

THE VOICE of Bay Area Mustangs



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

February 2025 Edition

MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE BAY AREA MUSTANGS, INC.

Dear Mustang, everyone says you only fall in love once but that's not true because every time I see you, I fall in love all over again. Be mine.



January 9, 2025 — Our January Gathering was held at Walk-On's and it was a great first Gathering of the year!

We had a great slide presentation with plenty of funny things to laugh about, then we had a new game called "Unscrabble" and everyone did quite well. We had a winner for the membership drawing, and a great raffle and 50/50 drawing. Also remember that everyone is welcome to join us at the Gathering's so tell a friend, or two,

and come on out for some great fun. We had a winner in January so February's Membership 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!

January 11, 2025— Our January Rise & Shine was held at Parks Ford in Wesley Chapel, from 9am-11am. It was a cold winter morning, but we bundled up and still had a great time.

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 February 8th so mark your calendars and come on out and join us!!



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

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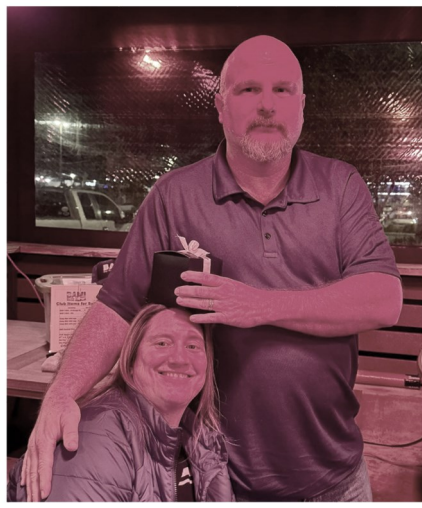
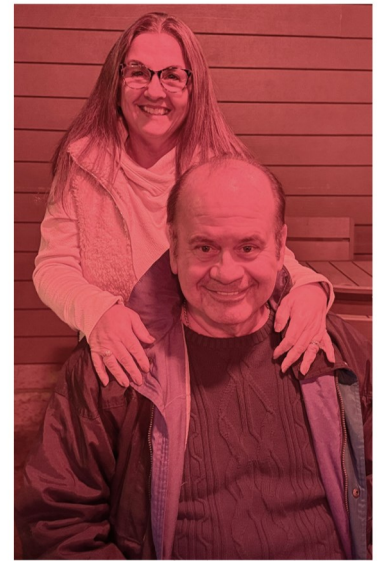
Thanks for Your Help!

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



The Rear View ... Parks Ford Rise & Shine

A look back at our **January 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, consisting of the word 'facebook' in white lowercase letters on a dark blue rectangular background.

Our "Finger Art" Gallery ...

(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 ...



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.



I'm fairly certain that the man who put the first 'r' in February also decided how to spell Wednesday.



Mustang Club of America (MCA)

Get all MCA has to offer. Join at 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

Happy Valentine's to all BAM! members and friends. I want to wish all of the love birds a very Happy Valentine's Day. Hope you all spoil your honeys (Mustangs LOL) in some special way.

January was a busy month for me with our first BAM! Gathering of the year and then our Rise & Shine at Parks Ford. In addition, I'm working on the details for the Morales family move into our new home. I tell you, moving is no fun but moving twice in a year is torture. Not only that, but going from a six-car garage to a three-car garage is a big sacrifice. The things we do for a happy wife. Sometimes life is just not fair for us guys - LOL

I am so proud of our new Board Members for accepting the challenge. I'm honored to be working with a talented group of people. Everyone is motivated and excited to make BAM! a successful club. Each Board Member brings their own expertise to the Club, and I would like to thank them for their outstanding contribution. I also want to thank our three new Board Members: Stephanie Dutra, Entertainment Director. Rob Dutra, Club Items. Scotty Gruoner, Equipment Manager.

As for past events, we had our BAM! Gathering on Thursday, January 9th. We had a great turnout. I want to thank Melinda for always doing an outstanding slide presentation that all BAM! members enjoy. Our goal is to join people together who love and appreciate their Mustangs and their friendships. Again, we just want to have FUN! I also want to thank Angela Marcano, our Photographer Extraordinaire, for the awesome pictures she takes of our events. Thank you, Angela.

Next, we (BAM) want to make sure we support our sponsor, Parks Ford. Remember that the Parks Ford Rise & Shine is held on the second Saturday of each month. I would like to encourage members and friends to attend to show our gratitude and support. This event is open to all makes and models, so invite all your friends, it doesn't matter what they drive.

I again want to take thanks Melinda Morales, our Newsletter Editor for putting together a BAM! Newsletter monthly. This is an awesome Newsletter with a lot of informative information about our club's past events, upcoming events and membership spotlight. Please support her by giving her articles, information of events or a nice article or story of your Mustang. Also, let her know how much you appreciate reading her Newsletter.

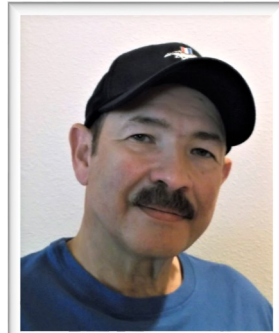
As for upcoming events, our next BAM Gathering is Thursday, February 6th. It will be themed on Valentine's. We also have The Hideaway Cruise scheduled for Saturday February 15th for a thrilling cruise through the stunning countryside. I'd like to thank Cliff Johanssen and Scotty Gruoner for organizing this event. Let's have some FUN!

In closing, I want to thank BAM! members for the support that you have given us. I have met some wonderful people through many local Club's and made some lifetime friendships that will remain with me forever. Finally, a very special thanks to Parks Ford, Shane Norsworthy, and Walk-On's, Angel Alicea, General Manager, for their support of BAM! We are lucky to have such awesome club sponsors.

Thank you, all, and see you at our next monthly Gathering. BAM!

Frank Morales, President, Bay Area Mustangs (BAM!)

You can contact me at: 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.

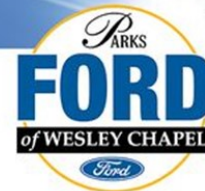
You certainly will get all of this with BAM!

RISE & SHINE

CAR MEET

2ND SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
9AM-11AM

CO-HOSTED BY:



Saturday, February 8th, 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 !





The Hideaway Cruise!

Get ready to unleash your Mustangs and hit the open road! Join us on **Saturday, February 15, 2025** for a thrilling cruise through the stunning countryside. Let the wind in your hair and the roar of your engine be the soundtrack to an unforgettable day of camaraderie and adventure!



We will meet in the RaceTrac Gas parking lot located at 15474 SR-52 E, Land O Lakes, FL., at 9:30am. We will have our Drivers Meeting at 9:45am and depart at 10:00am.

Don't miss this chance to breathe in the fresh air and embrace the spirit of the open road with fellow Mustang enthusiasts!



We will end up at The Lake Harris Hideaway Restaurant located at 11912 Lane Park Rd, Tavares, FL 32778, for a nice lunch afterward!



If you plan to join us, please RSVP to: Cliff Johannsen at 414-254-2684 or email at cliff.bam7@gmail.com so we have an accurate count for our lunch reservation.



Saturday, Feb. 15, 2025

Saturday, February 15th, 2025— BAM! will have a Hideaway Cruise. Cruises are always popular and we should have some nice spring weather, so join us as we get the Mustangs out for a cruise and then lunch. See the attached flier for all the details, and please make sure you RSVP if you are attending, so we have an accurate count for the restaurant. (P.S. it's our President's birthday, so feel free to celebrate with him!

BAM! Membership ...

The Voice

*Welcome to our
Newest Members!*

- Eric Guzek
- Selina Richter
- Robert & Stephanie Dutra
- Trish Myers
- Terrence Grant
- Becki Barnett
- Chris Adams
- Eric Sandy
- Deann Berg

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 (\$30) was claimed at our January Gathering so the February Pot will be:

\$10.00!

*Monthly Membership
Drawing!*

*For questions on BAM! membership contact our Membership Chairman,
Cliff Johannsen, at cliff.bam7@gmail.com*

2025 Annual Membership Drive!

NICE RIDE!
WANNA HAVE SOME FUN WITH YOUR
MUSTANG
TURN CARD OVER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
BAM!
Bay Area Mustangs

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

Club Items ...



BAM! INVENTORY PRICING SHEET

T-Shirt Inventory	Sell Price
BAM T-Shirt	\$ 20.00
BAM T-Shirt - 2XL	\$ 22.00
Camp Shirt Inventory	
Camp Shirt with Logo	\$ 30.00
Camp Shirt with Logo - 2XL	\$ 33.00
Camp Shirt with Logo - 3XL	\$ 35.00
Baseball Hats	
BAM Baseball Hats	\$ 20.00
Stickers	
3"x2" Square Stickers	\$ 2.00
6 ¹ / ₄ " 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, Rob Dutra, at our monthly Gatherings and Events.



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 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! 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

Sat, 4/26/25 BAM! Picnic

Thu, 5/1/25 BAM! Gathering

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 & 5th
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.