



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

#### April 2025 Edition

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

### At my age, I can hide my own Easter eggs, wait half an hour, and have no clue where I put them ... Just in time for an Egg Hunt!

March 6, 2025 — Our March Gathering was held at Walk-On's and it was a great time as we welcomed the first blush of spring!

We had a great slide presentation with plenty of funny things to laugh about. Our game of the month was "The Price is Right," which is a favorite. Tony Marcano was our Guest Speaker and did a great job! Remember that everyone is welcome to join us at our Gathering's so tell a friend,

the Rear View



or two, and come on out for some great fun. We didn't have a winner in March so April's Membership 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!



**March 8, 2025**— Our March Rise & Shine was held at Parks Ford in Wesley Chapel, from 9am-11am. It was so enjoyable to sit outside and enjoy the beginnings of Spring 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 April 12th so mark your calendars and come on out and join us!!

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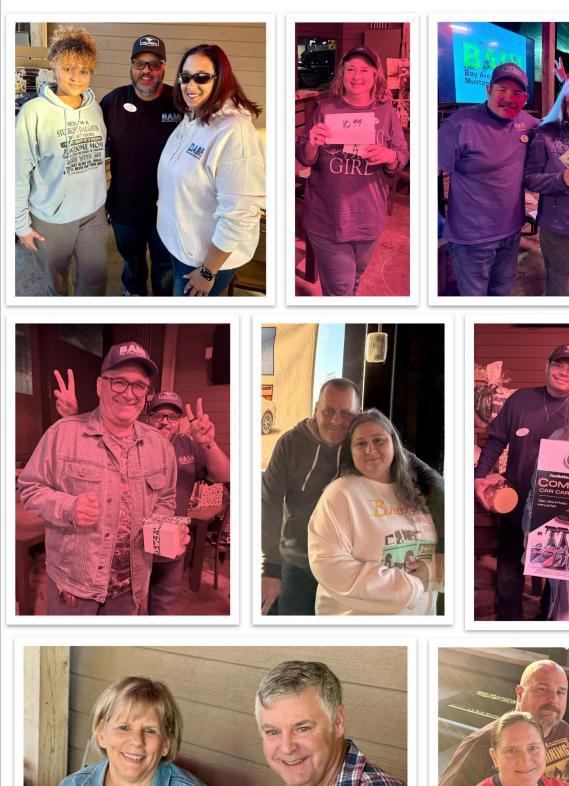
Thanks for Your Help!

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



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







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











# **BAM! Business ...**



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.

The Voice

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



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

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*(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) How cute is BAM! Member Michael Skupin, unleasing his inner Artist!

(Top-Left) I call this "Sandwich Art" ... that's when a Raffle Winner is flanked by Artists on each side!

(Bottom-Left) Our new Club Items Chairman, Rob Dutra, demonstrates he is multi talented ... with his "two fisted" Artistry!



#### 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.



The Voice



### It's Easter! Begin each day with a little courage, a little curiosity, and a little spring in your step ...



### Mustang Club of America (MCA)

Get all MCA has to offer. Join at <u>www.mustang.org</u>

\$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.





#### Hi BAM! Members and Friends,

The month of April can be a very busy month for most of us and it can mean different things to some of us; for some it's the start of Spring and the blooming of daisy's, for others it's Easter with the family, for others it's Spring cleaning. If you're in Accounting or a CPA, it's all about taxes and long hours.

For some of us Mustang enthusiasts, it's also about celebrating the National Mustang Day (April 17), the birthdate of the Ford Mustang. For me, I'll be celebrating Melinda's birthday and being a good husband by spoiling her.

If you didn't attend our BAM! Gathering on Thursday, March 6th, you missed out on some good food from Walk-on's and a great Gathering. We had thirty eight members and friends attending. It was a lot of fun as we showed slides of past events and played The Price is Right, we also had a great raffle and 50/50. We had a special guest speaker, Tony Marcano our Vice President, did an awesome presentation about how our tax money is spent in Hillsborough County. Tony does have some connections in the community. Thanks Tony, your presentation was very interesting and enlightening to all members.

As for upcoming events, on Saturday, April 12th we have the Parks Ford Rise & Shine Car Meet from 9:00 - 11:00 am. Parks Ford is one of BAM! best sponsors and we want to make sure we have a good presence at this event. I encourage all of you to attend, it doesn't take a lot of time and it's fun. Breakfast is really good and non-fattening (LOL). We will have a membership table to recruit members. Parks Ford has been doing the Rise & Shine Car Meet on the second Saturday of every month, so we want to make sure we support our sponsor with a great turnout.

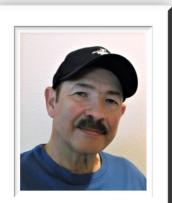
Our next event is our BAM! Club Picnic, planned for April 26, 2025. We are currently trying to finalize the pavillion with Lettice Lake Park. This event is open to all BAM members and friends. As soon as the date/location is confirmed, the flyer will be published. So, please tell all your BAM friends about this event. For additional information, please contact me or Melinda.

In closing, if you are interested, have the time, and would like to volunteer to

help BAM, please let me know. We have an awesome Board that is focused on making sure that BAM is successful. Therefore, I want to thank every member of the Board for their support and hard work. We have an awesome team. I also want to thank Melinda Morales, our first lady, for all the work she is doing for BAM! She is currently doing the Newsletter, purchasing items for the raffle, coordinating the raffle, and planning our Gatherings. Thanks Melinda, for all you do for BAM! I'm sure all our members appreciate your hard work as much as I do. I would like to encourage all of you to attend our next BAM! Gathering or activity to show your support for BAM!

See you all Thursday, April 3rd at to Walk-On's Gathering.

*Frank Morales, President, Bay Area Mustangs (BAM!) You can contact me at: <u>fmorapres@aol.com</u>* 



#### 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!



**Saturday, April 12th, 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 !





**Saturday, April 26th, 2025**— BAM! will once again have our Club Picnic! It will be a potluck style activity so make sure you click on the link and sign up with the dish you plan to bring. The club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages. We are currently finalizing the pavilion assigned to us, but as soon as this is done, the flier will be updated and emailed out. Until then, go ahead and mark your calendar so you don't miss out on this fun picnic with friends and family!



Sunday, April 27th, 2025— Join us for a day of exhilarating rocking rhythms at Rev & Rhythms CharityFest on April 27th, supporting the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch at Quaker Steak & Lube in Clearwater, FL—where your love for cars and music makes a difference!

Note: BAM! Is supporting this eCharityFest. Please let Frank Morales know if you can come out and support this event, and/or if you can help with parking in the morning. Thank you!

**BAM! Membership** ...



Monthly Membership

Drawing!

Eric Sandy

Deann Berg

Cai Svendsen

Rhett Tucker

Steven Sommers

Paul Inzerillo

Bryan & Angela Strob

Rob Perrault

David & Susan Shaffer

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 not claimed at our March Gathering so the April Pot will be:

### \$20.00!

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

#### 2025 Annual Membership Drive!

Welcome to our Newest Members



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:

New Membership
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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 – 1, Scotty Gruoner – 1 Tony Marcano – 1, Zeke Brogan – 1, Mike Skupin - 1



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 pay for 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 <u>Dawnsembroidery.com</u> 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!



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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	Item Description	
AM! 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	M! Key Chain Unique Keychain with club emblem	
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: <u>rsdutra72@hotmail.com</u> to place your order or visit our website at <u>https://bayareamustangs.com/</u>

Follow us on social media for updates:

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

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# Our BAM! 2025 Calendar ...



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!

Tl	Thu, 1/9/25	BAM! Gathering $$		Sat, 7/12/25	Parks Ford Rise & Shine	
		(Moved due to holiday)		Sat, 7/12/25	BAM! Board Meeting	
	Sat, 1/11/25	Parks Ford Rise & Shine √		Thu, 8/7/25	BAM! Gathering	
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	Thu, 2/6/25	BAM! Gathering		Sat, 8/9/25	BAM! Board Meeting	
	Sat, 2/8/25	Parks Ford Rise & Shine 🗸		Sat, 8/TBD/2	5 Quarterly Activity (Cruise)	
	Sat, 2/8/25	BAM! Board Meeting $\checkmark$		Thu, 9/4/25	BAM! Gathering	
	Sat, 2/15/25	BAM! Hideaway Cruise 🗸		Sat, 9/13/25	Parks Ford Rise & Shine	
	Thu, 3/6/25	BAM! Gathering		Sat, 9/13/25	BAM! Board Meeting	
	Sat, 3/8/25	Parks Ford Rise & Shine √		Thu, 10/2/25	BAM! Gathering	
	Sat, 3/8/25	BAM! Board Meeting $\checkmark$			Parks Ford Rise & Shine	
	Thu, 4/3/25	BAM! Gathering		-	BAM! Board Meeting	
	Sat, 4/12/25	Parks Ford Rise & Shine		-	Mustang Madness Car Show	
	Sat, 4/12/25	BAM! Board Meeting		-	BAM! Gathering & 5 <sup>th</sup>	
	Sat, 4/26/25	DRAFT BAM! Picnic		111u, 11/0/23	Birthday Party	
	Thu, 5/1/25	BAM! Gathering		Sat, 11/8/25	Parks Ford Rise & Shine	
	Sat, 5/10/25	Parks Ford Rise & Shine		Sat, 11/8/25	BAM! Board Meeting	
	Sat, 5/10/25	BAM! Board Meeting		Thu, 12/4/25	BAM! Gathering	
	Thu, 6/5/25	BAM! Gathering		Sat, 12/13/25	Parks Ford Rise & Shine	
	Sat, 6/14/25	Parks Ford Rise & Shine		Sat, 12/13/25	BAM! Board Meeting	
	Sat, 6/14/25	BAM! Board Meeting		Sat 12/20/25	BAM! Christmas Party	
	Thu, 7/10/25	BAM! Gathering (Moved due to holiday)		Come o	n out and have fun with us!	

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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! 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.