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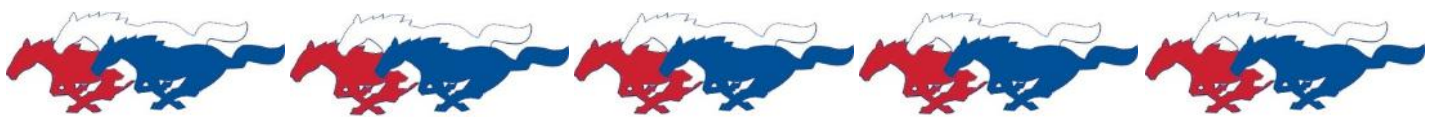
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CLUB PURPOSE

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.

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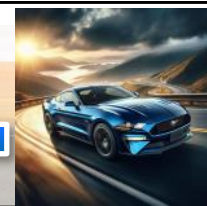
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HEADING DOWN THE TRAIL...

With President Bob Fentress



As the year turns to spring and heads toward summer, we should all get out and support our club and attend the events. Our calendar is beginning to come together for the year since we are coming into the busy time of the year. Keep your eyes on the club event calendar as many exciting events are already on the schedule.

On March 9th we will be going on a cruise through Suisun Valley, Berryessa, Pleasant Valley, and Putah Creek to Winters for lunch. A week later is the Wings Over Solano Air Show at Travis Air Force Base. Then the Goodguys car show takes place on the 23rd and 24th.

In April we will be commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Mustang with several events. On May 18th we will host the Biggest Little Car Show at the Suisun Waterfront Plaza. This is an opportunity to show off your car(s), get to know other club members better, and contribute to the club's biggest event of the year. We're still in need of someone to lead the raffle, so here's a chance to get involved with the club. We'll meet an hour before the March 26th club meeting to plan for the show and you're invited to attend.

HAVE FUN ON THE ROAD AND BE SAFE OUT THERE!



IT'S TIME TO PAY FOR 2024

Thank you to all who made the Membership Chairman very happy, and Paid Early! We are off to a great start as of the last meeting, so keep 'em coming! There are still quite a few who have not paid so this next part is just for you! If you are reading this on your computer, scan the QR code below with your phone and it takes you to our membership page.



Scroll down to: ****pay online for Membership Renewal (\$30)**** and click BUY NOW Follow the instructions to pay using PayPal and email a completed renewal application to:

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If you prefer to pay by check, please download a renewal application on the membership page and mail it to P.O. Box 497, Fairfield, CA 94533-0049 If you need help with printing or downloading, please call me and I can mail you an application. If you are unsure if you have paid or not, please contact me!

Very soon, we hope to implement a new way to pay, similar to the car show application, which will streamline this process. Watch your email for details.

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

Capay Almond Festival

By Sue Calvert

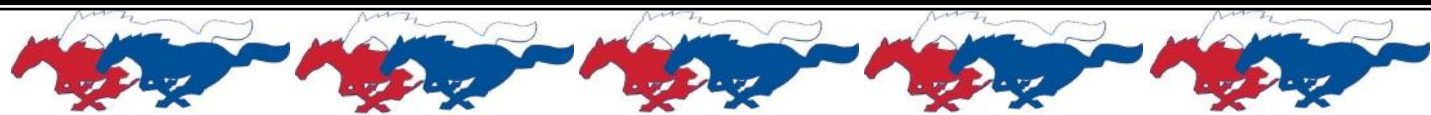
Sunday, February 25th was the annual Capay Almond Festival in the Capay Valley of Yolo County. I remembered crossing my fingers and hoping for warmer weather at this annual event last year, and I got my wish! The weather for this year's festival was perfect. The morning temperature was in the high sixties and it was definitely convertible weather later in the day. Bill Watkins and I met Dan & Norma McCabe, Tammy and Mike Robinette, Terry & Ileine Burke, Paul Troxell, Kathy Loya and Bill Davis at Lowe's in Vacaville at 7:30am. We all headed north together on I-505 to the small town of Esparto. When we got to Esparto High School at 8:30am, we met up with Brian Evans, Jennifer House and a Stray Cats Cougar Club member, Bill Kubran. He showed us his beautiful '69 Cougar. We all enjoyed a nice pancake and omelet breakfast that was prepared by the FFA teens.

After breakfast, our members usually head off in all different directions, but most of us decided to go for a walk and see the car show and vendor booths. It was a nice surprise to see Tim & Miki

Leathers and their dog in the parking lot on their way into breakfast.

By 10:30am some members headed for Cache Creek Casino. A small group of us stayed together and drove to the antique stores and other sights in Guinda. We then drove further up the scenic highway to the small town of Rumsey. We enjoyed browsing the Farmer's Market and a small area with vendor booths. Some of us took pictures of our cars on the historic bridge over a full Cache Creek. After leaving Rumsey, we continued our drive along Hwy. 16 to Hwy. 20, where we all headed on to Granzella's in Williams for lunch. The scenery was breathtaking as we came out of the hills and headed back into the valley. The Sutter Buttes formed the perfect backdrop for all of the blossoming almond orchards. The air was so clear that you could see Mt. Shasta in the distance!

Thank you to everyone who joined me on this trip. Please take a look at all of the pictures Terry has posted on our website! They will give you a true feel of all of the sights we enjoyed on our trek!



On February 10th, The Cobra Experience Museum (“America’s Place for Cobra and Mustang Fans”) kicked off their 10th anniversary year with a special dinner and evening program to celebrate their past accomplishments and to continue forward with their mission of being committed to the promotion, conservation, education and preservation of the cars produced by Shelby American.

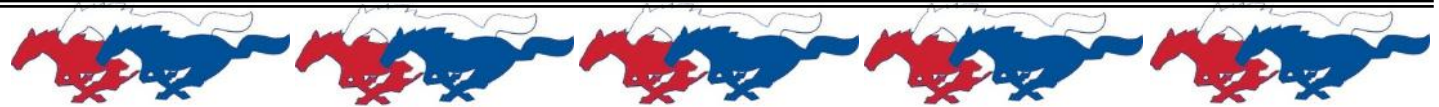
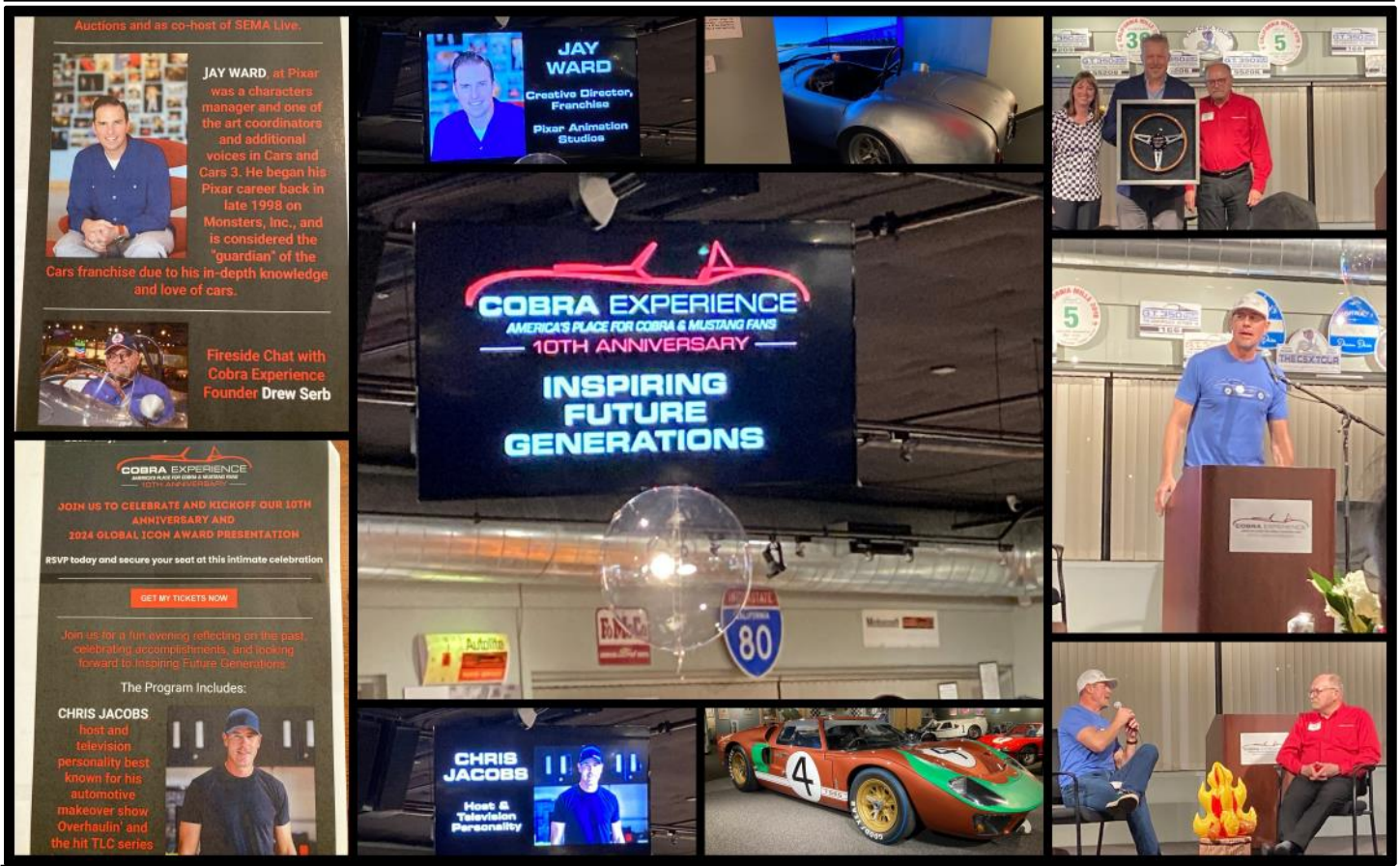
The evening’s guest speakers started off with TV personality Chris Jacobs from the automotive makeover show Overhaulin’ and the hit TLC series Long Lost Family. The second speaker was Jay Ward from Pixar, who began his career in 1998 working on Monsters, Inc., but is best known for his involvement with the Cars/Cars 3 franchise due to his in-depth knowledge and love of cars.

The final speaker was none other than Drew Serb, the instigator and curator of the museum he founded in 2014 along with his wife Janet and their daughter Emily Lambert. It was a “fireside chat” where he was interviewed by the aforementioned Chris Jacobs about his life experiences of collecting and restoring Cobra’s back in the 1970’s

when they were just “less than ten-year-old used cars.” Drew would bring back to life wrecked Cobras that others just wanted to send to the junk yards, sell them after repairs, then buy newer or nicer ones. My favorite story of the night was when Drew told of the ridicule he received from his parents for buying his first Cobra in the early 1970’s for \$1,500...a car that was LOUD, had NO door handles or roll up windows or roof for that matter, and only had two seats. He sold the car five years later for \$38,000 and his parents, well, they sort of changed their tune!

I was joined by GHMC members Dan McCabe, Joel Edelmann, Laura Mize and Paul Troxell. Congratulations to Drew and family, and all their volunteers, on this ten-year journey of educating the next generations on the historical significance of Carroll Shelby and Shelby American, and what they accomplished for this country in the 1960’s domestic and international motorsports scenes. As they like to say, “The cars can’t talk, but we can!”

By Brian Evans



The Truth About Horsepower and Torque



By Brad Pfeifer

Watts it all about?

What do a light bulb, and the power your Mustang makes have in common? Not much more than a story, so here it is...

We always tend to talk about the amount of horsepower a car makes, and those numbers are usually inflated, or misunderstood. Really, we want to know about torque. It has been said that "Horsepower sells cars, but torque wins races" After this; you'll know the truth, and a little history. Some of you could probably care less, but stay tuned; the story involves horses, sex, dead people, a 289, and a tractor!

In the 17th Century, a Scottish engineer named James Watt (1736–1819) needed a way to gauge and compare the power output of the steam engines he was building. At the time horses did most of the work, pulling ropes that pulled levers, etc. So Watt backed his Mustang out of the barn and went about measuring what kind of power it had. Watt was able to mathematically determine and establish a baseline of power, based on what the horse could do, or one "horsepower." Chalk one up for the Mustangs.

Basically, most work that was done at that time was done through some twisting motion – horses pulling levers around in a circle or water turning wheels. For those of you who went to the Bale Grist Mill, you saw first hand what I am talking about. So the 'power of twisting' is what Watt wanted to get to. Torque is the name given to the power of twisting, and horsepower is mathematically derived from torque.

OK, to keep you interested – James got married, had two kids (the gratuitous sex part), then his wife died. Then he got remarried, and his two kids died. He got old with his second wife, and then they died. I don't know about their sex life, but I am sure she never told him to turn off the lights in the barn after working with his engines. (The light bulb wouldn't be created until almost 60 years after they died)

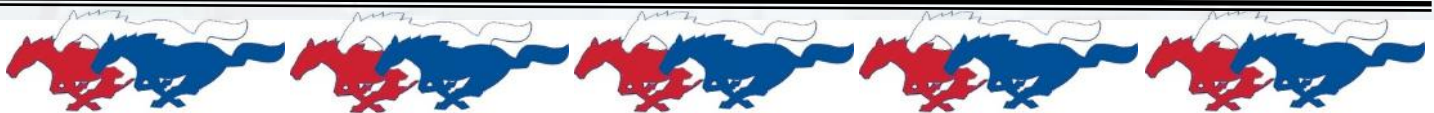
Back to our discussion on torque... We MEASURE torque, and CALCULATE horsepower. Watts Law says that **Horsepower = (Torque times RPM) divided by 5252**. The 5252 number comes from Watts work with his Mustang. I won't discuss how he got to that number, but you have to trust me – it's the law! When we take an engine to the chassis or engine dyno shop, they measure the twisting force the engine pro-

duces (either by the spinning wheels or the spinning flywheel) and the RPM's. The numbers are then fed into the equation above, and that's how we get horsepower numbers. If we use the equation above an engine that develops 400 ft/lbs of torque at 3800 RPM's is making 289 horsepower. **(400 x 3800) divided by 5252 equals 289**. It is safe to try this at home, with your calculator. Be careful however, of pulling on horses with ropes!

Interesting stuff for you gear heads and closet mathematicians: **Torque and horsepower will always be the same at 5252 RPM!!** The RPM will cancel out Watt's number, and horsepower will equal torque. Has to, it's the law! If you have ever seen a dyno sheet with the horsepower and torque curves, you know it looks like two humps that intersect. That intersection is, and always will be, at 5252 RPM. If someone is showing you a printout and there isn't an intersection at 5252, something is wrong!

Could you race a tractor against a new Honda S2000? Probably, but we know who would win. The numbers tell the story. A tractor develops a lot of twisting force, at a low RPM. Lets say it makes 400 ft/lbs of torque at 600 RPM. If we plug that into our equation, we find out that the tractor is only developing about 46 horsepower! An S2000 develops 240 horsepower at 8300 RPM. So how do we compare it to a tractor if we don't know the torque? Well we have to change our equation – (HP x 5252) divided by RPM will give us the torque number. $(240 \times 5252) / 8300 = 152$ ft/lbs of torque. That's not much more than a blender on steroids! Wait though, if a tractor could spin up to 8300 RPM's, what could it do? Plug in the same numbers and you will find that the tractor is making 632 HP. That is one badass farm implement!

Well that concludes our lesson for today. Oh yea, about the light bulb. James Watt had nothing to do with the light bulb, but he was a great British action hero. There are only a few of them (No, Austin Powers does not count) so in 1882 (63 years after he got dead) Britain named the electric unit after him. The 'Watt' we know, was named after a man who had nothing to do with it! But, perhaps car enthusiasts in the future will ask each other of their electric cars, "Hey man, how many Watts does that thing make?"



BLAST FROM THE PAST

Tour to the COBRA EXPERIENCE MUSEUM by Brian Evans

With the recent February 10th Cobra Experience Museum 10th anniversary dinner, I was asked how I discovered this museum which celebrates Carroll Shelby and the cars produced by Shelby American from 1962 to 1970...

In early 2015, I was reading my Fall 2014 issue of "The Shelby American" magazine and came across an article by Rick Kopec (one of the founders of SAAC back in 1975) who told of a new Cobra Museum that opened in November 2014. It wasn't until the very end of the six-page article that it mentioned this new museum was "in the San Francisco Bay Area in a city called Martinez." After nearly falling out of my chair, I quickly called fellow club member and 1968 Shelby aficionado Ron Myska, who hadn't yet seen the article but was as excited as I was after reading it. The two of us went to the Museum in January or February of 2015, and were so impressed I just knew it would be the perfect place to drive our Mustangs to on a future Golden Hills Mustang tour.

It didn't take long. On March 15, 2015, 14 families consisting of 24 people toured the Cobra Experience Museum for the first time. They were (in the order signed up per the photo): Yours Truly, Jim Martino, Frank Lopez, Kirk Stafford, Bill Banovitz, the Burkes, Wiederspahnns, McCabes, Clif & Drake Wilson, Peter Colichidas, Ed Bodoh, the Yorks, and the Pezzolos.

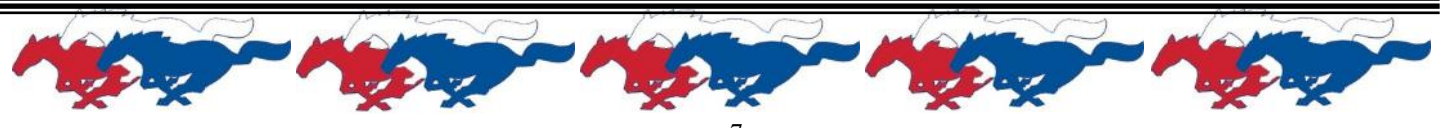
It's been ten great years of an annual car show that over the last few years sells out about as quick as any Northern CA show, quarterly movie nights, annual educational seminars, and many other events, all designed to inspire the next generation to pursue the classic car hobby.

I've been a Lifetime Member for several years now, if you have any questions, let me know!

COBRA EXPERIENCE
Another Bucket List Entry: The Newest Cobra Museum is a Must-Do
—Rick Kopec

COBRA EXPERIENCE MUSEUM TOUR

Name	Phone / E-Mail	Number of Participants	Cobra Mustang	Note
BRIAN E.		1		
JAMES MARTINO	707-688-2047	1		
FRANK LOPEZ	510-231-3113	1		
KIRK STAFFORD	502-381-2019	1		
BILL BANOVITZ	917-481-2019	1		
THE BURKES	707-319-6022	1		
WIEDERSPAHNNS	707-319-6022	1		
MCCABES	707-319-6022	1		
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PETER COLICHIDAS	707-319-6022	1		
ED BODOH	707-319-6022	1		
THE YORKS	707-319-6022	1		
THE PEZZOLOS	707-319-6022	1		
TOTAL		14	24	



★★★UPCOMING EVENTS★★★



ALL FUTURE EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE

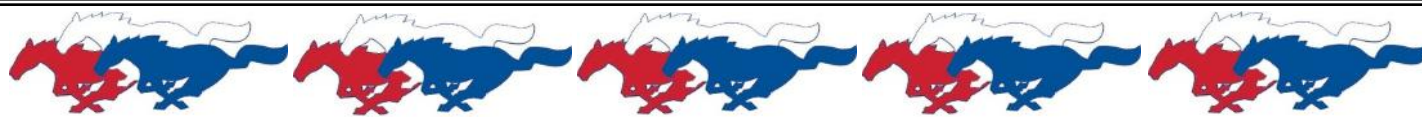
Mar 9	March Cruise! Meet at 10:00 am B. Gale Wilson school @ Rancho Solano. Cruise Suisun Valley, Berryessa, Pleasant Valley and Putah Creek to Winters. Break for lunch at Steady Eddy's. Then back home into Fairfield/Suisun- Contact Rob Lo
Mar 16	Wings Over Solano, Travis AFB Air Show and Open House Watch email for details
Mar 17	Kids, Cars & Coffee plus Public Day @ The Cobra Experience, Martinez
Mar 26	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia (Car Show meeting one hour before meeting starts for all those interested in volunteering)
April 13	Biggest Little Car Show Judging Seminar—East Bay Classics—Watch email for details
Apr 17	Happy Birthday Mustang Burger Run—Location TBA
April 21	National Mustang Day @The Cobra Experience
Apr 23	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia
Apr 25-28	Kool April Nites, Redding, CA
May 18	The Biggest Little Car Show, Suisun Waterfront Plaza, Suisun City, CA
May 25	Fiesta Days Parade, Vacaville
May 28	GHMC General Meeting 7:30 p.m. Denny's, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1 Jacqueline Brown
(McCalmont)
3/9 Jeannette Parsons
3/13 Niki Eagle (Pickering)
3/14 Terry Burke
3/14 Randi Scott
3/15 Brandi Holstein
3/15 Scarlet Laroski
(Pickering)
3/15 Donald Miggins
3/15 Brad Pfeifer
3/22 Jim Willis
3/29 Chris Barkman
3/29 Nicole Herman



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/1 James Isaacson
4/2 Danielle Wright
4/6 Neal Randles
4/6 Austin Sturgeon
4/7 Greg Stevenson
4/14 Jack Banovitz
4/14 Nicole vonTing
4/15 Danielle vonTing
4/18 Ellyn Derby
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



By Yvonne Westberg

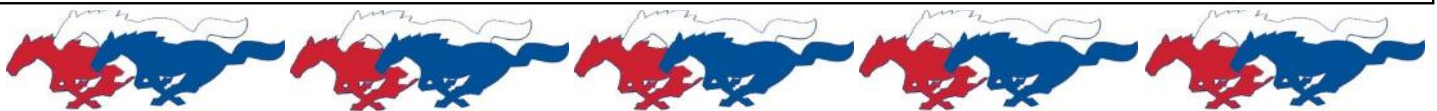
Good News /Bad News

❁ The Good News is NO Get Well Cards were sent!

❁ The Bad News is we didn't hear from anyone who might have been in need of SUNSHINE this month. Please let us know if you hear of anyone who could use a card or some prayers.

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



Biggest Little Car Show

By Robin Paulsell

★★ Car Show Update ★★

Planning for the 39th Annual Biggest Little Car Show on May 18th 2024 is kicking into high gear. We want to welcome and thank Paul Troxell for volunteering to Co-chair the show, Paul will also serve as the Parking Committee chair. Brenda Romero is show Registrar again, but we need volunteers to chair the Sponsorship Committee and Raffle Committee. As always, these shows don't get done by just a few people, it takes all 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 want to thank Ron DuPratt Ford for stepping up to once again sponsor the club for the year and Gold level show sponsor. Mecum Auctions is also onboard as a donor. East Bay Classics is returning as a Gold level sponsor, but we are looking for more sponsors and we need raffle prizes. Sponsors and items do not need to be auto related, so 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 are only \$50. Non-profit organizations get a free 10X10 booth while space is available.

The MCA Judged Class is sold out and we have 68 total entries so far, this is about a 75% increase

over last year. Regular online registration opened at 12:01 AM January 1st. Remember club members should register their Mustangs for the GHMC Member Class, regardless of year. Club members registering a non-Mustang Ford, Lincoln, or Mercury can register in the appropriate class for that vehicle.

The first Judging Seminars to train those interested in judging or learning how their car will be judged took place on January 27th, the next seminar is April 13th. The seminars will be followed with a car show meeting, and we will have pizza for lunch. If you have any questions or ideas please contact me.

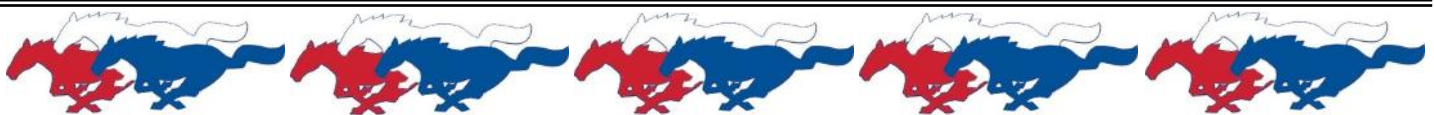
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MEETS THE 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT:**

SEE YOU AT



**7:30 p.m.
Denny's Cordelia
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**NEXT MEETING
Tues, March 26, 2024**

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Suisun Waterfront Plaza

