



# Pony Tales

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## GHMC ROAD TRIPPING

We hope you enjoy these pictures from past road trips. Rumor has it that GHMC will taking a road trip in 2024! Could it be to a place that's wet and wild with the most beautiful scenic roads to get there? If you guessed Gold Beach, Oregon and another Jet Boat Trip, we may have been talking to the same little birdie. Start saving your change and watch your email for details. If you have any ideas for places you would like to go next year, please contact Dan McCabe or email:

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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.

# 2023

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# Moving Forward

By President Sue Calvert



Happy September Everyone!

I know that August was pretty lean on events, but September is going to be a 180 degree difference!

Now that the kids are back in school and most family vacations are done, let's get back into the enjoyment of being together at some of the fantastic events that are coming up:

**September 9<sup>th</sup>:** Ball Metal Car Show supporting our community's schools. The Ball Metal Factory is located on Huntington Drive in Fairfield, near the Vacaville/Fairfield Amtrak Station. The only entry "fee" is school supplies – whether they're in a new backpack or a bag – anything is happily accepted by the car show sponsor. The factory will hold tours and lunch has been served at past shows. Please see:

[www.facebook.com/ballmetalcarshow](http://www.facebook.com/ballmetalcarshow).

**September 16<sup>th</sup>:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" show at the Rowland Freedom Museum at the Nut Tree Airport is a wonderful event with so much to see! We'll meet at the Vacaville Lowe's Parking Lot, 1751 Monte Vista Road, at 7:15am. We'll aim to stay together and enter the show site at 7:30am. This is a fantastic opportunity for those of you who haven't yet experienced all that the Museum has to offer! There are planes and helicopters in the open field adjacent to the Museum and many excellent displays

inside. There will be model trains on display, as well. Please watch your email for additional information and/or any adjustments to the gathering times. Please go to the website to register for the event: Here is the link for this event: [Events | My Site \(rowlandfreedomcenter.org\)](http://Events.MySite(rowlandfreedomcenter.org))

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>:** The Sacramento Area Mustang Club is hosting their annual car show at the Marriott Hotel in Rancho Cordova. This is a wonderful venue with lots of shady trees in the parking area. The hotel is just a few steps away – with nice restrooms and a Starbucks!! There are lots of interesting vendors, as well. The members of "SAMC" always attend our car show – so I would love to give them our support and attend their show in return. Here is the link for pre-registration:

[2023 SAMC Car Show Entry Form – Sacramento Area Mustang Club \(sacramentomustangclub.com\)](http://2023SAMCCarShowEntryForm-SacramentoAreaMustangClub(sacramentomustangclub.com))

I know a lot of you have a hard time getting to Cordelia for the General Meetings, but I really want to see all of you at these car shows and future October events!! There are a lot of faces that I miss and we only have a few more months to enjoy our beautiful weather.

I hope to see you all very soon!!

Sue

**BALL METAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE CAR & BIKE SHOW**  
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# MCA Day at Mecum Monterey

**August 19, 2023**

At the April MCA Board of Directors meeting, David Morton from Mecum spoke about the MCA member attendance at their auctions and the discount programs they offer members. Half price (\$100) bidder passes to any of their auctions and half price (\$15) spectator tickets to groups of 15 or more. David then followed up with there are no rules so if anyone has an idea hit him up. After returning home to Northern California, I came up with an idea. I have always felt that our Chartered Regional clubs are one of the MCA's greatest resources and actively participate with the clubs here in California and our neighboring states by attending meetings and their annual car shows whenever I can. I thought why don't I, as a National Director take them to a Mecum auction and let them see what it's really like. We've all seen the auctions on tv, but the experience of being there live is so much more than you can imagine. The excitement in the room when the bidding goes crazy for a special car, getting a close look at the cars out on the lot or in the staging lanes is a treat for any car person. There are 7 Regional clubs in Northern California and they are all within a 3 hour drive of Monterey, the closest Mecum auction. I decided I would get 2 spectator tickets for each of the clubs plus 2 for me and lead a group to the auction for what I named "MCA Day at Mecum Monterey". The plan was to give the tickets to the clubs with the suggestion they auction them off at one of their meetings, this would ensure the tickets went to someone that would use them and raise a little money for the clubs' coffers. I ran the idea by David at Mecum and not only was he on board, he offered to comp the tickets. Next, I spoke with the 7 Regional clubs and got them on board. I selected Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup>, the final day of the auction for our group and planned a cruise from my shop to the auction in Monterey (2 hours away) with a couple of stops where the clubs could join in. Something like this doesn't happen overnight, the planning started in May over 3 months before the auction. This allowed



for time to get the tickets and disperse them to the clubs, create cruise route maps, and for the clubs to auction them off. We also put the word out to the rest of the club members they could buy their own tickets and join us on the cruise.

On Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup> Paige, Brenda Romero, and myself in my 2015 GT, along with Paul and Alice Troxell from the Golden Hills Mustang Club (also my Regional club) in their 2017 GT left my shop

for the first stop on the 136 mile cruise down to Monterey. At stop #1 (Starbucks in Walnut Creek) we met up with 1 car (Ford Focus) from the Sacramento Area Mustang Club and 3 Mustangs from the Diablo Valley Mustang Association. On to stop #2 (Starbucks in Gilroy) where we met up with 6 more Mustangs from the San Jose Mustang Car Club, Vintage Mustang Owners Association, and MCA members from a non-regional club the California Mustang Association. Members from the other two Regional clubs, the Bay Area Mustang Club and Central Valley Mustang Club were driving straight to the auction. Keeping a group that large together in heavy traffic the remaining 40 miles to Monterey wasn't easy and although we got separated, we managed to arrive at the auction and get parked together. Once there we made our way in and met up with Marsha Redman from Mecum who gave us a personal tour and explained how the auction works to our group. After our tour the group broke up so everyone could experience the auction at their own pace and depart whenever they chose. As big as the auction was, we continued to run into group members who thanked us and said they enjoyed the experience. Several of the clubs have since told me they plan to make it a club event and return next year.

Thank you to David Morton and Mecum for providing the experience to 30 plus Mustangers, I hope to be back next year with at least twice as many.

Robin Paulsell  
MCA National Director  
MCA #75252





# MCA Day at Mecum Monterey





# GHMC IN MUSTANG TIMES AGAIN



## GOLDEN HILLS MUSTANG CLUB 38th ANNUAL BIGGEST LITTLE CAR SHOW

BY ROBIN PAULSELL  
PHOTOS BY ROBIN PAULSELL,  
SILVIA WITKINS, AND PAT BRANDON

**O**n Saturday, May 20, over 120 Mustangs and a handful of other Fords once again descended on the Solano City Downtown Waterfront for the Golden Hills Mustang Club's 38th Annual Biggest Little Car Show. On the heels of the MCA National last year and by popular demand, the MCA Judged Class returned to the show format after a nine-year absence with an increased 36-car limit that quickly sold out. New for this year was the Day of Show class where, rather than integrating cars that did not pre-register into the regular Participant Class classes, they were given their own class with awards. GHMC member Mustangs that were not entered in the MCA Judged class had their own Participant Class class in which they weren't allowed to vote so we don't compete against our past Mustangs.

Continuing the theme started at last year's National, the waterfront was lined with Mustangs and the center half-circle featured five GHMC member cars. Centered in the display was Haley Loya's 1966 California Special featured on the show (start and displayed in honor of the late Bob Loya). Flanking their car on the left was Ron Normandin's 1968 California Special and Bob Loya's 1967 hardtop, with my 1990 LX hatchback and 1989 GT convertible on the right.

The day started bright and early with the first car showing up at 6:15 am when show regular Manuel Perez arrived. After a quick setup by club members, the cars began rolling through registration at 7:00 am and were parked by chair George Pezzolo and his skilled staff. Show registrar Brenda Romero, with a major assist from Paige Paulsell and Jim Willis, kept a steady flow of cars moving right up to registration closing at 8:00.



Indoor... Adams kept the tuxes flowing and made an... throughout the day. The Solano County Sheriff's... performed the opening ceremony at 10:00 and... an excellent job. I must admit it was strange... retired lead deputy and GHMC member... not performing with them because he was... Tishie at her vendor booth. Club president Stu... and for staff kept the raffle prizes flowing throughout... brought in over \$1,200 for our two charities, the... Memorial Foundation and VEST. Danny and... collected \$450 in the 50/50 raffle which, after... the split, will net another \$225 to our charities. After a brief... meeting, our team of track judges, led by myself, start... judging the MCA class cars at 11:00 and completed ahead... schedule at 12:15. Thanks to Paige Paulsell, Joel Edelman, George Pezzolo, and guest judge Butch Eckhoff, who along... myself led the judging teams. Thanks also to judges Bob... Paul Tressell, Bob Fontrose, and Ron Freitas for taking the... time to help.



We are fortunate to have the use of this wonderful show site free of charge from the City of Suisun City and I was honored to meet Mayor Alma Hernandez at the show. I also want to thank Joeten Singley and the staff at Suisun Park and Recreation.

I asked Mayor Hernandez with picking her favorite car for our Mayor's Pick award. Thanks to Pat Brandon for escorting her around and explaining the difference in the cars. The Mayor was super excited when turning in her ballot to Brenda.

In no time at all, we were ready for the awards. Thirty-three Award of Excellence trophies were handed out in the Participant Class with 29 Gold, two Silver, and one Bronze awards handed out in the MCA Class followed by five special awards. The Central Valley Mustang Club received the Club Participation Award with nine cars. Sam Medina's 1969 fast-back received the CHP Pick Award. Phil Ramirez's 1965 convertible claimed the Mayor's Pick Award. Shelle Mages-Lucas' 1968 Cougar got the GHMC President's Pick Award, and I was fortunate to receive the Best of Show Award for Project 89, my 1989 Mustang GT Convertible.

The "Frontline Little Club" put on our best of a show and all members should be very proud! This club has had my back since 2009 and I want to personally thank everyone who helped throughout the past year.

Thanks go to Robin Paulsell for submitting the article to Mustang Times for the 2023 Biggest Little Car Show. Now the whole world knows what a beautiful place we live in!

# A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Our Historian, Ileine Burke, is on a road trip to Montana to attend the 44th International Mustang Meet. Watch for her article next month as well as more great pictures from our past events. Stay tuned and let us know if you have any old pictures to share.



# Horse Power!

A re-run by Dan McCabe formerly in the Napa Valley Cruiser Newsletter

We all have talked about the horsepower our cars make. But how many of us really know how that term came about or how it is measured. (The following is from How Stuff Works and Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.)

Horsepower is defined as work done over time. The exact definition of one horsepower is 33,000 lb.ft./minute. Put another way, if you were to lift 33,000 pounds one foot over a period of one minute, you would have been working at the rate of one horsepower. In this case, you'd have expended one horsepower-minute of energy.

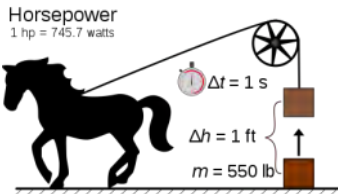
Even more interesting is how the definition came to be. It was originated by James Watt, (1736-1819) the inventor of the steam engine and the man whose name has been immortalized by the definition of Watt as a unit of power. The next time you complain about using only 60 watt light bulbs in the hall, you are honoring the same man. To help sell his steam engines, Watt needed a way of rating their capabilities. The engines were replacing horses, the usual source of industrial power of the day. The typical horse, attached to a mill that grinded corn or cut wood, walked a 24 foot diameter (about 75.4 feet circumference) circle. Watt calculated that the horse pulled with a force of 180 pounds, although how he came up with the figure is not known. Watt observed that a horse typically made 144 trips around the circle in an hour, or about 2.4 per minute. This meant that the horse traveled at a speed of 180.96 feet per minute. Watt rounded off the speed to 181 feet per minute and multiplied that by the 180 pounds of force the horse pulled (181 x 180) and came up with 32,580 ft.-lbs./minute. That was rounded off to 33,000 ft.-lbs./minute, the figure we use today.

Put into perspective, a healthy human can sustain about 0.1 horsepower. Most observers familiar with horses and their capabilities estimate that Watt was a bit optimistic; few horses could maintain that effort for long. Although the standard for rating horsepower has been available for over 200 years, clever car manufacturers have found ways to change the ratings of their engines to suit their needs. During the famous horsepower wars of the 1960s, manufacturers could get higher figures by testing without auxiliary items such as alternators or even water pumps. High ratings backfired when insurance companies noticed them and started to charge more for what they saw as a higher risk. Manufacturers sometimes responded by listing lower horsepower figures, forcing enthusiasts to look at the magazine test reports to determine what was going on. In the early seventies the SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) stepped in with standardized test procedures and the figures were more consistent.

## Measuring Horsepower

If you want to know the horsepower of an engine, you hook the engine up to a dynamometer. A dynamometer places a load on the engine and measures the amount of power that the engine can produce against the load.

You can get an idea of how a dynamometer works in the following way: Imagine that you turn on a car engine, put it in neutral and floor it. The engine would run so fast it would explode. That's no good, so on a dynamometer you apply a load to the floored engine and measure the load the engine can handle at different engine speeds. You might hook an engine to a dynamometer, floor it and use the dynamometer to apply enough of a load to the engine to keep it at, say, 7,000 rpm. You record how much load the engine can handle. Then you apply additional load to knock the engine speed down to 6,500 rpm and record the load there. Then you apply additional load to get it down to 6,000 rpm, and so on. You can do the same thing starting down at 500 or 1,000 rpm and working your way up. What dynamometers actually measure is torque (in pound-feet), and



to convert torque to horsepower you simply multiply torque by rpm/5,252.

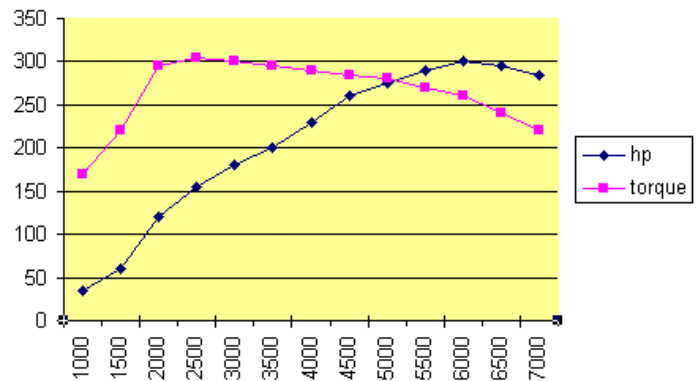
## Torque

Imagine that you have a big socket wrench with a 2-foot-long handle on it, and you apply 50 pounds of force to that 2-foot handle. What you are doing is applying a torque, or turning force, of 100 pound-feet (50 pounds to a 2-foot-long handle) to the bolt. You could get the same 100 pound-feet of torque by applying 1 pound of force to the end of a 100-foot handle or 100 pounds of force to a 1-foot handle.

Similarly, if you attach a shaft to an engine, the engine can apply torque to the shaft. A dynamometer measures this torque. You can easily convert torque to horsepower by multiplying torque by rpm/5,252.

## Graphing

If you plot the horsepower versus the rpm values for the engine, what you end up with is a horsepower curve for the engine. A typical horsepower curve for a high-performance engine might look like this (this happens to be the curve for the 300-horsepower engine in the Mitsubishi 3000 twin-turbo):



What a graph like this points out is that any engine has a peak horsepower -- an rpm value at which the power available from the engine is at its maximum. An engine also has a peak torque at a specific rpm. You will often see this expressed in a brochure or a review in a magazine as "320 HP @ 6500 rpm, 290 lb-ft torque @ 5000 rpm" (the figures for the 1999 Shelby Series 1). When people say an engine has "lots of low-end torque," what they mean is that the peak torque occurs at a fairly low rpm value, like 2,000 or 3,000 rpm.

Another thing you can see from a car's horsepower curve is the place where the engine has maximum power. When you are trying to accelerate quickly, you want to try to keep the engine close to its maximum horsepower point on the curve. That is why you often downshift to accelerate -- by downshifting, you increase engine rpm, which typically moves you closer to the peak horsepower point on the curve. If you want to "launch" your car from a traffic light, you would typically rev the engine to get the engine right at its peak horsepower rpm and then release the clutch to dump maximum power to the tires.

There is one thing **I** know for sure, the more Horsepower you have the better it is! To quote Carroll Shelby: ***"There is never enough horsepower.....just not enough traction"***





# ★★★UPCOMING EVENTS★★★



**ALL FUTURE EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE**

Sep 9	10th Annual Ball Metal School Supply Drive Car & Bike Show, 2400 Huntington Dr. Fairfield. Gates Open 8:00 am - Entry fee - School Supplies See flyer on page 3
Sep 16	Planes, Trains and Automobiles at the Rowland Freedom Museum (Nut Tree Airport), 9am – 2pm Register here: ( <a href="#">Events   My Site (rowlandfreedomcenter.org)</a> )
Sep 23	Sacramento Area Mustang Club 26th Annual Mustangs and Fords at the Marriott Car Show. See website to enter: <a href="#">2023 SAMC Car Show Entry Form – Sacramento Area Mustang Club (sacramentomustangclub.com)</a>
Sep 26	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia
Oct 14	Cruisin' Suisun Car Show 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Register online @ <a href="#">Suisun.recdesk.com</a>
Oct 14	DVMA All Ford Car Show at the Cobra Experience (watch email for details)
Oct 21	Trunk & Treat at Ron DuPratt Ford Dixon (watch email for details)
Oct 21	American Armory Museum Car show \$25 Day of Ghow Gate opens at 8am
Oct 24	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia
Oct 27-29	Friday-Sunday, Sacramento International Auto Show (watch email for details)
Nov 11	Saturday, November 11 <sup>th</sup> Fairfield Veterans Parade
Nov 18	Saturday ~ GHMC Toy Drive– 1351 Oliver Rd. Fairfield, Bill & Judy Davis ch.
Nov 28	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia
Dec 9	Saturday, December 9 <sup>th</sup> . GHMC Christmas dinner & Club installations, Napa Elks
Dec 16	Saturday, December 16 <sup>th</sup> , 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](mailto:info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com)





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 9/29 Jack Judd  
 9/29 Lynne Emmons McEachern



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/2 Chris Laffranchi  
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 10/6 Liz Tunac  
 10/6 Jeremy Wiederspahn  
 10/8 Nick Loya  
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 10/11 Charles Shepard  
 10/13 Victoria Joines  
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 10/23 Olivia Pippert  
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 10/26 Brandon Leathers  
 10/26 Kathy Loya  
 10/27 Antonio Williams  
 10/29 Roger Driver  
 10/29 Robin Paulsell

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYONE!**

## Sunshine Corner

By Yvonne Westberg



- ❖ A Get well card and flowers were sent to our President Sue Calvert as she had knee replacement surgery. Sue, we are so glad to see you up and doing so well.
- ❖ A sympathy card was sent to Mike McCalmont for the passing of his dad. We are so sorry for your loss, Mike. Please accept our condolences.
- ❖ 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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**7:30 p.m.  
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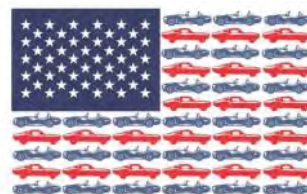
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A large yellow smiley face with a simple black outline and a curved line for a mouth.

**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](mailto:nrmccabe@gmail.com)

