

High Five Tour



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On July 14, 2010, some members of the Golden Hills Mustang Club in California met USMC Colonel John Folsom during his Wounded Warrior "High Five" tour. What an incredible experience for us. During the lunch, fellow MCA member Greg Stevenson contacted Mary Jean Wesche at the *Mustang Times* Editorial Office to tell her about the Colonel and his tour, and to let her know he'd be at the Bellevue, WA, Grand National. When he started the conversation with Mary Jean about a retired Colonel driving a GT500, she quickly asked, "Are you talking about Colonel Folsom?" We didn't even know if the MCA was aware of the High Five Tour and were stunned at her response. She was able to talk to the Colonel that day and make plans to meet in Bellevue.

We all had a great time talking with Colonel Folsom and signing his GT500.

Our Club Secretary and MCA member, Susan Calvert, presented Colonel Folsom with a check from the club for his organization. We were very pleased to be able to do this.

Several club members were able to escort the Colonel on Highway 80 from American Canyon to Sacramento, CA. We were the first club to do an escort and drove Mustangs ranging in years from 1964 1/2 to 2011. We even had a CHP officer on hand, and he "High Fived" the Colonel and assisted with our escort.

It was an awesome day for all involved in this one-day event.



Editor's Note: When Greg Stevenson of the Golden Hills Mustang Club called to tell me about the High Five Tour, I had just finished preparing the August issue's coverage of the High Five Tour's stop in Asheville, NC. So, when Greg started to talk about a retired Marine driving a GT500 across the country, I immediately asked him if he was talking about Colonel Folsom. There was total silence on the phone, I think Greg was as stunned as I was.

It was an honor to meet Colonel Folsom on his brief stop in Bellevue and be able to contribute to his cause and sign the GT500. I feel the need to explain that the Shelby is "wrapped" with the graphics shown in the photo, signing it doesn't damage the Shelby. The Colonel hopes to auction the Shelby at a Barrett-Jackson Auction.

Not many clubs in the MCA were aware of the Tour. Next year, Colonel Folsom will work with the MCA directly to get information about his stops out to Regional Clubs, giving more clubs the opportunity to participate.