

THE VOICE of Bay Area Mustangs



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

May 2026 Edition

MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE BAY AREA MUSTANGS, INC.

This month we honor cooks, nurses, chauffeurs, counselors, teachers, maids and referees ... in other words—moms!

March 5, 2026 — Our March 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. We had a fun game to play called "Are you Funny or Fabulous?" We also had a great raffle, 50/50 drawing, Club Apparel Drawing, and our Membership drawing.

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 March Membership Drawing was unclaimed, so our April 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 14, 2026— Our March Rise & Shine was held at Parks Ford, in Wesley Chapel, from 9am-11am. Spring is in the air, so it was nice to sit outside 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 April 11th so mark your calendars and come on out and join us!!

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From the Rear View ...

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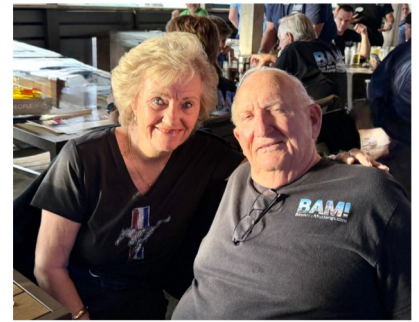
Thanks for Your Help!

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 ... BAM! Gathering

The Voice

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





*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>



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.



Motherhood: Where "Because I said so" meets "I'll turn this car around!" Happy Mother's day to all our BAM! moms.



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 ...



Scotty Gruoner

(Picture Left) It turns out selling 50/50 tickets is just the day job, but as the sun sets the true Artist comes out.

This is one of those Artist renditions that includes facial expression.

This one cracks me up because he is clearly thinking...

“Busted!”

And Honorable Mentions go to ...

(Picture Right) Honorable Mention goes to the little boy with the Auburn hair.

He was having a great time at the Rise & Shine! He clearly has an artistic streak, and he is also a future Mustang Enthusiast.

How cute is that?!



From the Driver's Seat ...

The Voice

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. For some of us Mustang enthusiasts it's 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!

If you didn't attend our BAM! Gathering on Thursday, April 2nd, you missed out on some good food from Walk-On's and a great gathering. I was a little nervous as we did not have our First Lady, Melinda, attending. She was recovering from a cold, but she planned everything in detail, and we had a successful Gathering, thanks to the board and other members that helped. Despite the rain we had 48 members and friends attending. Our guest speaker was Elizabeth Carmen Koda. She spoke about her racing experience and presented slides of her racing and her vehicle accident. A big take away was when she said, "I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. A brave woman is not she who does not feel afraid, but she who conquers that fear." I want to thank Scotty Gruoner for getting her as our guest speaker.

As for past events, we had Ponies in Smokies on March 23-28th, in the Sevierville, TN area, centered at the Sevierville Convention Center. The event featured about 400 Ford Mustangs with indoor vendor displays. There was autocross at Newport Speedway and specialized drag racing.

Some of our members teamed up with the Wild Stallions Team and rented a cabin in the woods. We also had the opportunity to drive the Tail of the Dragon. It's a legendary 11-mile stretch featuring 318 curves, running from Deals Gap at the NC Border through the Great Smoky Mountains and Cherokee National Forest, it was an experience, especially for the passengers.

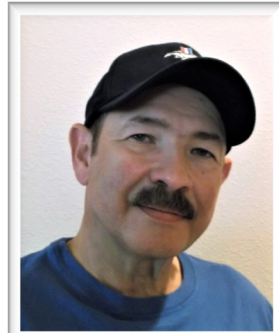
As for upcoming events, on Saturday, April 11th we have the Parks Ford Rise & Shine Car Meet from 9:00 - 11:00 am. Parks Ford is BAM!'s major sponsor and we want to make sure we have a good presence at this event. I encourage all of you to attend. We will have Scott Englert, a BAM! club member, as our DJ. Parks Ford has been doing the Rise & Shine Car Meet on the second Saturday of every month. Remember this event is open to all makes and models. So, invite your friends and let have some fun. Hope to see you there.

Talking about upcoming events, On Saturday, April 25th we have the BAM! Club Picnic from 11:00 am to 3:00pm at Lettice Lake Park, in Tampa. Please see our BAM! flyer for details. All BAM! members are welcome. The picnic will be potluck style, except for beverages, hot dogs and hamburgers, which will be provided by the Club. Please register and let us know what food you will be bringing.

In closing, if you are interested, have the time, and would like to volunteer to help BAM, please let me know. I would like to encourage all of you to attend our next BAM! gathering or activities to show your support for BAM! Please remember, if you have any questions or suggestions let a BAM! Board Member know as soon as possible. See you all Thursday, May 7th at Walk-ON's Sport Bar at 6:30 pm for our monthly Gathering.

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, April 11th, 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 !



BAM! Club Picnic

Saturday, April 25th, 2026 - 11:00am to 3:00pm



**BAM!'s Picnic will be held at Lettice Lake Park,
Located at 6920 East Fletcher Avenue, Tampa, FL 33637**

- All BAM! members are welcome.
- Pre-registration required (for food count accuracy). *Please remember that we are a non-profit club so let us know if you need to cancel your registration.*
- Registration Sign Up due by Wednesday, 4/22/26.
- \$ Park Entry: \$2 per vehicle. Up to 8 people per vehicle. Must be paid in cash.
- Our picnic will be located at Pavilion #1.
- Picnic will be potluck style, with the exception of beverages, hot dogs and hamburgers, which will be provided by BAM! (*Note: No alcohol allowed*).
- Contact Frank Morales for any questions @ 714-349-1753.

TO SIGN UP:

You can sign up and identify what food you will bring, by clicking on this link:

[BAM! Picnic Signup](#)



Saturday, April 25th, 2026— On Saturday, 4/25/26, BAM! will hold its club Picnic at Lettice Lake Park. This will be a potluck style lunch with BAM! providing beverages, hot dogs and hamburgers. See the flier for all the details. The flier has been emailed to all members. If you plan to attend, please open the flier and click on this link and sign up. You will also be asked to put down what potluck item you are bringing.

BAM! Membership ...

Welcome to our
Newest Members!

- Vikki Lilly
- Glenda Wilson
- Alan Thralls
- Gary & Kendra Rivoli
- Victor Spatz
- Edith & Dennis Seeton
- Elizabeth Koda
- Carlos Soler
- Gilbert Rodriguez & Catherine Voorhees
- Ryan Hellemn

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 March Gathering so the April Pot will be:

\$20.00!


Monthly Membership
Drawing!

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

2026 Annual Membership Drive!

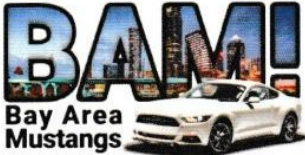
NICE RIDE!

WANNA HAVE SOME FUN WITH YOUR



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:

- Frank Morales—3 Tony/Angela Marcano – 3 Scotty Gruoner-2
- Jon Eshleman-1 Cliff/Janet Johannsen-3 Wayne Brannon-2

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! 2026 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!

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 Gator Cruise ✓

Thu, 3/5/26 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

Sat, 4/25/26 BAM! Picnic

Thu, 5/7/26 BAM! Gathering

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

Sat, 5/9/26 BAM! Board Meeting

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, 7/11/26 Parks Ford Rise & Shine

Sat, 7/11/26 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, 10/31/26 Mustang Madness Car Show

Thu, 11/5/26 BAM! Gathering & 6th
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.