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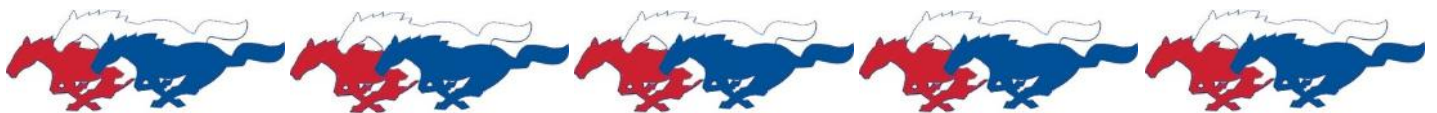
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KIDS, CARS, AND TREATS AT RON DUPRATT FORD



The 2023 Trunk or Treat was a huge success this year. We had the most Trick or Treaters ever! See Dan McCabe's article on page 6 to read more.



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.

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Moving Forward

By President Sue Calvert



Hello Everyone!

I hope Halloween was good to all of you and the candy supply is thriving!

It's hard to believe that it's November already. We have some very important events coming up this month, starting with the Veteran's Day Parade on November 11th. The season of giving is upon us and our CHiPs for Kids Toy Drive will be held on Saturday, November 18th. I'm so proud of everyone in this club because we continue to surpass the previous year's amount of toy and gift card donations. Please keep in mind that our community's under-served teens also look forward to receiving gifts for Christmas. Gift cards are always welcome. Please see the Calendar of Events for details on our Toy Drive.

It's time to cast your vote for your 2024 Board of Directors! Please watch your mailbox for your ballot(s) in the next few days. You will also be re-

ceiving your invitation to our annual Christmas Party! Once again, we will be partying at the Napa Elks Lodge, thanks to our sponsors, Dan & Norma McCabe.

Our next General Membership meeting will be on Tuesday, November 28th. You may bring your ballot and Christmas Party RSVP to this meeting if you do not want to mail your responses. Thank you to all of you who attend the meetings and continue to donate food for the local food banks and items to be mailed to our troops. These things are so important year-round – but become extra critical at the holidays. Your generosity is amazing!

I hope all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and I look forward to seeing many of you at our events!

Sue



IT'S ALMOST TIME TO PAY FOR 2024

If you would like to get a jump on next year and make your Membership Chairman very happy, Pay Early! We are trying something new. If you are reading this on your computer, scan the QR code below with your phone and it takes you to our membership page.



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

SACAUTOSHOW

Cal Expo, October 27-29, 2023

After a three-year postponement, the Sacramento International Auto Show returned to Cal Expo for a weekend show held October 27 – 29. Once again, Castle Communications, the promoter for the show, invited the Golden Hills Mustang Club to display eight of our classic ponies inside the Ford Building for the three-day event.

Our involvement with this show began in 2009 and with the three year cancellation since 2020, this year marked the 12th consecutive year that GHMC has been invited to participate in this event. We were “discovered” back in 2009 by Castle Communications solely on the quality of our website (thanks Terry Burke, webmaster extraordinaire!) where they could see that we were an active group with lots of enthusiasm and events held using our Mustangs. Once initial contact was made via email and phone to our dedicated information officer(s) Dan and Norma McCabe, Castle could see that we as a club had a passion for not just Mustangs, but the Ford brand in general. They knew they had the perfect Mustang Club to feature in the Ford Building, along with the Sacramento Classic Thunderbird Club, and have included both of these clubs in their show every year since.

The feedback received from the Ford employees working the show and Castle Communications has been consistent throughout our 12-year involvement with this show: our club members are as knowledgeable and enthusiastic as ANYONE on the history of Ford...past, present and future!

I'd like to thank the following club members for displaying a car in this year's show (left to right in the panoramic pictures on our website and this article):

Dan & Norma McCabe: 1969 Red Sportsroof.

Jim Willis: 1970 Yellow Boss 302

Kathy Loya & Nick Loya: 1968 Acapulco Blue California Special Coupe (In Memory of Bob Loya)

Yours Truly: 1967 Brittany Blue Shelby GT500 Fastback

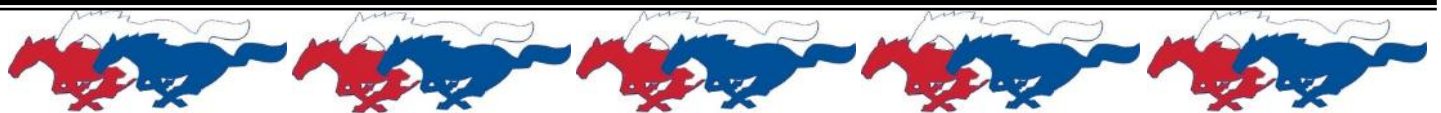
Rob Lo: 1967 Brittany Blue Coupe

Robin Paulsell: 1979 Silver Indy 500 Pace Car Hatchback
Paige Paulsell: 1964 ½ White Indy 500 Pace Car Coupe
Rick Hohas: 1964 ½ Red Convertible

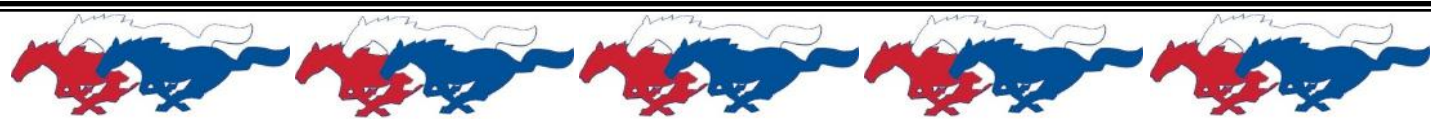
A special thanks also to Dan McCabe and Robin & Paige Paulsell who stayed up in Sacramento throughout the three days and “worked” (as if sharing knowledge and enthusiasm for Mustangs and Ford is “work”) the majority of the show hours at our information table starting at 10am each day. Thanks also to Donnie McEachern who assisted us on Thursday afternoon “load in and prep day” by setting up our Club Banner display and also assisting Dan with some last-minute car detailing work. Many other club members came to visit and help out on Saturday and Sunday, and your presence was appreciated.

As this was my first year to be the club coordinator for the Sac Auto Show, I have to give a final “thanks!” to Dan & Norma, who after 11 years of managing our involvement with this very prestigious show, still did 70% of the work this year due to my current work schedule. What a great little car club we have!

by Brian Evans



SACAUTOSHOW



Trunk or Treat 2023

Saturday, October 21st was the day for our annual Trunk or Treat at Ron DuPratt Ford in Dixon. We have been doing this event for around 20 years and always look forward to it. Most of us get into the Halloween spirit by dressing up and decorating our Mustang and of course, bringing lots of candy for the kids. This year it was posted on several Facebook "Moms" pages and we were thrilled

to see so many costumed kids! We had so much fun watching them go from car to car to get their treats. Norma and I put our candy in a Mustang pedal car and some kids got to "drive" a Mustang for the first time! We all were treated to some delicious donuts and coffee from Vio's Donuts and it was fun watching the kids (young & old) pick out the just right one, or two!

By Dan & Norma McCabe

Editor's Note: There are so many fabulous pictures from this event that I couldn't include them all. Please see our website!



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Extreme Shed Makeover Part 2

Hopefully this is the last chapter! Many thanks to all who helped tear down the old shed and haul it away to make room for our brand new Tuff Shed.



Save the date!
December 9, 2023
Napa Elks Lodge
WATCH YOUR MAILBOX FOR YOUR INVITATION!



Tech Talk 2.0



By Paul Troxell

Too Taboo for You?

Let me start this month's article with a bit of a disclaimer. My intent is not to get anyone started drinking or to get you drinkers to change your brand. No, this will have nothing to do with alcohol in adult beverages. Nor will it be relative to alcohol that is used to make internal combustion engines run even sweeter. I am going to simply pass along experience with fuel and oil additives that I have personally used that you may find of interest.

As many of you know, I spent the last 17 years of my career selling petroleum products and fuel. It has always been the position of all of the lubricant producers that end users should not use additives of any kind. Indeed, I repeated that position for 17 years. If one gives that just a few moments of thought, it makes perfect sense. Should producers approve of the use of any kind of additive it would mean that they would be admitting that their finished product is just not quite up to the job. And, no matter what brand you purchase they will all tout their product as being the best and how you have made the best choice for your engine, transmission, differential, transfer case, etc. Well, the truth is that there are differences in the quality and performance of lubricants. The range is from amazing to "what sludge tank did they suck this out of". I am not a name dropper when it comes to oil brands. And, what I did learn in those 17 years is that if an individual, whether a single car owner or Equipment Manager, has a preference for a particular brand, I cannot change their mind even if I supply it at no charge.

With all of that said, what I want to talk about today is a company called Hot Shot's Secret <https://www.hotshotsecret.com/> and just a few of the products that they produce and my experience with them. It started with their diesel fuel additive. I have an '01 Dodge Ram 2500 with the iconic 5.9 Cummins engine. When the Sulphur content of diesel fuel was lowered to 15 parts per million to reduce emission levels in 2006 it also reduced the lubricity of the fuel. This had the effect of increasing wear on very expensive fuel injection pumps and injectors. One way to add lubricity to the fuel is by adding a lubricant back into the fuel. Hot Shot's Secret has about 5 different products available depending on ambient conditions and your immediate need. The one that I tried is called EDT (Every Day Treatment). I was surprised by an increase in fuel mileage of 1.5 miles per gallon! (HSS advertises a 7.3% increase in fuel economy) It is also a cetane booster (a measure of how minimized the delay is between when the fuel is injected into the chamber and when combustion begins and HSS claims an increase of up to 7 points), it also increases the lubricity of the fuel by 26%. All of that sounds great but I must say that I was very pleased with the performance. AND, I only have to add 3 ounces to my 37-gallon tank for a full treatment. The also have a fuel additive called Gasoline Extreme. Generally, the claims made for it are just about the same as the EDT, more about that later.

Sooo...I thought that I would give their oil additive a try since I had received such good performance from their fuel conditioner. I already use a high-quality synthetic blend 15W40 and did not expect much, but thought that I would give it a try. They actually

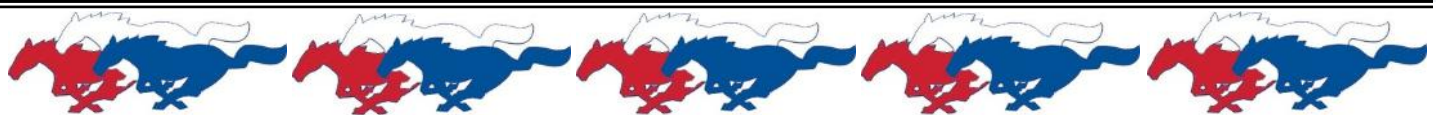
have a two-phase approach to their engine oil treatment product. The first is "Stiction Eliminator". It is an oil treatment for use in gasoline and diesel engines to remove the varnish and sludge created from burnt oil. It also improves the lubricating qualities of the oil for better performance and reduced wear. It took only 200 miles of driving before I began to notice that the engine was running smoother, the turbo charger was spooling faster, and it seemed to pull harder. I did not expect any of that to happen. Additionally, this truck has a crankcase venting system to atmosphere and it had previously always left a dime or quarter sized spot where ever I parked it. After treatment with these products, it does not ever leave a spot, which indicates better cylinder sealing and less blowby.

Then, for the next two oil changes, instead of the Stiction Eliminator, I used the second stage product called "FR3 Friction Reducer". My satisfaction continued. The one thing that I will add here is that while servicing the engine I always do a physical turbo charger check by checking turbine shaft side play, end play, and for free rotation. Here I did notice that the turbo spun much more freely with no noticeable end play or side play. This is where the faster spool up occurs. So now I am so impressed that I decide to try it on my wife's 2011 Ford Taurus with 3.5 V-6. At the time the car had 110K on it. We ordered this car and have owned it since new. It has never gotten better than 25.5mpg and after using the oil additives and the Gasoline Extreme on a recent trip to New Mexico we pulled back into the driveway with an average fuel economy of 28.5mpg on the entire trip! So, you guessed it, the stuff is now in the crank case of my 2017 Mustang GT. Wish that I had as amazing of a review in the GT as I have detailed on the Dodge and the Taurus, but when I drive the Mustang, I am not one bit interested in gas mileage. Since the engine is as new and tight as it is I have not noticed as much of a difference other than just a slight increase in the smoothness and power. In both the Taurus and Mustang, I use full synthetic oil.

So, is using additives in your machine too taboo? I will leave that for you to decide. I will say that especially for engines with 75K or more on them these products will remove power robbing "stiction", clean and free up rings for better cylinder sealing, improve the lubricating quality of any oil, and clean carbon buildup from intake valves, combustion chambers, and ring groves, all of which will provide increased power and fuel economy. In engines that are new or have less than 75K I cannot think of any negatives to better lubrication and keeping things clean. If you have any questions on this or any other car related items do not hesitate to send me a message at Dieselgunner@comcast.net. And visit <https://www.hotshotsecret.com/> for much more information on these and the many other products that they produce. I do not receive any compensation or pay from them for this discussion, I am only relating my experience with the products that I have mentioned.

Remember! Pedal to the Metal! They were built to be driven. But always keep the wheels between the ditches.

Paul Troxell
Dieselgunner@comcast.net





DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

Watch your mailbox for your ballots. Please vote and mail them back to:

P.O. Box 497, Fairfield, CA 94533

THEY MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 27, 2023 in order to count or they can be brought to the November General Meeting on Nov. 28, 2023.

President's Award



GHMC has again won the coveted MCA President's Award for 2022 activities. Many thanks to our MCA Regional Director, Joel Edelman for collecting all the data and submitting the forms to the MCA. Thanks also to MCA National Director, Robin Paulsell, for accepting the award on the club's behalf at the MCA Board meeting in Birmingham, Alabama. He then presented it to our President, Sue Calvert, at the October General Meeting. The most thanks go to our Board, Officers and Chairpersons for providing the activities for our members to attend. It takes a village to keep a club winning this award year after year!

THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!



CONGRATULATIONS



The Stork has been very busy again as he paid a visit to another GHMC family!



The Edelman family welcomed their first granddaughter, Paulie!

♥ Pauline Sue Baffico ♥
Born on 10/20/2023
6 lb. 12 oz. & 19 in.

Congratulations to the Happy Family!



Congratulations to GHMC member, TROOPER BARBARA STAPLETON, on her retirement from the Nevada Highway Patrol on November 1, 2023

We thank her for keeping Nevada safe so we could visit.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

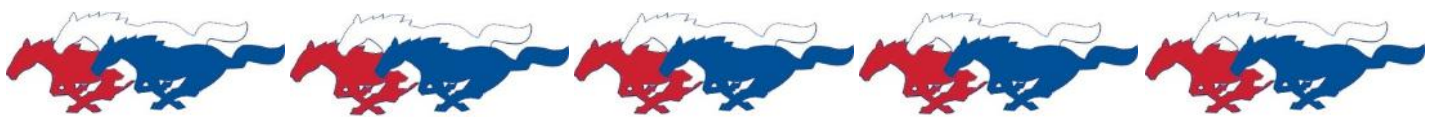


Donald Miggins
Vallejo, CA
1968 GT coupe, Highland Green
1986 SVO, Midnight Blue



A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Our Historian, Ileine Burke and our webmaster Terry, found these great pictures from the original Extreme Shed Makeover . These pictures were taken in 2004 according to Terry's records when the shed was first drug up to Frank Lopez's property and made into the club storage shed. All of our historical items and car show supplies are there.



★★★UPCOMING EVENTS★★★



ALL FUTURE EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE

Nov 11	Saturday, November 11 th Fairfield Veterans Parade
Nov 18	GHMC ChiPs for Kids Toy Drive 10am to 2pm Drive in and drop off at 1351 Oliver Rd. Fairfield, Bill & Judy Davis, chairmen. You may also drop off during the week between 9am and 1pm.
Nov 19	Kids, Cars & Coffee @ The Cobra Experience in Martinez The last one for this year. Watch your email for details.
Nov 28	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia
Dec 3	17th Annual Rally4Kids 2023 - 8AM-12PM - Shriners Children's Northern California, 2425 Stockton Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95817 Watch your email for details about caravanning with the club.
Dec 9	Saturday, December 9 th GHMC Christmas Dinner & Club installation, Napa Elks Watch mailbox for invitation.
Dec 16	Saturday, December 16 th , Wreaths Across America. Veteran's Cemetery, Dixon

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

TAKING DONATIONS NOW!

November 18, 2023
10am to 2pm




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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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11/4 Marlon Markle
11/6 Alan Keezer
11/6 Cheryl Stafford
11/7 Kathryn Irwin
11/7 Jessica Robinson
11/13 Bob Haran
11/15 Margie Bates
11/16 Lisa Pfeifer
11/19 Isabella Schneider
11/20 Kevin Onesko
11/23 Brian Evans
11/27 Monika Bielka-Vescovi
11/28 Dan Cordeiro
11/28 Evan Robinson



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
12/14 Lisa Mitsopoulos
12/14 Kurt Souza
12/15 Fred Sallam
12/17 Lauma Jurkevics
12/18 Michele Rebolini
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

By Yvonne Westberg



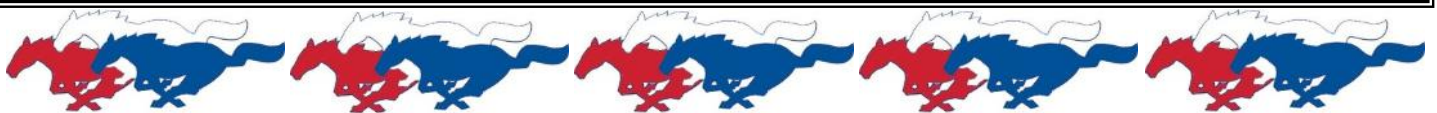
This month cards were sent to:

- ❁ Bill and Judy Davis for health issues.
- ❁ Laura Mize for the loss of her fur baby, Lola.
- ❁ Sue Calvert for the loss of her fur baby, Lucy.
- ❁ Joel Edelman for his new granddaughter.

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 email GHMC Info at:

info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com for contact information.



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 Home Phone # (_____) _____ - _____ Work Phone # (_____) _____ - _____
 E-mail Address _____ MCA # _____

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If more than one in family, please provide the following information:

Spouse's Name _____ Birth Date ____/____/____

All Dependents Residing at above address (we want to acknowledge all children's birthdays in the newsletter)

Name _____ Birth Date ____/____/____
 Name _____ Birth Date ____/____/____
 Name _____ Birth Date ____/____/____
 Name _____ Birth Date ____/____/____

The information provided on this application is used to create a membership roster for use by the Board of Directors. Other club members frequently request the information concerning address and /or telephone number(s). If you wish your address and/or telephone number (s) to be released only to the Board of Directors, Please so Indicate:

- I/We Do Not wish my/our address and/or telephone number(s) to be released to anyone but the Board of Directors.
- I/We give permission for the following information to be released to other club members, in addition to the Board of Directors:
 All Information Address Only Telephone number(s) only E-mail only
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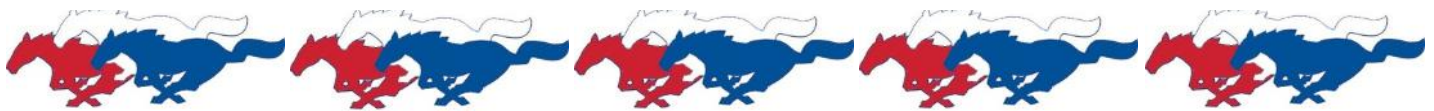
The Golden Hills Mustang Club is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Ford Mustang Automobile (all years and models). I/We agree with the terms and conditions of Bylaws as set forth by the Golden Hills Mustang Club and agree to comply therewith. All information I/We have provided above is correct.

Signature _____ Date _____
 Signature _____ Date _____
 Signature _____ Date _____
 Signature _____ Date _____

*This form must be signed by all members over the age of 16 for whom membership is applied.

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P.O. Box 497
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Please Tell Us How You Were Referred: _____ Renewal New



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Tues, November 28, 2023**

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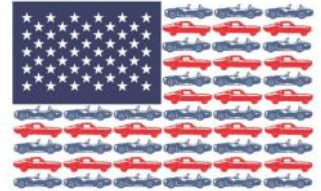
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HAPPY NEWS?

A large yellow smiley face with a simple black outline and a curved mouth.

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

