

# THE VOICE of Bay Area Mustangs



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

November 2024 Edition

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

*I want to get into my Mustang and drive until I find what I'm looking for. Maybe it's purpose, or maybe it's just a sky with unclouded stars.*

**November 7, 2024** — Our November Gathering was held at Walk-On's and it was a great event celebrating BAM!'s birthday. What a great evening with friends and fellow BAM! members.

At our December Gathering we will have our traditional White Elephant Raffle. Here is how it works: The club brings the gifts, but for this raffle they are wrapped so you don't know what is available until someone's raffle ticket is drawn. When your ticket is drawn you pick what gift you want and open it up. The next winner can steal yours or draw a new gift. After a third steal, a gift is frozen. You all know how a White Elephant is played, but with this one all you have to do is buy raffle tickets for a chance to participate and win!

Everyone is welcome to join us at the Gathering's so tell a friend, or two, and come on out for some great fun. No one won the Membership Drawing last month so this month's Drawing will be \$20! Make sure you always have your membership card with you, and come on out and share in the fun, laughter, and friendships!



**November 9, 2024**— Our November Rise & Shine was held at Parks Ford in Wesley Chapel, from 9am-11am. It was a great fall morning, perfect for taking our cars out to the best spot in town. We love to enjoy some great music while showing off our cars and partaking of some breakfast, compliments of our awesome host, Parks Ford. Our next Rise & Shine will be held on December 14th so mark your calendars and come on out and join us!!

*Check out the Photo Section in this edition for more Event Pictures.*

From the Rear View

## ***Board of Directors***

*Frank Morales, President*

*Tony Marciano, Vice President*

*Melinda Morales, Treasurer,  
Newsletter, Raffle*

*Cliff Johannsen, Membership  
Chairman*

*Harold Champion, Secretary &  
MCA Regional Director*

*Angela Marciano, Photographer*

*Beverly Warshel, Sunshine Lady*

*Jim Warshel, General Support*

*Lorraine May, Club Items*

***Thanks for making BAM! so  
much fun!***

## ***Board Support***

*Bette Champion,  
Tally Team Lead/Car Shows*

*Scott Englert,  
Webmaster*

*Melinda Morales,  
Car Show Coordinator*

*Brandon Pacifica,  
Facebook Support*

*TBD, Publicity*

## ***Gathering Support***

*Lorraine May,  
Club Items Support*

*Jerry May, Ticket Sales*

*Cliff Johannsen, Ticket Sales*

***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 **November Gathering** ... Members are fond of saying it's like being at a party!







*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>



## Our "Finger Art" Gallery ...



*(From your Editor)* Earlier this year I started having fun with something I call "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! Artist and his rendition of "Finger Art!"

*Congratulations to Scotty Gruoner ... who playfully turned Melinda's one-woman finger art act into a duo!*

*Way to stay in step Scotty!*

*(From your Editor)* At our November Gathering Harold Champion presented our President, Frank Morales, with Mustang Club of America's (MCA) President's Award for 2023.

This is the second year in a row that BAM! has won this prestigious award. Not bad for a club that just celebrated it's 4th birthday!

## Congratulations to BAM!





## 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.



*It's all fun and games ... until Santa checks the naughty list.*



## Mustang Club of America (MCA)

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

\$50 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.

\$35 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,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Day with your family and friends. Melinda and I were very fortunate to have our family together for a nice turkey dinner. Heaven knows I must have gained five pounds with all the good food and desserts. Now that we are in December, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Year. As I'm writing my President's Message, I'm reflecting on our fourth year as Bay Area Mustangs (BAM!). It continues to be a huge success, and it has met all of our expectations with monthly Gatherings and activities.

We are thrilled that for the second year, we once again received the Mustang Club of America President's Award. Harold Champion presented the award to me at our November Gathering. Thank you, Harold, for all you do to put together a package and submit it to MCA for consideration. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Next, our December Gathering will be on Thursday, December 5th. As we did last year, our game and raffle will be combined for a "White Elephant Raffle." The club buys the gifts, and all you have to do is buy plenty of raffle tickets to try and win. It will be a lot of fun.

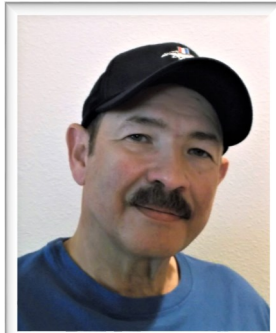
Our Parks Ford Rise & Shine Car Meet is scheduled for Saturday, December 14th. Parks Ford is doing an awesome job by hosting this event and by having a breakfast truck provide breakfast to all participants. I would like to encourage members and friends to attend. Let's support our sponsor.

On Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> the BAM! is celebrating our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Night Lights of Christmas Party. We will meet at Walk Ons at 4:30pm for dinner. Then we will cruise to the home of Roberta & Derrell Fitzgerald to enjoy their huge display of Christmas lights. Once there, we will enjoy the beautiful display of Christmas lights, have some desserts, snacks and play games.

I'm so proud of the accomplishments that the BAM! Board and members have accomplished in just four years. I want to thank the BAM! Board of Directors for all their hard work in planning fun things for us to do. I especially want to thank Melinda Morales for her awesome job with our Monthly BAM! Newsletter, Raffle, and everything else she does for us (which is a list too long). I especially want to thank all BAM! members for your continued support. We hope you are having a great time at our events.

In closing, I would like to encourage all of you to attend our next BAM! Gathering, activities or Christmas Party to show your support 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.*

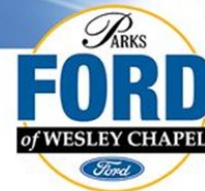
*You certainly will get all of this with BAM!*

## RISE & SHINE

## —CAR MEET—

2ND SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
9AM-11AM

CO-HOSTED BY:



**Saturday, December 14th, 2024**—Rise & Shines are held each month for 2024. 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 !*







### The Night Lights of **Christmas**



Are you feeling the need to experience a lovely evening of Christmas Lights?

Well, we have just the evening for you! Join us as we cruise to the home of Darrell and Roberta Fitzgerald to enjoy their huge display of Christmas lights. For those that would like to have dinner first, we will meet at 4:30pm at Walk-On's located at (25372 Sierra Center Blvd, Lutz, FL 33559). For those that don't want to join us for dinner, you can meet us at Walk-On's at 5:45pm for a drivers meeting. We will take a short cruise to Darrell and Roberta's house, arriving at 6:00pm. They are located at 16126 Livingston Avenue, Lutz, FL.

We ask all participants to bring a snack or dessert to share. Also, we will have a White Elephant game so if you want to participate, bring a wrapped gift (valued at approx. \$20). We will also be playing "Right, Left, Center" so if you are interested in this game, bring \$1 dollar bills!

*If you would like to join us, please RSVP to at [Melinda.bam@yahoo.com](mailto:Melinda.bam@yahoo.com) or 714-643-6002 so we have an accurate count of participants for the restaurant.*



### **Saturday, December 21, 2024**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 21st, 2024, when BAM! will have our annual Christmas Party. This is always a lot of fun so we hope to see all of you at this event. All the details are included in the attached flier. See you there and don't forget to RSVP so we have a count for the restaurant!!

## BAM! Membership ...

Welcome to our  
Newest Members!

- Mark Morrison
- Eddie & Mirian Roldan
- Michael & Missy Killian
- Michael Skupin & Christine Hoffman
- Alex Hegron
- Eric Guzek
- Selina Richter
- Robert & Stephanie Dutra

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 (\$10) went unclaimed at our November Gathering so the December Pot will be:

**\$20.00!**


Monthly Membership  
Drawing!

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

### 2024 Annual Membership Drive!

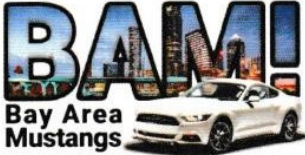
**NICE RIDE!**

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 winners:

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|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Jerry May – 6      | Sue Irish – 1     | Frank Morales – 3  |
| Scotty Gruoner – 1 | Jim Warshel – 1   | Tracy Gaschler - 1 |
| Dick Hermes—1      | Ron Winters—1     | Tony Marcano—1     |
| Harold Champion—1  | Mark Morrison—1   | Kevin Isgrigg-1    |
| Cliff Johannsen—1  | Congratulations!! |                    |

The 2025 Membership Drive will be announced next month.



## Club Items ...



### BAM! INVENTORY PRICING SHEET

T-Shirt Inventory	Sell Price
BAM T-Shirt	\$ 20.00
BAM T-Shirt - 2XL	\$ 22.00
<b>Camp Shirt Inventory</b>	
Camp Shirt with Logo	\$ 30.00
Camp Shirt with Logo - 2XL	\$ 33.00
Camp Shirt with Logo - 3XL	\$ 35.00
<b>Baseball Hats</b>	
BAM Baseball Hats	\$ 20.00
<b>Stickers</b>	
3"x2" Square Stickers	\$ 2.00
6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " x 4" Oval Stickers	\$ 3.00
Hat Pins	\$ 2.00
Key Chains	\$ 3.00

*Support your Club ... wear your BAM! Apparel!! See our Club Items Chairman, Lorraine May, at our monthly Gatherings.*



**Great Items!**



#### Items:

T-Shirts with Logo = \$15.

Dickies Work Shirt = \$35.

Vintage Hat with Logo = \$15.

Trucker Hat with Logo = \$20

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.

Beautiful BAM! Club T-Shirts are available on-line.

It is as easy as 1-2-3! When you are ready to order just:

1. Go to Dawn's website.
2. Order and pay for your items. You pick the size and color.
3. Items can be shipped or picked up.



## Our BAM! 2024 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, 1/4/24 BAM! Gathering ✓  
Sat, 1/13/24 Parks Ford Rise & Shine ✓  
Thu, 1/13/24 BAM! Board Meeting ✓  
Thu, 2/1/24 BAM! Gathering ✓  
Sat, 2/10/24 Parks Ford Rise & Shine ✓  
Sat, 2/10/24 BAM! Board Meeting ✓  
Thu, 3/7/24 BAM! Gathering ✓  
Sat, 3/9/24 Parks Ford Rise & Shine ✓  
Sat, 3/9/24 BAM! Board Meeting ✓  
**Sat, 3/16/24 BAM!'s Cruising for a Good Cause!** ✓  
Thu, 4/4/24 BAM! Gathering ✓  
Sat, 4/13/24 Parks Ford Rise & Shine ✓  
Sat, 4/13/24 BAM! Board Meeting ✓  
Thu, 5/2/24 BAM! Gathering ✓  
Sat, 5/11/24 Parks Ford Rise & Shine ✓  
Sat, 5/11/24 BAM! Board Meeting ✓  
**Sat, 5/18/24 BAM! Picnic** ✓  
Thu, 6/6/24 BAM! Gathering ✓  
Sat, 6/8/24 Parks Ford Rise & Shine ✓  
Sat, 6/8/24 BAM! Board Meeting ✓  
**Sat, 6/29/24 BAM! Cruise in the Country** ✓  
Thu, 7/11/24 BAM! Gathering ✓  
Sat, 7/13/24 Parks Ford Rise & Shine ✓

Sat, 7/13/24 BAM! Board Meeting ✓  
Thu, 8/1/24 BAM! Gathering ✓  
Sat, 8/10/24 Parks Ford Rise & Shine (cancelled) ✓  
Sat, 8/10/24 BAM! Board Meeting ✓  
Thu, 9/5/24 BAM! Gathering ✓  
Sat, 9/14/24 Parks Ford Rise & Shine (cancelled) ✓  
Sat, 9/14/24 BAM! Board Meeting ✓  
**Sat, 9/21/24 BAM! Crazy Gator Cruise** ✓  
Thu, 10/3/24 BAM! Gathering ✓  
Sat, 10/12/24 Parks Ford Rise & Shine (cancelled) ✓  
Sat, 10/12/24 BAM! Board Meeting (cancelled) ✓  
Thu, 11/7/24 BAM! Gathering & 4th Birthday Party ✓  
Sat, 11/9/24 Parks Ford Rise & Shine ✓  
Sat, 11/9/24 BAM! Board Meeting ✓  
Thu, 12/5/24 BAM! Gathering  
Sat, 12/14/24 Parks Ford Rise & Shine  
Sat, 12/14/24 BAM! Board Meeting  
**Sat, 12/21/24 BAM! Christmas Party**

***Our 2025 Calendar will be posted here next month.***

✓ = Completed

For information on other Car Enthusiast events visit <https://flacarshows.com/events/category/west-coast-of-florida/> where you will find one of the largest listings of events for Florida.



## *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.