mikal Brevig.
- ❁ Congratulation cards were sent to Robert Lo as he is now married, and he has retired. Congratulations Robert.
- ❁ We received a nice Thank You note from Gill Baumgartner for our expression of sympathy when he lost his wife Laura.
- ❁ A card was sent to Dan McCabe as he had surgery near his eye.
- ❁ A card was sent to Judy Davis for her recent medical issues.
- ❁ A card was sent to Lynne McEachern who has been sick with the flu.
- ❁ 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.



Biggest Little Car Show

★★★ Car Show Update ★★★

Less than 50 days remaining until the 38th Annual Biggest Little Car Show on May 20th 2023 and we have sold out the MCA Judged Class. There is still room in other classes. If you haven't registered your car in the Club Member Class, what are you waiting for? This is our show and strong participation shows we are an active family friendly club, this is one of our best opportunities to attract new members so sign up today and support the show.

Brenda Romero is show Registrar and Tally Chair, Don McEachern is chairing the Sponsorship Committee, George Pezzolo is now 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 still looking for someone to Co-chair the show, this is the best way to learn how to chair the show.

Ron DuPratt Ford has signed on as the show Primary Sponsor, but we are looking for more 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 on the pavement are only \$50 and \$30 on the gravel. Non-profit organizations get a free 10X10 booth while space is available, and we already have the American Cancer Society, Coast Guard Auxiliary, and CHP, and the Gavin Buchanan Foundation signed up. Shaw's Texas Style BBQ will be serving great food again this year.

We held the last of three Judging Seminars to train those interested in judging or learning how their car will be judged on April 1st at East Bay Classics. The seminar was followed with a car show meeting, with pizza for lunch. The remaining car show meetings will be held at the car show site in the evening during the week. Watch your email for details. If you have any questions or ideas please contact me.

Robin Paulsell
MCA National Director
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2023 Biggest Little Car Show Chair



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SEE YOU AT



7:30 p.m.
Denny's Cordelia
304 Pittman Rd.
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NEXT MEETING
Tues, April 25, 2023

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