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## What's That 3rd Pedal?



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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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# 2023

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# Moving Forward

By President Sue Calvert



I hope everyone is making it through the interesting weather that we've been experiencing since the end of 2022. Our Happy New Year breakfast turned into a Happy Valentine's Day lunch and the Capay Almond Festival was almost washed out. The weather is bound to warm up sooner or later – and we'll be ready for it!

As of this writing we have no club-sponsored events in March. I just want to remind everyone not to be shy when it comes to planning a club event that you think others might enjoy. I would be happy to help organize a Mustang run or special outing for our members. You can always talk it over with me or Dan McCabe.

Speaking of events, our Biggest Little Car Show is rapidly approaching! May 20th will be here before we know it. Robin Paulsell needs lots of volunteers to help with set-up, parking, awards and clean-up – just to mention a few of the many jobs to be done in order to make another successful car show. There is only one more car show meeting to go (on April 1st) and I need raffle prizes!! Many more raffle prizes!! This is how we are able to make a nice donation to our chosen charity each year.

As always, thank you ALL for continuing to support the many contributions we make in our community! That's what we do best!! See you soon!



## IT'S TIME TO PAY FOR 2023

*A Big Thank You to those who have already paid, however about 1/3 of our members were NOT in good standing on February 28th. 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](mailto:membership@goldenhillsmustangclub.com)*

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



# An Experience at The Cobra Experience

By Nicole von Ting

Upon arriving, The Cobra Experience provided drivers with a goodie bag containing goods and a short "Manual Manual" as an overview to driving stick shift. We gathered around at the front of the museum and watched as the lineup of cars to be driven arranged in the parking lot. Before any driving, we had the honor to meet some amazing people who would be our driving instructors per car. Carroll Shelby International Executive Vice President, Tracey Smith, 22-year-old drag racing phenom, Kaylee Crayton, Racecar driver and automotive journalist, Colin Comer, Bay Area local race car driver, Tommy McCarthy, and Hagerty Territory Manager, Ian Flanagan.

The Cobra Experience put on a demonstration using actual car parts to explain the clutch and help drivers visualize what happens when the gears are shifted and how the clutch interacts with the transmission to connect or disconnect the flow of power without turning off the engine.

The lineup of cars were a wide variety of vehicles, some from the museum, others from volunteers. The idea was that all cars have a different driving experience and that we would have the opportunity to try each one. There were five cars total: a 1965 Shelby Mustang GT350 (from the museum), a 1984 Volkswagen Rabbit GTI, a Ford F-350, a Nissan Pathfinder, and a 1963 Shelby Cobra (from the museum).

Each car was in fact very different and the stories behind the cars were even more unique. The Shelby Cobra was actually used in the movie *Ford vs. Ferrari* directed by James Mangold. The GT350 is one of 562 built in 1965.

The actual driving itself is definitely a skill that takes practice and patience. Even within the few hours of learning and driving, we were only able to cover the basics of stick shift driving.

My favorite cars to drive were the GT350 and the Cobra. The GT350 was loud, but the louder the better, right? And the Cobra was actually a pretty smooth drive. Also, the GT350 cruised nicely in the first gear. Both cars overall were fun to drive... and maybe their looks had a contributing factor to being favorites too.

As a driver who's only driven automatic previously, this was an entirely new experience. It almost felt like learning how to drive for the first time again. One of the best parts about driving stick shift was feeling more in control of the vehicle and there is something satisfying about knowing you are more in control of the car's performance.

**Editors Note:** *Nicole also included this with her email.* Give Robin Paulsell my thanks for letting us know about the Cobra Experience's Manual Driving Experience. It was a wonderful opportunity and I was glad to have attended.





# Valentine's Day at Jelly Belly



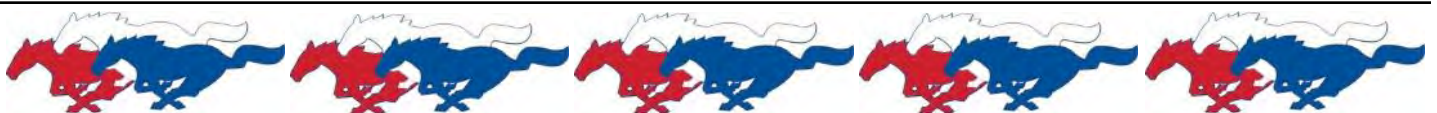
On Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated an early Valentine's Day at the Jelly Belly Factory and Visitor Center. Twenty-four members, family and friends met in the café for lunch where we ordered everything from jelly bean-shaped hamburgers to jelly bean-shaped pizza. Everyone enjoyed the food and mingling time. After lunch we all got together for a group photo and then walked across the parking lot to visit the new Museum. If you haven't experienced the sights in the museum, I highly recommend visiting it soon. The history of the Goelitz family – founders of the Jelly Belly Candy Company – is brought to life in stories and videos. There is an exceptional display of the

candy-making machinery, as well as family treasures of vehicles and even a boat. Ronald Reagan is happy to display memorabilia from Washington D.C. It was a wonderful presentation and not to be missed!

After touring the museum, most members wandered back into the Visitor Center to buy some candy and souvenirs before heading home. Please take a look at the pictures from this fun event on our website. Terry Burke posted wonderful pictures from the self-guided museum tour.

Thank you to everyone who attended and made the day a lot of fun!

**By Sue Calvert**





# Capay Almond Festival

By Sue Calvert

The threat of rain and very cold temperatures didn't stop 13 hearty GHMC members from attending the annual Capay Almond Festival on Sunday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>. I met the Staffords, Robinettes, Burkes, Troxells and Thomas Iniguez at Lowe's in Vacaville at 7:30am. We all headed north together on I-505 to the small town of Esparto. We arrived at the high school at about 8:15am and enjoyed a nice pancake and omelet breakfast that was prepared by the FFA teens. It was an extremely cold morning, and we could see that this year's attendance at the festival was pretty low. Nonetheless, we all decided to go for a walk after breakfast and see the car show, vendor booths, church sale and library sale. I was very happy to run into our own Frank Lopez, Pat Sivigliano and Drew Schneider showing their family's 2 beautiful Mustangs. (Talk about Hearty-Souls!) Sadly, there weren't many cars in this year's show due to the light rain,

but we all appreciated those folks who did show up. My favorite vendor was the wonderful lady selling warm, cinnamon roasted almonds. By 10:00am some members headed for Cache Creek Casino, and some called it a day & headed home in their warm Mustangs. A small group of us stayed together and drove to the farmers market in Rumsey. The snow in the hills helped to make it a beautiful drive on Hwy. 16. After leaving Rumsey, we headed on to Granzella's in Williams for a nice, warm lunch. The restaurant was warm and cozy and there was no wait to be seated. By 2:00pm the last of our group headed home – just as the heavy rain started falling...

Thank you to everyone who joined me on this trip, and I have my fingers crossed for warmer weather next year. Please take a look at all of the pictures Terry has posted on our website!





# A BLAST FROM THE PAST

From the Desk of the Historian, Ileine Burke

Here is a look at Terry's collection of dash plaques since we joined GHMC. How many of these shows have you been to? Do you have any of these in your collection?



## 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 grand-child, 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**

Mar 18	Eccentric Car Club Car Show at the Suisun Waterfront –see flyer on our website
Mar 19	Cars, Kids, & Coffee 8:30 to 10:00 Public Day 10:00am-3:00pm @ The Cobra Experience
Mar 28	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia
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 - Fairfield - Flyer/Application on our website
Apr 16	Sunday, Cars & Coffee @ The Cobra Experience Martinez - National Mustang Day Event
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
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.  
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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1 Jacqueline McCalmont  
 3/10 Keith Wilson  
 3/13 Niki Eagle (Pickering)  
 3/14 Terry Burke  
 3/14 Randi Scott  
 3/15 Scarlet Laroski (Pickering)  
 3/15 Brad Pfeifer  
 3/20 Eileen Rose  
 3/22 Jim Willis  
 3/29 Chris Barkman  
 3/29 Nicole Herman



## 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



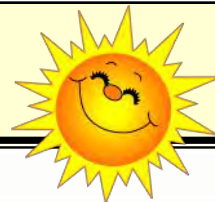
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 4/18 Ellyn Derby  
 4/18 Sophia Vescovi  
 4/21 Chuck Hodgers  
 4/23 Kai Pomereinke  
 4/23 Sally Ann Wright  
 4/24 Loretta McCalmont  
 4/25 Cesar Gomez  
 4/28 Lisa Phillips



PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYONE!

## Sunshine Corner



- ❁ We missed seeing Rob Lo at the February meeting because he was recuperating from nasal surgery. A card was sent and we hope that he is on the mend.
- ❁ 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 You can also email GHMC Info at: [info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com](mailto:info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com) for contact information.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Roger & Jacqueline Driver  
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Fred Sallam  
 Napa, CA  
 1967 Shelby Fastback,  
 Black w/ White Stripes





# Biggest Little Car Show

## ★★★ Car Show Update ★★★

Only 81 days remaining until the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Biggest Little Car Show on May 20<sup>th</sup> 2023 and we have sold out the MCA Judged Class. We have 52 total cars registered of which 17 are GHMC, 14 of those are in the MCA Judged Class. 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, 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 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 second of three Judging Seminars to train those interested in judging or learning how their car will be judged. The last one is scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> at East Bay Classics, the seminar was followed with a car show meeting, with pizza for lunch. If you have any questions or ideas please contact me.

Robin Paulsell

MCA National Director  
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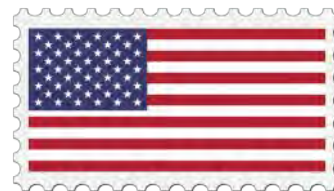
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