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On August 11th GHMC members; Bob Fentress, George Pezzolo with friend Carroll Rosberg, Kathy & Nick Loya, Dan McCabe, Yvonne Westberg, Donnie & Lynne McEachern, Paul & Alice Troxell with Paul's parents, Gordon & Ernestine Troxell, John Clark with Kathy Eichen, were joined by Napa Vally Cruiser members; Mike & Chris Butler with Chris's brother, Craig Pina, and Mary Margaret Wetzler for another tour of the Warrior Dog Exhibit. (Bryce Frazier left before the photo.) They followed the tour with a drive to A&W for lunch and Root Beer Floats. A fun end to a nice day in the Napa Valley.



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.

2024

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HEADING DOWN THE TRAIL...



With President Bob Fentress

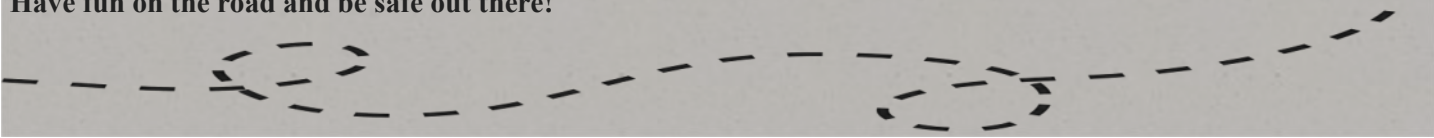
Owning a Mustang provides a great deal of personal satisfaction and happiness. Sometimes, just walking out to the garage and looking at your ride can put you in a better mood. There are many benefits to owning a car with the performance and popularity of the Mustang. In addition to the obvious things like driving and ownership of our Mustangs, the personal relationships created with those that share our common interest can be even more valuable.

The bonds created through the activities we do with our Mustangs contribute to the overall success of the club. Everyone plays a part here, so don't be afraid to take part in more club activities! The second page of the newsletter lists who leads ongoing events, and articles about special events include a leader's name.

Feel free to reach out to any of us if you would like to get involved. We will be taking nominations for next year's club officers and board members at the October membership meeting, then concluding a vote at the November meeting. The new officers and board will be installed at the December holiday celebration. Incidentally, we're looking for someone to spearhead that event – would this be an opportunity for you?

In my years with GHMC I've found as I take part in more club activities, the experience becomes increasingly rewarding. I hope that's the case for all of you, too.

Have fun on the road and be safe out there!



Did you pay your dues this year?

Well, it's that time when we start getting ready for the end of the year. You must be a member in good standing to receive a ballot or an invitation to our Christmas Party. There are still a few who have not paid so this next part is just for you! We have a **BRAND NEW** way to pay your dues. If you are reading this on your computer, scan the QR code below with your phone and it takes you to our membership page. Or follow the link below.



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Thank you!

Please Stay Well and hope to see you soon!

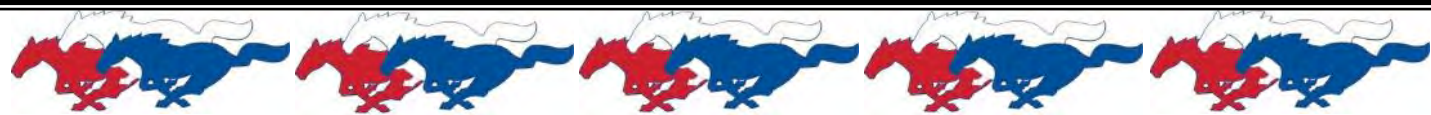
Norma McCabe

Hot August Happenings

August found GHMC members all over the place. Some stayed local and went to car shows while others went to Hot August Nights in Reno (Dan & Cristy Cordeiro and Jim & Lauma Willis) and places far & wide, Robin & Paige went to Des Moines for the MCA National where they were joined by Barbara Stapleton, who also went on a Jet

Boat ride in Gold Beach with Yvonne Westberg. There was even a lunch with Sue Calvert on the way to Oregon! Some of us brought trophies home from the car show while others just brought happy memories. Nevertheless it has been a fun, hot & happy summer!

Photos below captured from Facebook or shared with editor



Featured Events

CELEBRATE THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MUSTANG
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SEPT 15TH
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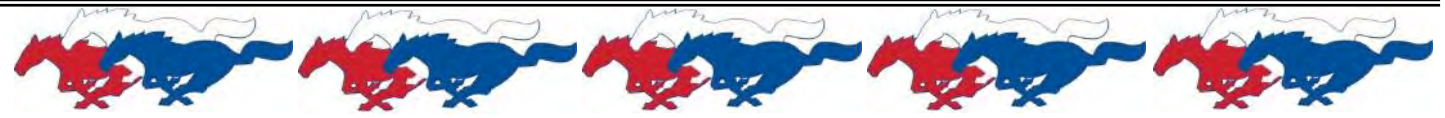
GORDON VALLEY CAR SHOW
 Sunday October 6th 2024
 6485 Gordon Valley Road
 11am-3pm

Raffle, Food & Beverages
Free Parking and admission
Proceeds benefit Gordon Valley Fire Department



Donations Welcome

Questions please call Pattie @ 707-331-5846



Tech Talk 2.0



By Brad Pfeifer

Got Voodoo?

Some years ago, the Banovitzs, Cordellos, and Pfeifers visited New Orleans and heard stories of “black magic” and purveyors of the art like Marie Laveau. While it is doubtful that Ford relied on witchcraft to create their limited production engine, they did name the project “Voodoo”. To a great degree, that engine is indeed magical. This article specifically focuses on the V8 engine.

The Voodoo engine is a radical departure from the standard American V8. It is more Ferrari than Ford and has a sound that is unique among American cars. The magic? The flat-plane crankshaft.

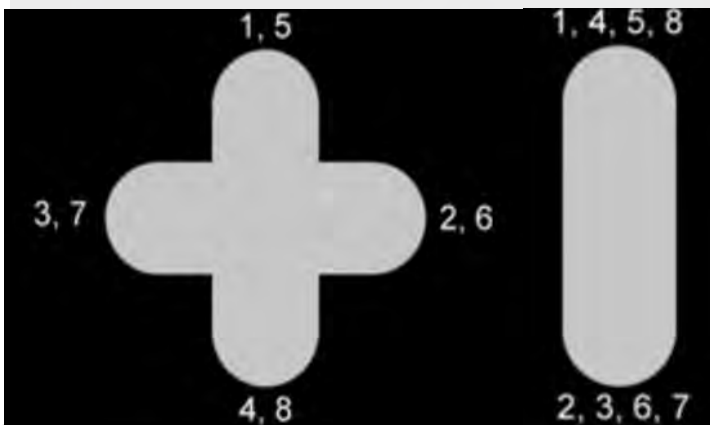
Almost every American V8 engine uses a “cross-plane” crankshaft that has connecting rods attached at its 90-degree points – 90, 180, 270, and 360. Viewed from the snout of the crankshaft, it resembles a plus sign (+). The flat-plane crank however, has connecting rods attached at 180 and 360 degrees, and viewed from its snout looks more like a horizontal bar (|). Computer geeks know this as a ‘pipe’. Cars like Ferrari, Maserati, and Lotus have long used flat-plane crank engines, so the technology is not new (Cadillac used it as early as 1923). Until the GT350, a flat plane engine had not been produced in the US for decades. Chevy, not to be outdone, produced their own flat-plane engine for the Corvette Z06 in 2023, the same year Ford retired it. Using a simple firing order below, the connecting rod attachments might look something like this:

While it might seem trivial, these arrangements have a great impact on the performance and sound of the engine. Wikipedia will tell you about increased noise and vibration, but I guess I need set that straight. The simple design of the flat plane means it needs much less counterweights in the crankshaft, making it lighter, so the engine can rev up faster, and to a higher limit than its cross-plane sibling. The counterweighting is different, but overall, it is a lighter crankshaft and spins more readily. As a result, the typical American V8 has a redline of about 6700, the Voodoo has a redline closer to 8300 (1600+ RPM) Those who read my article on horsepower know RPM is a key to building horsepower.

In a traditional V8 engine, 2 cylinders in the same bank could be firing at about the same time. This means that there is ‘congestion’ in the exhaust headers. All the Ford guys know you need a cross-over pipe in the exhaust to help improve performance. The problem of exhaust congestion is complex enough that the tubing in the old GT40 known as “the bundle of snakes” tried to remedy it. A flat-plane crank engine will always alternate cylinders in different banks that are firing at the same time, and the exhaust is uncongested. The exhaust doesn’t require crazy tubing and collectors like the bundle of snakes. Not only does that help the engine perform better, but the exhaust note is altered, and very importantly to the driver, the under-hood heat is lessened. The sound of a Ferrari is very different than the sound of a GT40 though. If you have heard a 5.2 liter GT350 rev up against a GT Mustang you know the sound is very different as well. The simplified exhaust is why the car is louder and has a different tone. Since you have a cylinder on both the left and right engine banks firing simultaneously, you have an exhaust note from each pipe simultaneously.

There has been some discussion about a ‘secondary vibration’ being a disadvantage in the

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Voodoo engine. This is not an issue I have experienced. I think it has more to do with the 'feel' of a rotating engine in the known cross-plane engines versus the Voodoo engine. To me, the engine seems smoother. Anyone who has watched under the hood of a cross-plane vehicle knows the motor will often rock side to side as the engine is revved. I have not seen a Voodoo engine do that, nor have I gotten a palatable definition nor answer for what is causing the secondary vibration.

Finally, I got asked "what is it like to drive the GT350 with the Voodoo motor on the track?"

I honestly feel Ford weaponized the GT350 and built a fully track-capable Mustang. The first thing you notice (after years of driving a cross-plane V8) is the rev limit. In a cross-plane the rev limit is somewhere around 6500-6800 RPM. The first time I pushed the car past 7000 rpm I thought for sure it

was going to explode. It did not. And it kept climbing. Somewhere around 8200 I backed off a bit, but wow, it was more like a motorcycle than a car. Comparatively, the Lamborghini Huracan STO is also a 5.2 liter flat-plane (but a V10) and has a rev limit of 8500 while the 3.9 liter McLaren 570S also limits at 8500. The power, the rev limit, the six-speed, and a whole slew of computer-controlled settings allow you to customize the car to your driving skills and various tracks. The car is as much fun to drive as it sounds and it holds its own nicely on the track. Just see the picture below...

Editor's Note:

This really is Brad Pfeifer's car and we thank him for letting us use the photo each month. Also thanks for being a contributing writer this month!



BLAST FROM THE PAST



The Littlefield Collection - August 2012



★★★UPCOMING EVENTS★★★



ALL FUTURE EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE

Sep 7	Orinda Classic Car Show, 10 am to 2 pm, 17 Shel by Cobras rain to show and we will be hosting Mustang Alley! Please register your car before the deadline (9/1/24) see our web-site for link.
Sep 7	11th Annual Ball Metal School Supply Drive Car and Bike Show, 8:00 am, Entry fee is school supplies. 2400 Huntington Drive, Fairfield - Free lunch with donation.
Sep 14	3rd Annual Airport Day Wings and Wheels, Rio Vista Airport, 9:00am to 2:00pm. See flyer on our website for more info
Sep 14	Freedom Equine Connection 2nd Annual Fundraising Gathering 6pm at the Vacaville Opera House, 560 E. Main St., Ste. C, Vacaville.
Sep 15	★ Mustang 60th Anniversary Cars and Coffee Hosted by Ford Lincoln Fairfield and Friends of Ford, 8:30 to 11:00am, Contact: Nick Loya See flyer for more info
Sep 21	★ SAMC Mustangs & Fords At The Marriott Car Show 2024 see our website for flyer/register
Sep 21&22	Planes, Trains and Automobiles at the Rowland Freedom Museum (Nut Tree Airport)
Sep 24	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia
Oct 5	Blue s, Brews, BBQs and Main Street Reunion Classic Car Show - Napa Valley Exposition
Oct 6	★ Gordon Valley Car Show—Gordon Valley Fire House see flyer for details
Nov 23	2024 Judy Davis Memorial CHiPs for Kids Toy Drive @ Fairfield CHP Office
Dec 14	GHMC Annual Christmas dinner—Napa Elks Lodge

SAVE THE DATES

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

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/6 Andy Cordeiro
9/7 Harold Joines
9/8 Ryan Bauer
9/8 Randy Gee
9/12 Gaylord Gee
9/12 Jenny Sturgeon
9/13 Savannah Simms
9/16 Michael Bauer
9/16 Sally Fentress
9/17 Frank Lopez
9/17 Peggy Mathews
9/17 Barbara Stapleton
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9/21 Ron Freitas
9/22 Scott Bradley
9/22 Frankie Gomez
9/24 Dave York
9/25 Shelby Banovitz
9/27 Michael Robinson

9/27 Jeremy Santos
9/29 Jack Judd
9/29 Lynne Emmons McEachern



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/3 Jerry Williams
10/4 Sally Walter
10/6 Paulette Rand
10/6 Liz Tunac
10/6 Jeremy Wiederspahn
10/8 Nick Loya
10/11 Charles Shepard
10/13 Victoria Joines
10/15 Adam Simms
10/16 Bradley Freitas
10/16 James Sturgeon
10/21 Kitty Brevig
10/23 Olivia Pippert
10/24 Thomas Williamson
10/25 Peggy Concepcion
10/26 Brandon Leathers
10/26 Kathy Loya
10/29 Roger Driver
10/29 Robin Paulsell

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ANYONE!

Sunshine Corner



By Yvonne Westberg

♥ Good news! We didn't hear about anyone who was ill last month. If you were ill and we didn't hear about it, please let us know.

☞ We wish everyone a healthy month of September! ☞

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 you can email GHMC Info at: info@goldenhillsmustangclub.com



40th Annual Biggest Little Car Show

Our Charity Has been Chosen



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Freedom Equine Connection is a 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit located in Dixon, CA. It is the product of a life-long love and passion for horses and a deep desire to help people heal from life's traumas, addictions, and other mental and emotional health issues. We utilize a ground-based horse and human interaction model to help with the healing, learning, and growing process.

Committees are already forming for the
2025 Biggest Little Car Show.
May 17, 2025

Contact Paul Troxell to volunteer and find out where your talents will make the biggest impact.

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**THE GOLDEN HILLS MUSTANG CLUB
MEETS THE 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT:**

SEE YOU AT



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

**NEXT MEETING
Tues, September 24, 2024**

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Hope to see you at an event soon!

