

# THE VOICE of Bay Area Mustangs



BAM! is a 501(c)3 Charitable Organization and an MCA Regional Club

May 2025 Edition

## MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE BAY AREA MUSTANGS, INC.

*I never know what to say when people ask me what my hobbies are. I mean, I'm a Mom. I enjoy trips to the bathroom alone ... and silence.  
(Happy Mother's Day to our BAM! Moms.)*

**April 3, 2025** — Our April Gathering was held at Walk-On's and it was a great time and everything was themed on Easter! We had a great slide presentation with plenty of funny things to laugh about. Our game of the month was "Purses, Pockets, and Wallets," which is a great favorite. Our Guest Speakers were Parks Ford Sales Managers Drew Knight and Frank Lacey and did a great job! Remember that everyone is welcome to join us at our Gathering's so tell a friend, or two, and come on out for some great fun. Our President won the April Membership Drawing, so our May drawing will be back to \$10! Make sure you always have your membership card with you, and come on out and share in the fun, laughter, and friendships!



**April 12, 2025**— Our April Rise & Shine was held at Parks Ford in Wesley Chapel, from 9am-11am. It was so enjoyable to sit outside and enjoy a Spring morning with friends.

We love to spend a Saturday morning enjoying some great music while showing off our cars and partaking of some breakfast, complements of our awesome host, Parks Ford. Our next Rise & Shine

will be held on May 10th so mark your calendars and come on out and join us!!

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Gatherings*

*Cliff Johannsen, Ticket Sales-  
Gatherings*

*Thanks for Your Help!*

*Bay Area Mustangs is a different kind of car club. We are a club where friendships are just as important as our Mustangs and, just like when we maintain our Mustangs, a little effort goes a long way. We treat each other with old fashioned respect, and we are each accountable for our actions. Our members agree that kindness and courtesy are the hallmark of a fun and welcoming environment. Come join us.*



## The Rear View ... A BAM! Gathering

# The Voice

A look back at our *April Gathering* ... Members are fond of saying it's like being at a party!





## *The Rear View ... Parks Ford Rise & Shine*

# *The Voice*

*A look back at our April Rise & Shine ... Thanks to our wonderful sponsor Parks Ford!*







*Beverly Warshel,  
BAM!'s Sunshine Lady*

What is a “Sunshine Lady” you ask? Well, the purpose of having a “Sunshine Lady” in our club is so that when any of our BAM! member are having “down days” she will send them a card to let them know that their friends at BAM! are thinking of them, and wishing them well. She does Get Well cards , Thinking of You cards, etc.

It is just a thoughtful way to show that, as fellow BAM! members, we care and are thinking of them during their illness, accident, surgeries, etc. But you need to help out and let Beverly know when a fellow member is in needs of a little pick-me-up.

Beverly’s phone number is (814) 207-1328. Members can call Beverly with details (name, address) anytime and make her aware of someone they know. who is having one of these “down days” and Beverly will take care of the rest!

*The Tampa Bay area is full of great things to do, and we will be doing them together. From shows, to cruises, to poker runs, to picnics, our goal is to get our Mustangs out with a group of friends and have fun no matter what activity is on the calendar, and there will be plenty for everyone!*

### ***BAM! on the Web...***

Check out all of our BAM happenings on our web page. You’ll find everything you need to know about BAM! right here. You can join the club or renew your membership from our website. You can also register for upcoming Car Shows! Thanks to Scott Englert, our Web Master, for managing our website!

Here is the link:

<https://www.bayareamustangs.com/>



### ***BAM! on Facebook...***

Got something to say about how much fun you are having with BAM!? Want to share pictures of your Mustang?

For all the latest on what people are sharing and thinking, don’t forget to follow BAM! on Facebook. Here is the link:

Here is the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BayAreaMustangs>

The Facebook logo, which consists of the word 'facebook' in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.



## Our “Finger Art” Gallery ...

# The Voice

*(From your Editor)* Last year I started having fun with something I called “Finger Art.” As I suspected, our fun loving BAM! members joined in with gusto until “Finger Art” became all the rage at BAM! events. Here is this month’s best BAM! Artists and their rendition of “Finger Art!” Good job fellow Artists! You make me proud ...



(Above) Artist Tony Marciano gives us his “James Bond” artistic style!! Very smooth, Tony!

(Left-Top) Artist Zeke Brogan shows that it isn’t just the fingers, it’s also the facial expression and the pose! Nice to see you giving it your all, Zeke!

(Left-Bottom) Here Artist Frank Morales (our President) shows off his “photo bomb Artistry” in our Membership Chairman’s sweet picture with his wife (Cliff and Janet.) So much for “sweet and innocent,” right friends?



### *Benefits of BAM! Membership*

- Monthly Gatherings! - Each month we get together at Walk-On's Restaurant on the first Thursday of each month. This is always an opportunity for BAM! members to meet new friends or catch up with old friends, get caught up on all the latest BAM! and Mustang news, play a game with cash prizes, participate in a Raffle, 50/50 drawing, and our Membership Drawing. Our Gatherings are filled with fun and laughter and you'll feel like you're at a party! We hope our members can join us as often as possible.
- The Voice! - Our newsletter "The Voice" is available monthly for you to enjoy. It provides pictures from past events, our monthly calendar and all sorts of information on BAM! happenings and events. We hope our members enjoy receiving our newsletter each month.
- Events! - We have fun events planned throughout the year. Make sure you check our calendar in the newsletter. Event fliers are mailed out to members as events are finalized. We hope our members come out and participate in as many events as possible.
- Charity! - We are pleased to hold car shows that are not just about having a lot of fun, but they are also opportunities to support local charities. We hope our members come out to support our shows.
- Making Friends! - We are all about our Mustangs, of course, but we are also happy to make friends with fellow members and Mustang enthusiasts. As a member of BAM!, we treat everyone with respect, we all do our part to make everyone feel welcome, and we are proud to be able to support worthy causes through our charitable efforts. Come join us.



*You never realize how weird you are, until you have a child that acts just like you.*



### *Mustang Club of America (MCA)*

Get all MCA has to offer. Join at [www.mustang.org](http://www.mustang.org)

\$60 full 1-year membership: Includes MCA membership and number, member benefits, access to enter MCA shows, MCA website access, ability to vote in MCA elections, ability to run for MCA office, digital "Mustang Times" access, "Mustang Times" 1 year subscription.

\$40 digital 1-year membership: Includes MCA membership and number, member benefits, access to enter MCA shows, MCA website access, ability to vote in MCA elections, ability to run for MCA office, digital "Mustang Times" access.

\$25 associate 1-year membership: Includes MCA membership and number, member benefits, access to enter MCA shows, MCA website access.



## *From the Driver's Seat ...*

# The Voice

Hi BAM! Members and Friends,

The month of April was a very busy month for me and I'm sure for most of you too. With the start of Taxes, Spring, Easter, and for some of us Mustang enthusiasts, going to car shows or activities in celebration of the National Mustang Day (April 17<sup>th</sup>). I also celebrated Melinda's birthday and spoiled her. Wow! Am I a good husband? LOL.

If you didn't attend our BAM! Gathering on Thursday, April 3rd, you missed out on some good food from Walk-On's and a great Gathering. Our guest speakers were Frank Lacy and Drew Knight, Sales Managers for Parks Ford. Parks Ford is our major sponsor and it was nice to hear the benefits Parks Ford offers our BAM! members. In appreciation, we gave them each a little Easter Basket and a couple of classic model Ford trucks.

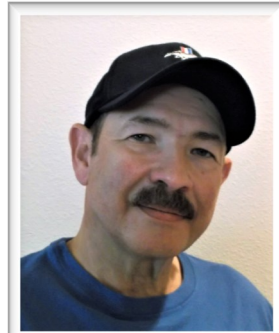
As for past events, I want to thank all the BAM! members and friends that attended the Parks Ford Rise & Shine Car Meet on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Parks Ford is awesome and they provide free coffee and breakfast to all participants. In case you missed this one, Parks Ford is doing the Rise & Shine Car Meet on the first Saturday of every month. We (BAM!) want to make sure we support our sponsor, so feel free to invite your friends. They do not have to own a Mustang to participate. All makers and models are welcome. Hope to see you at our next Rise & Shine.

Next, usually at this time of the year we have our BAM! club picnic at Lettuce Lake Park. However, this year we were not able to secure the park shelter for the various dates that we wanted. It was also very difficult to deal with their staff and to get quick responses to our applications. Even our Vice President, Tony Marciano, tried to use his connection to reserve a date. He gave it a valiant effort, but with no luck. Therefore, we decided to do a cruise – "BAM! on the Bay" for Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The cruise will be ending at Woody's River Roo for a nice lunch overlooking the bay. Thanks to the Board for quickly pulling together this new event. I hope to see you there!

Next, the BAM! "Mustang Madness Car Show" flyer is out now. The car show is scheduled for Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Grove in Wesley Chapel. We have a new location because Parks Ford is going through expansion construction. However, Parks Ford is sponsoring the event, as in past years, and management will be attending. This show will benefit the Ali Spears Foundation, which helps families dealing with pediatric cancer. Come out and support this great cause. Register for the car show as soon as possible as we have limited space. You can register and pay on-line or you can send your registration with a check. You will get a confirmation back after you register.

In closing, I would like to encourage all of you to attend our next BAM! Gathering, or other activities, to show your support for our BAM! Club, as our Board is working very hard to make it a fun club. Also, thanks to Melinda and the Board for all you do for BAM!

*Frank Morales, President, Bay Area Mustangs (BAM!)*  
You can contact me at: [fmorapres@aol.com](mailto:fmorapres@aol.com)



### **WHY CHOOSE BAM?**

*Because you want to have fun. You want to have fun with friends. You want to have fun with friends who also love Mustangs! What more could you ask for?*

*You might ask for a large choice in activities, great sponsors, games and plenty of entertainment.*

*You certainly will get all of this with BAM!*

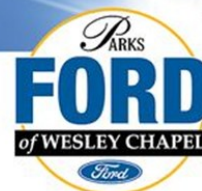


## RISE & SHINE

### —CAR MEET—

**2ND SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
9AM-11AM**

CO-HOSTED BY:



**Saturday, May 10th, 2025**—Rise & Shines are held each month for 2025. This can always be counted on to be a fun morning of beautiful cars, a live band or DJ, free breakfast and good friends! A big thank you to our wonderful Sponsor, Parks Ford for holding this event!

As BAM! continues to grow, we are always looking for ways to make things easier on our members. So we are happy to announce that BAM! now takes credit card payments at any of our activities.

- Do you want to renew your membership? You can do this at any BAM! event.
- Do you want to register for our car show? You can do this at any BAM! event.
- At our Gatherings:
  - You can buy Club Items by credit card!
  - You can buy Raffle Tickets by credit card!
  - You can buy 50/50 tickets by credit card!

*Don't have cash on you? See our BAM! Treasurer !*







## BAM! ON THE BAY!

**Saturday,  
May 3rd, 2025**

Come join us as we take our Ponies out for a morning cruise and then lunch at Woody's River Roo, located in Ellenton, FL. For those interested in taking in a little shopping afterward, the Ellenton Outlet Mall happens to be located right behind the restaurant.

We will meet in the Main Event parking lot (next to the Outlet Mall) located at 2839 Creek Grass Way, Lutz, FL 33559 at 9:45am. We will have our Drivers Meeting at 10:00am and depart at 10:15am for a relaxing cruise and a breath of fresh air.

Our lunch destination will be Woody's River Roo located at 5717 18th St. E., Ellenton, FL 34222.

*If you plan to join us, please RSVP to Melinda Morales, at 714-743-6002 or email at [Melinda.BAM@yahoo.com](mailto:Melinda.BAM@yahoo.com) so we have an accurate count for our lunch reservation.*



**Saturday, May 3rd, 2025**— BAM! Will be taking a cruise on May 3rd. Cruises are a very popular activity so mark your calendar and come out and join us. We will take a short drive, ending up at Woody's River Roo, in Ellington, FL. It's going to be a fun day!



The Bay Area Mustangs presents  
**Mustang Madness Car Show!**

A 501(c)3 Fundraiser

Supporting the Ali Spears Foundation  
*Helping families impacted by pediatric cancer.*

**PARKS Ford**  
WESLEY CHAPEL

Sponsored by Parks Ford

Show located at the Grove:  
5710 Oakley Blvd.,  
Wesley Chapel,  
FL 33544

BAM! is an MCA Regional Club!

**Saturday, October 18, 2025**

Open to all years, makes and models.  
Location is 5710 Oakley Blvd, Wesley Chapel, FL 33544 (This is the Outback, which is next to the show area.)  
Show Hours: 9:00AM to 2:00PM.  
Registration: 9:00AM to 11:00AM. No Cars parked after 11:00AM.  
\$20 if pre-registered by 10-15-25;  
\$25 for Day of Show entries (cash only)  
Show will be held rain or shine – **no refunds.**

People's Choice Voting will take place between 11:30AM to 1:00PM. Awards presented at approximately 2:00PM.  
For general information email [infobayareamustangs@gmail.com](mailto:infobayareamustangs@gmail.com) or call Frank Morales at (714) 349-1753.  
Register and Pay Online at <https://bayareamustangs.com>.  
(Fee is \$21 for on-line registrations) (Mail-in option on reverse side.)

**BAM!**  
Bay Area Mustangs



**Saturday, October 18th, 2025**— BAM! will once again hold our “Mustang Madness Car Show” sponsored by Parks Ford Wesley Chapel. As it has in the past, it is going to be an awesome day. This show supports the Ali Spears Foundation (helping families impacted by pediatric cancer) so come support this show and help a worthy cause while having a great day. See the flier for all the details and we hope to see you there. Register early!



## BAM! Membership ...

# The Voice

Welcome to our  
Newest Members!

Rhett Tucker  
Steven Sommers  
Paul Inzerillo  
Bryan & Angela Strob  
Rob Perrault  
David & Susan Shaffer  
Brian & Candace Zube  
Gary Crist  
Thomas Arnao

At every monthly Gathering we draw a membership number. If that member is present, their current membership card must be shown to win the pot. If the member doesn't have their membership card, or the member isn't present, no one wins that month.

The next month we will add \$10 to the pot and draw a membership number. The pot will continue to grow until a winner is drawn.

The drawing was claimed at our April Gathering so the May Pot will be:

**\$10.00!**

Monthly Membership  
Drawing!

For questions on BAM! membership contact our Membership Chairman,  
Cliff Johannsen, at [cliff.bam7@gmail.com](mailto:cliff.bam7@gmail.com)

## 2025 Annual Membership Drive!

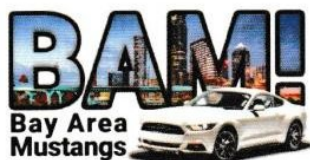
### NICE RIDE!

WANNA HAVE SOME  
FUN WITH YOUR



M U S T A N G

TURN CARD OVER TO  
LEARN MORE ABOUT



Admired by

Write your  
name here!

How would you like a membership perk while helping to grow our BAM! membership? Yes, we thought you'd like the idea. By bringing in new members, here are some of the perks now available:

- |                   |                                   |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 New Membership  | \$10 Gift Card or \$10 Cash       |
| 3 New Memberships | One free BAM! T-Shirt             |
| 5 New Memberships | One free BAM! membership renewal! |

New members just need to list your name on the membership application, as the person that told them about the club, and you'll get credit toward this membership drive. So invite your friends and fellow Mustang Enthusiasts.

Another way to grow our membership is through use of our "Nice Ride!" cards. You can pick some up at our next event. Keep them in your pocket, and when you see a nice Mustang, leave this card on their window ... But remember to write your name on the card! So far we have the following winner:

Maureen Capps - 1, Mark Berlin - 2, Scotty Gruoner - 2  
Tony Marciano - 1, Zeke Brogan - 1, Mike Skupin - 1



## Club Items ...

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**Multiple  
Colors  
Available!**



*Support your Club ... wear your BAM! Apparel!! See our Club Items Chairman, Rob Dutra, at our monthly Gatherings and Events.*

There are three ways to get yours:

1. Check out Club Items display at our Gatherings.
2. You can place an order, then pick it up at our next Gathering (or as available).
3. Go to our BAM! website's Links page and click on the link for Dawn's Embroidery, or go directly to [Dawnsembroidery.com](http://Dawnsembroidery.com) and click on the BAM! Logo to see what's in stock. You can place an order then have it shipped or pick it up.

**See pricing on next page.**

## New Items!



Tote Bag



20 oz Tumbler



30 oz Tumbler



40 oz Tumbler



Crew Neck



Hoodie



Full Zip-up



Get Your Exclusive Club Items!

Join the fun and show your BAM! Club spirit with our new fantastic range of items. Check out our selection and grab your favorites!

Item	Description	Cost
BAM! Zip-Up	Full zip-up sweatshirt w/ logo	\$25*
BAM! Hoodie	Cozy hoodie for chilly days w/logo	\$20*
BAM! Crew Neck	Sweatshirt (no hood) w/logo	\$18*
BAM! Camp Shirts	Lightweight button down w/logo	\$25*
BAM! T- Shirts	Soft cotton t-shirt w/logo	\$15*
BAM! Baseball Cap	Stylish cap w/adjustable strap & logo	\$20
BAM! Travel Mug (20 oz)	20 oz. Eco-Friendly travel mug w/logo	\$20
BAM! Travel Mug (30 oz)	30 oz. Eco-Friendly travel mug w/logo	\$25
BAM! Travel Mug (40 oz)	40 oz. Eco-Friendly travel mug w/handle & logo	\$35
BAM! Tote Bag	Durable tote for daily use w/logo	\$25
BAM! Key Chain	Unique Keychain with club emblem	\$3
BAM! Hat Pin	Unique Hat Pin with club logo	\$2
BAM! Decals	Fun BAM! Decals to personalize your ride	\$2

**\*Note prices listed are for sizes S-XL. Additional \$ for XXL and above**

 Order Now!

Contact Rob Dutra at: [rsdutra72@hotmail.com](mailto:rsdutra72@hotmail.com) to place your order or visit our website at <https://bayareamustangs.com/>

Follow us on social media for updates:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BayAreaMustangs>

*Support your Club ... wear your BAM! Apparel!! See our Club Items Chairman, Rob Dutra, at our monthly Gatherings and Events.*



## Our BAM! 2025 Calendar ...

# The Voice

Some dates may be tentative until fliers are released so keep a close eye here for any changes or updates. Make sure you mark your calendar so you don't miss any of our fun filled events!

Thu, 1/9/25 BAM! Gathering ✓  
(Moved due to holiday)

Sat, 1/11/25 Parks Ford Rise & Shine ✓

Thu, 1/11/25 BAM! Board Meeting ✓

Thu, 2/6/25 BAM! Gathering ✓

Sat, 2/8/25 Parks Ford Rise & Shine ✓

Sat, 2/8/25 BAM! Board Meeting ✓

Sat, 2/15/25 BAM! Hideaway Cruise ✓

Thu, 3/6/25 BAM! Gathering ✓

Sat, 3/8/25 Parks Ford Rise & Shine ✓

Sat, 3/8/25 BAM! Board Meeting ✓

Thu, 4/3/25 BAM! Gathering ✓

Sat, 4/12/25 Parks Ford Rise & Shine ✓

Sat, 4/12/25 BAM! Board Meeting ✓

Thu, 5/1/25 BAM! Gathering

Sat, 5/3/25 BAM! On the Bay Cruise

Sat, 5/10/25 Parks Ford Rise & Shine

Sat, 5/10/25 BAM! Board Meeting

Thu, 6/5/25 BAM! Gathering

Sat, 6/14/25 Parks Ford Rise & Shine

Sat, 6/14/25 BAM! Board Meeting

Thu, 7/10/25 BAM! Gathering  
(Moved due to holiday)

Sat, 7/12/25 Parks Ford Rise & Shine

Sat, 7/12/25 BAM! Board Meeting

Thu, 8/7/25 BAM! Gathering

Sat, 8/9/25 Parks Ford Rise & Shine

Sat, 8/9/25 BAM! Board Meeting

Sat, 8/TBD/25 Quarterly Activity (Cruise)

Thu, 9/4/25 BAM! Gathering

Sat, 9/13/25 Parks Ford Rise & Shine

Sat, 9/13/25 BAM! Board Meeting

Thu, 10/2/25 BAM! Gathering

Sat, 10/11/25 Parks Ford Rise & Shine

Sat, 10/11/25 BAM! Board Meeting

Sat, 10/18/25 Mustang Madness Car Show

Thu, 11/6/25 BAM! Gathering & 5<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday Party

Sat, 11/8/25 Parks Ford Rise & Shine

Sat, 11/8/25 BAM! Board Meeting

Thu, 12/4/25 BAM! Gathering

Sat, 12/13/25 Parks Ford Rise & Shine

Sat, 12/13/25 BAM! Board Meeting

Sat 12/20/25 BAM! Christmas Party

***Come on out and have fun  
with us!***

✓ = Completed

## *BAM! Sponsors ...*

# *The Voice*

BAM! extends our gratitude to Parks Ford of Wesley Chapel for sponsoring our club. Parks Ford hosts our Rise & Shine Event monthly, and also hosts and sponsors our BAM! Car Shows. Thank you Parks Ford!



### **Parks Ford of Wesley Chapel Welcomes You!**

We proudly proclaim that Parks Ford of Wesley Chapel is a full-service dealership where we put you, the customer, first! Our dealership has been serving the community of Wesley Chapel and the surrounding communities of Tampa for over 30 years with our high standards for excellent service. We want our customers to be satisfied, and also confident in their choice to bring their business to Parks Ford of Wesley Chapel. We have a courteous and committed sales staff, as well as professional, expert service technicians with many years of experience satisfying our customers' needs. We look forward to serving you and all our customers in the Tampa, Brandon and Zephyrhills areas with your next purchase on a new Ford or a large variety of used vehicles in many makes and models.



## BAM! Sponsors ...

# The Voice

BAM! extends our gratitude to Walk-On's Sports Bistreaux for sponsoring our club. Walk-On's is pleased to host our monthly Gatherings and provide the club with various donations. Thank you Walk-On's!



## Walk-On's Sports Bistreaux: Our Story

Our love for the game, community, and bringing the heart of a walk-on to the restaurant space began with the dreams of our Founder, Brandon Landry and his partner, Jack Warner, in 2003. We've worked hard over the years to create a restaurant and bar concept that pairs attention-to-detail and culinary excellence with a little Louisiana spice, pulling in that underdog mindset and hospitality, making you feel like family the moment you walk in.