

THE VOICE of Bay Area Mustangs



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

January 2026 Edition

MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE BAY AREA MUSTANGS, INC.

Whoever said that money can't buy happiness, just never bought the right Mustang.

December 3, 2025 — Our December Gathering was held at Walk-On's, as usual, and it was a great time for everyone. We had a great slide presentation with plenty of funny things to laugh about. Each December our raffle drawing turns into a White Elephant game, and there was plenty of stealing and fun for everyone that bought tickets.

Remember that everyone is welcome to join us at our Gatherings so tell a friend, or two, and come on out for some great fun. Our December Membership Drawing was not claimed, so our January drawing will be up to \$30! Make sure you always have your membership card with you, and come on out and share in the fun, laughter, and



December 13, 2025— Our December Rise & Shine was held at Parks Ford, in Wesley Chapel, from 9am -11am. Although it was cool outside, it was still nice to sit and enjoy a morning with friends. Some folks spent time inside the dealership enjoying the wonderful bagels provided by Parks Ford. Everyone says they are the best!

We do love to spend a Saturday morning enjoying some great music while showing off our cars with a delicious bagel in our hands. Our next Rise & Shine will be held on February 14th so mark your calendars and come on out and join us!!

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From the Rear View ...

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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

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



The Rear View ... Parks Ford Rise and Shine

A look back at our **December Rise and Shine at Parks Ford** ... Thanks to our wonderful sponsor
Parks Ford-Wesley Chapel!



The Rear View ...
BAM! Christmas Party

The Voice

A look back at our BAM! Christmas Party, held on December 20th, 2025 at the home of Roberta and Darrell Fitzgerald.





*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 blue rectangular background.

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 emailed 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.



There's a lot of stress in the world today, but once you are in the seat of the right Mustang, all that goes out the window.



Mustang Club of America (MCA)

Get all MCA has to offer. Join at 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.

Our “Finger Art” Gallery ...

The Voice

(From your Editor) A while back 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 ...

“Finger Artist” of the Month goes to ...

(Picture Right)

Frank Morales!

After seeing this picture, everyone is asking the same question ... Is this what “Pure and Innocent” looks like? We don’t think so! Anyone have a new title for our President this year?



And Honorable Mention

(Picture Left)

Honorable Mention goes to Daniel,
Becky, Cliff and Howie.

This is a first ... we call this effort a
“Troupe of Artists.”

Do they look like they are having fun?!

From the Driver's Seat ...

The Voice

Hi BAM! Members and Friends,

Happy New Year to all Bay Area Mustang (BAM!) members and friends. Since this is my first President's message of the year, I want to wish you all a Happy New Year and I hope that all of you had a great Christmas with your family and friends. With the holidays behind us, I'm sure we are all happy to see the beginning of 2026 and hope for a new beginning and great year.

I still can't believe how quickly another year has gone by. BAM! has come a long way in just five years. Not only have we been recognized by Mustang Club of America as an MCA Regional Club, but we will be in the MCA Mustang Times in the upcoming issue. Starting a new club is not easy and it takes a lot of hard work, time, dedication and commitment and I am so proud of our 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.

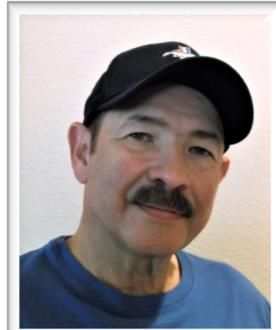
Our goal is to get people together who love and appreciate their Mustangs and good friendships. Again, we just want to have FUN! Talking about fun, on Saturday, December 20th the Bay Area Mustangs (BAM!) celebrated our 6th annual Night Lights of Christmas Cruise. We were invited to the home of one of our BAM! members, Roberta Fitzgerald, to enjoy her huge display of Christmas lights. We met at Walk-On's for dinner and then cruised to Roberta's house. Once there we enjoyed the beautiful display of Christmas lights, snacked on desserts and played right-left-center. We had a lot of FUN! Thanks Roberta and Derrell for sharing your home and beautiful Christmas lights display with BAM! members.

As for past events, we had our BAM! Gathering on Thursday, December 4th. We had a great turnout. We always like to have fun and play games. Last month we played the White Elephant as part of our Raffle. It is a festive gift exchange and members with winning raffle tickets got to choose a wrapped item or steal them from another member. I want to thank Melinda for buying the gifts and organizing the game enjoyed by everyone.

Next, our Parks Ford Rise & Shine Car meet is on Saturday, January 10th. Parks Ford is doing an awesome job by hosting this event. We (BAM) want to make sure we support our sponsor. Remember 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 that drive Chevy's (LOL).

In closing, I want to thank BAM! members for the support that you have given me. I have met some wonderful people through many local Club's and made some lifetime friendships that will remain with me forever. I am looking forward to another exciting and successful year in the hobby with BAM! 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. I also want to thank our Board of Directors for their hard work in organizing, planning and promoting our BAM! events. Thank you, all, for an outstanding job. I want to wish all BAM! members and friends a Happy New Year. See you all Thursday, January 10th at Walk-On's for our first monthly Gathering of 2026. 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!



Saturday, February 14th, 2026— Rise & Shines are held each month for 2026. 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 !





A Crazy Gator Cruise



Once again, it's time to get our Mustangs out for some fresh air! Come join us as we enjoy a cruise through the beautiful countryside on Saturday, February 21, 2026.



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 for a relaxing cruise and a breath of fresh air.



We will end up at The Crazy Gator Restaurant located at 402 N. Bay Street, Eustis, FL 32726, 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. 21, 2026

Saturday, February 21st, 2026— Everyone has been asking for a cruise, so here you go! Our Crazy Gator Cruise will take place on February 21st. We will take a nice cruise through the countryside and end up at The Crazy Gator Restaurant for lunch. Mark your calendars and make sure you RSVP. See all the details in the flier.

BAM! Membership ...

*Welcome to our
Newest Members!*

- Joseph Mascia
- John & Paula Marando
- Le Bennington
- Wayne & Deb Brannon
- Mike & Vanessa Severe
- Joe Petrone & Taylor Prentice
- JT Garabrant & Nikki Harter
- Jordan Fountain
- Greg Wilson

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 unclaimed at our January Gathering so the February Pot will be:

\$40.00!

*Monthly Membership
Drawing!*

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

2026 Annual Membership Drive!

NICE RIDE!

WANNA HAVE SOME FUN WITH YOUR



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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:

Who will be the first names on our 2026 Membership Drive? Stay tuned ...

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.

Popular Items!



Tote Bag



3" Round Decals/Cling-ons



30 oz Tumbler



Crew Neck



Hoodie



Full Zip-up



20 oz Tumbler



40 oz Tumbler

Order now!

Contact Club Items Chairman, Rob Dutra, at: rsdutra72@hotmail.com to place your order.

Follow us on social media for updates: Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BayAreaMustangs>

See pricing on next page.

Club Items ...



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	\$35
BAM! Hoodie	Cozy hoodie for chilly days w/logo	\$30
BAM! Crew Neck	Sweatshirt (no hood) w/logo	\$25
BAM! Camp Shirts	Lightweight button down w/logo	\$30
BAM! T- Shirts	Soft cotton t-shirt w/logo	\$20
BAM! Baseball Cap	Stylish cap w/adjustable strap & logo	\$25
BAM! Flexfit Cap	Stylish fitted cap w/logo	\$25
BAM! Visor	Stylish Visor cap w/logo	\$20
BAM! Travel Mug (20 oz)	20 oz. Eco-Friendly travel mug w/logo	\$25
BAM! Travel Mug (30 oz)	30 oz. Eco-Friendly travel mug w/logo	\$30
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	\$30
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

 Order Now!

Contact Rob Dutra at: rsdutra72@hotmail.com to place your order

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! 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, 1/8/26 BAM! Gathering ✓
(moved due to holiday)

Sat, 1/10/26 Parks Ford Rise & Shine ✓

Thu, 1/10/26 BAM! Board Meeting ✓

Thu, 2/5/26 BAM! Gathering

Sat, 2/14/26 Parks Ford Rise & Shine

Sat, 2/14/26 BAM! Board Meeting

Sat, 2/21/26 BAM! Crazy Horse Cruise

Thu, 3/4/26 BAM! Gathering

Sat, 3/14/26 Parks Ford Rise & Shine

Sat, 3/14/26 BAM! Board Meeting

Thu, 4/2/26 BAM! Gathering

Sat, 4/11/26 Parks Ford Rise & Shine

Sat, 4/11/26 BAM! Board Meeting

Thu, 5/7/26 BAM! Gathering

Sat, 5/9/26 Parks Ford Rise & Shine

Sat, 5/9/26 BAM! Board Meeting

Sat, 4/25/26 BAM! Picnic

Thu, 6/4/26 BAM! Gathering

Sat, 6/13/26 Parks Ford Rise & Shine

Sat, 6/13/26 BAM! Board Meeting

Thu, 7/2/26 BAM! Gathering

Sat, 7/12/26 Parks Ford Rise & Shine

Sat, 7/12/26 BAM! Board Meeting

Thu, 8/6/26 BAM! Gathering

Sat, 8/8/26 Parks Ford Rise & Shine

Sat, 8/8/26 BAM! Board Meeting

Sat, TBD/26 Quarterly Activity

Thu, 9/3/26 BAM! Gathering

Sat, 9/12/26 Parks Ford Rise & Shine

Sat, 9/12/26 BAM! Board Meeting

Thu, 10/1/26 BAM! Gathering

Sat, 10/10/26 Parks Ford Rise & Shine

Sat, 10/10/26 BAM! Board Meeting

Sat, 10/TBD/26 Mustang Madness Car Show

Thu, 11/5/26 BAM! Gathering & 5th
Birthday Party

Sat, 11/14/26 Parks Ford Rise & Shine

Sat, 11/14/26 BAM! Board Meeting

Thu, 12/3/26 BAM! Gathering

Sat, 12/12/26 Parks Ford Rise & Shine

Sat, 12/12/26 BAM! Board Meeting

Sat 12/19/26 BAM! Christmas Party

Some events are still in work. Fliers will be out when events are finalized.

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.