

THE VOICE *of Bay Area Mustangs*



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MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE BAY AREA MUSTANGS, INC.

*(Article by Rumer Mills,
Investigative Reporter)*

This month's featured Pony belongs to BAM! Member Austin Polo. Austin purchased this, his first Mustang in August of 2020. He knew exactly what he wanted, the 2003-2004 Cobra was always his dream car while growing up, and he went all



the way to Michigan to get it. It is a black 2003 SVT Mustang Cobra, and has a 4.6 Supercharged V8, is 6-speed manual, and (most important of all) has 500 HP. This Mustang only had one previous owner and was in near perfect condition, with only twelve thousand miles, when Austin made it his own.

When Austin started looking through various car selling websites for the right 2003-2004

Cobra he found that many of the cars for sale, were on their third, fourth, or even fifth owner, and were beaten up, and/or heavily modified. But Austin is persistent and after three months, the right one came up for sale, but it was all the way up in Michigan. Austin reached out to the owner, and was informed that there were already three

other bidders. Undeterred, Austin nevertheless discussed the condition of the car, and sent over his offer. Austin remained hopeful and, after a few more bids, it was down to Austin and one other person. The other person was a local and offered \$500 less than Austin had. The owner told Austin it would be, "less of a hassle to give it to a local guy for \$500 less." That's when Austin said, "I am only a plane ticket away from being local!" and that cinched the deal.
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A Pony's
Tale

BAM! Member
Austin Polo

And his
2003 Mustang
SVT Cobra

The Voice

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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.

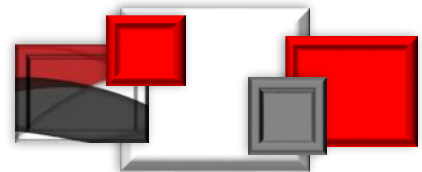
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"Some days nothing beats a really long drive in your favorite Mustang. But of course, you already know that."

*Ida Sage,
Staff Philosopher*

From the Newsroom...

Welcome fellow BAM! members to “The Voice” and its inaugural edition. As I kicked-off this first edition I knew that one of the most thoughtful things I had to do is dish out reporting assignments to the staff. I’m very, happy with the staff of reporters that have joined the team here at “The Voice” but they had yet to get together for their monthly assignments. So, with much anticipation, I called my first Staff Meeting.

Ida Sage was the first to show up. She was very early but it seemed that she only wanted to hand out little notes to the staff that said, “Don’t worry, if you have any questions or need help, I’m here for you.” Everyone thought that was very nice, but I wasn’t fooled. Ida can be a bit passive aggressive and just wanted to throw the other reporters off by subtly implying that she was the senior (i.e. superior) staff member.

My sister reporters, Rumer and Pepper Mills, sat across the room from each other. I wasn’t sure why

until Lupe Minute came in and sat down next to Pepper. Lupe was very enthusiastic about welcoming Pepper to the team and I was glad to see them getting along so well, especially since they would compete for reporting assignments each month. I turned my attention to waiting for the rest of the staff when Lupe started to sneeze repeatedly. I saw Rumer grinning, so I pulled her aside to ask her about it. She grinned and said, “Watch.”

As I watched I realized that Pepper kept reaching in her pocket and pulling out a pinch of pepper, which she would then blow under Lupe’s nose. I was trying not to laugh at this outrageous behavior but I had to admit that it was an interesting “calling card.”

Oh boy, I thought. This is going to be a challenging year. And just as I thought a pinch of pepper was going to be a challenge, I heard a noise and saw a marble rolling across the floor. My newest reporter, Mr. Marbles Madcap, had

arrived.

Marbles is young and enthusiastic, with red hair and brown freckles, and his excitement and enthusiasm remind me of a puppy. You know what I mean, they romp around and tear up the rug, but they are so cute in their madcap ways that you can’t help but adore them. Even when they carry marbles in their pockets. I don’t know if it is a “thing” with the young generation but they seem to love unique calling cards. With Pepper it is pepper, which she loves to leave in a little pile to let you know she has been there. With Marbles, rolling a marble across the room is how he announces his presence.

Last but not least Rusty Sparks showed up, giving me a grin and a look that said, “who’s the kid?” I grinned back and said that Marbles would be under Rusty’s tutelage.

Sometimes it’s just good to be the Editor ... and with a grin for my staff, our first meeting started. I hope you enjoy their efforts.

(by Pepper Mills, Reporter at Large) I am sooo happy to be part of The Voice of BAM! I know that we are joined together by our love of the Mustang, and my fellow reporters will cover all the news from the world of Ford, as well as all of our BAM! happenings.

But there is another aspect of our club that is near and dear to me. Fun and food, and I’ve got both covered. Think about it ... Mustangs get us around from place to place, but food is the ingredient that binds us together, so is it any coincidence that each of our events almost always involve time for food?

And here is where we can have a lot of fun because people that love to eat, are always the best people.

Next time you are at a Gathering or BAM! event take the opportunity to join a table with BAM! members you might not know so well and get to know them over your meal. Or next time you’re at a table with open seats invite a fellow BAM! member to join your table.

And think of it this way, talking and chewing is exercise, isn’t it? So doing lots of it is healthy for you. And don’t be shy about spicing it up ...

‘cause momma always said a dash of Pepper always makes things better!





Austin quickly booked a flight for him and his grandfather and flew up to Michigan a few days later. When they pulled up to the owner's house, the Cobra was in the driveway ... in just as perfect a condition as the owner had described. They went for a test drive and then straight to the bank to sign the title over. Shortly after that Austin arranged for a shipping company to deliver the car back to Florida in an enclosed trailer. To Austin's surprise the car arrived a day early, at night, in the rain, while Austin was out of town. Luckily for Austin, he has a Mustang enthusiast father who

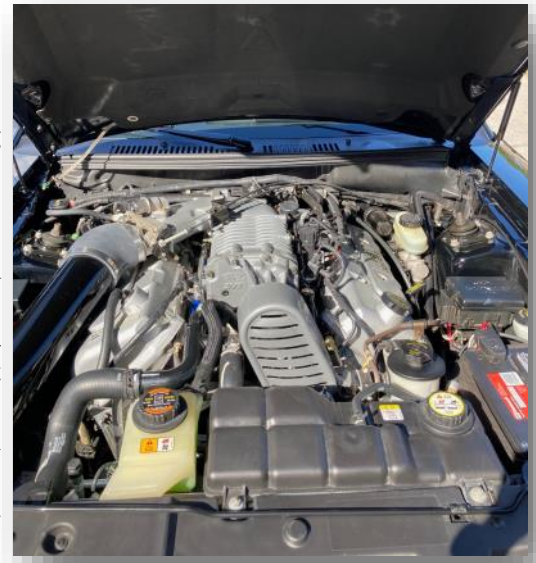
A Pony's Tale

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was more than willing to go pick up the car and give it a test drive while bringing it back to its new home.

It has only been a few months, but Austin has already made some modifications like intake, Borla Exhaust, a small pulley, and lowering springs. And like all Mustang enthusiasts, we are sure there will be plenty of tinkering in the future.

Austin is one of our hard-working members who recently graduated from FSU, and is now working for Grow Financial. His career goal is to become a Financial Advisor, but in his time off work he is a born and raised car enthusiast who eventually upgraded from hot wheel cars to the real thing. Austin became interested in the Mustang hobby when his father bought his Shelby GT500 back in 2007, and since then he has joined his father and mother for cruises and various activities making this hobby a true family affair. You see, Austin is the son of one of our founding Board Members, Robbie Polo. Austin quickly joined BAM! as soon as the membership applications rolled off the press, and he and his Mustang are ready to join in on the fun.



Austin has long been a Mustang enthusiast, but his journey as a Mustang owner is fresh and new, and we can't think of a better "Pony's Tale" to start the new year ...



Austin and Robbie Polo enjoy a father-son Car Show!



Austin and Robbie Polo enjoy a Photo Op!



Lupe Minute is, well, a little “loopy!” Yes, I knew this when I hired her, but she is so endearing in the way she looks so hard for those little uncommon truths that only she can see, and then shares them with us in all their glorious detail. There is also her wonderful relationship with her

Mustang Man, and all the various and creative ways she finds to make him happy. Luckily for us, she has quite an appetite for sharing her experiences and ideas, giving us plenty of ideas to learn from. Like leaving lipstick kisses all over her Mustang Man’s car to celebrate Valentine’s Day. She is just so creative!

If I had to summarize Lupe, I would say that she likes to write from her inner voice, sometimes leaving her readers feeling slightly dazed. Her writing isn’t about a style, it’s her experiment, her chance to grow as a reporter. It’s like messing around with the status quo just to see what will happen ...

The Staff of “The Voice” ...

I’d to take a moment to tell you about my staff of reporters here at “The Voice.” They are all bright and fun-loving, and make life interesting here in the Staff quarters. I hope you will come to love them all as much as I do ...

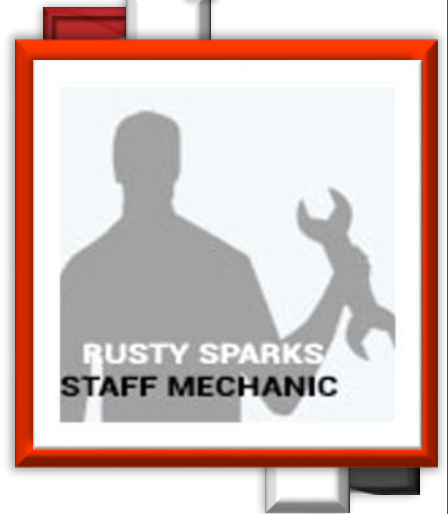


Rumer Mills is our truth teller. She has very good hearing and loves to share all the little “on dits” of our BAM family. She is respectful and quiet ... but you know what they say about the quiet ones! When she isn’t listening to BAM members, her inner voice speaks up and, I have to warn you, her inner voice is the least quiet thing about her. She has a way of pointing out the obvious in order to give us a whole new perspective on a variety of topics. Like the time she put together a thorough explanation of why Santa just might be a “she”. Reading her soundly thought out explanation, she had me believing. But my belief is always challenged each time she shares her latest argument with her Ford vehicle. Who would have thought that an inner voice and a vehicle could be so loud?

If I had to summarize Rumer, I’d say that her goal as a reporter is to share the truth, and not to worry about the outcome of her work. Whenever she does this, she thinks she is “creating something better and more honest” than worrying about what people might think! Cause her job is to listen ... and to share her unique opinions with the rest of us ...

Rusty Sparks is our voice of experience.

His voice lends a nice balance for those of you who enjoy spending a little time in his Man Cave and Garage.



He’s generally an easy go lucky, low-key kind of guy, but he has a sparkle in his eye that lights up the newsroom when he feels like teasing other staff members. And he feels like it quite often. As a senior staff member, and having been married for a long, long time, he also has a lot of essential wisdom to impart to you Mustang Men.

If I had to summarize Rusty, I would say that he is a cruiser from a long time back. What do I mean by that? Well, Rusty has learned that sometimes the indirect route is the best way to get to where he wants to be. With Rusty, it’s all about simply being happy. And that’s worth reading about.

The Staff of “The Voice” ...

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Pepper Mills is new to our staff and is the younger sister of Rumer Mills. Pepper joins us to bring her special brand of spice to the team. Unlike Rumer, she isn't the quiet type. Quite the contrary. When she wants to be heard, you will definitely see her coming. She is curious, funny, loves to laugh, and has a wicked sense of humor.

If I had to summarize Pepper, I'd say that we are all in for a new kind of adventure. I can only hope that no one has food allergies, because Pepper will bring her own pinch of spice that will be uniquely hers.

Ida Sage is our voice with a unique kind of wisdom. She is full of thought-provoking opinions, and loves to leave them with us,



sometimes like a butterfly that flutters by, and sometimes like a bull in a china shop. She is quite diverse that way. She thoroughly enjoys providing the honest, straightforward, and delightful wisdom that her readers have come to know and love.

If I had to summarize Ida, I'd say that she is slightly unconventional and off-center, but really quite extraordinary. She is just like that eccentric aunt, who says exactly what's on her mind. And we can't help but love her for it.

Marbles Madcap is our Apprentice Reporter. Quite frankly, I hired him the minute he told me his name. How could I not? With a name like that you have to grow up with a great personality and a wild sense of fun.



Marbles is anxious to please everyone, much like a puppy dog that bounds around a room, looking for a friendly face. I'm looking to Rusty Sparks to be a mentor to him, but I'm sure he will learn a lot from the rest of the staff as well.

If I had to summarize Marbles, I'd look back at our first interview. He told me he wants to learn to write like he drives. With his lopsided grin, he said that he sees his skills as being a combination of badass, funny and brave, and his hope is that the right audience will come along for the ride. Oh, I think they will.

*This year I was going to vow to quit all my bad habits.
But then I realized no one likes a quitter.
So you get me just the way I already am! How lucky you are.
Happy New Year!! - Ida Sage, Staff Philosopher*

Meet the Creative Team behind the Bay Area Mustangs ...

Our BAM! Board of Directors



Frank Morales, President. I am excited to serve as President of the Bay Area Mustangs. My Mustang history began in 1982. I joined California's Orange County Mustang Club in 1987 and became its President in 1989. I served as President for twenty-four years, and today I am an honorary lifetime member. I also served as President to a local club for two years. To me it's important to have FUN with our hobby while giving to our community. My best memories are from California and fulfilling a Mustang restoration for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and creating my club's "Hooves for Hope" charity. I've been fortunate that my love of Mustang's has been both a fulfilling career and hobby. As I set out on this new adventure, I hope that you will join us at BAM! to have some FUN.

Robbie Polo, Vice President. My earliest memory and passion for Mustangs started as a kid when I heard the sound of a Ford V8. It was love at first sight and sound. After renting a Shelby Hertz Mustang on a family vacation, I decided that it was time to make a dream come true. My first Mustang was a Shelby GT special ordered and delivered from Shelby American in Las Vegas. In a quest for more power, I upgraded to a Shelby GT500 which I still own today. I'm excited to be a Founder of the Bay Area Mustangs and I hope you will join us for the exciting days ahead. Let's have FUN! BAM!



John Esposito, Treasurer. In 2013 I joined various Mustang organizations to help promote the love of the great American icon car. In 2018 I helped found **Cruising for Critters, Inc** which is a 501(c)3 non-profit charity. This charity combines my love of cars and animal fundraising. I'm excited to be a Founder of Bay Area Mustangs and I look forward to a club that promotes fun events, good friendships, and support to our community.

Howie Taylor, Secretary.

I have been a Mustang fan as long as I can remember. I have had quite a few of them over the years as I tend to trade up when a new one becomes available. I've been involved in the car scene in the Tampa Bay area for almost 20 years now and have been members of several car clubs in that time. I am also a social advocate. As a member of the Leadership Council for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay, I get to promote, meet and recruit brand new BIGs to help mentor to our younger generation. Helping them with homework, self image, respect and responsibilities that help them make better decisions.



Melinda Morales, Membership.

My first car, at the tender age of sixteen, was a Mustang. I loved that car, but never did I dream that one day I would marry a man whose obsession was also for the Ford Mustang. We've spent thirty years enjoying the same pursuits and creating a great group of shared friends. Throughout many years that I've been involved with the Mustang hobby, I've served in many Board capacities and currently am BAM's Membership Chairman and also BAM's Newsletter Editor. I look forward to starting this new chapter. It's fresh, it's new, and it's going to be a Blast! I hope you join us for this new adventure. It will be all about friendship, good works, and ... oh yes ... our beautiful Mustangs! On that note, all that is left to say is ... BAM!



From the Driver's Seat...

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 holiday season with your family and friends. Since 2020 was such a tough year for all of us, I'm sure we are all happy to see the beginning of 2021. It was a difficult year, but with all the vaccines being developed, I hope we can get back to normal and enjoy our family, friends and Mustang hobby that we love so much.

BAM! is a new club with the primary purpose of promoting the restoration, preservation and enjoyment of the Ford Mustang. To perpetuate this goal, members pay dues, meet monthly, promote car shows and hold social activities to foster their love for the Ford Mustang. But most important we want to have FUN! We do not condone DRAMA. This is the reason we have new members sign a simple Code of Conduct. It's simply to remind members to be kind and courteous and treat everyone with respect. No hate speech or bullying on Facebook or any other social media. We are a different kind of car club. Our goal is to join people together who love and appreciate their Mustangs and their friendships. Again, we just want to have FUN!

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. Without them we could not even think about starting a new Mustang club. Each Board Member brings their own expertise to the Club and I would like to thank them for their outstanding contribution.

We haven't even had our first Club meeting and already we have had two successful events to share with members and friends. The first one was on December 3rd, the BAM! Meet and Greet Social at Ford's Garage. This event was a way for us to get together to meet new BAM! members and friends. I was expecting a small turnout, but it turned out we had 42 members and friends attending. For me, this was a special evening of good food, laughter and fun. In addition to the delicious food we played a trivia game and just had a lot of fun and laughter. The management of Ford's Garage was totally surprised with the turnout. It was a total success. I want to thank Nick Lee, General Manager, for making us feel so welcomed. The next event was the Night Lights of Christmas Cruise held on Saturday, December 19th. We were invited by one of our BAM! members, Roberta Fitzgerald, to her home to enjoy her huge display of Christmas lights. We met at Ford's Garage for dinner and then cruised to Roberta's house. Once there we enjoyed the beautiful display of Christmas lights, snacked on desserts and played games. We had a lot of FUN! Thanks Roberta and Darrell for sharing their home and beautiful Christmas lights display with BAM! members.

Now that the holiday season is over, we need to move on to the new year ahead of us. Our Board of Directors are working and planning our activities for the New Year. *(Continued on Page 9)*



WHY CHOOSE BAM?

For starters, 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!

From the Driver's Seat...

(Continued from Page 8) We have started to plan cruises, a Poker Run, Club Picnic, Bowling, Go Karts event, car show and Christmas Party. In fact, on Saturday, January 9th we have planned the Clean Air Cruise. So, come join us as we enjoy a cruise around the beautiful Bay Area and have lunch at Ford's Garage in St. Pete. The details and the flier are included in this edition. Please RSVP to Robbie Polo. I also want to thank Robbie Polo for planning this event for us. I hope that most of you can support us by attending these events and if you have any suggestions please let the BAM! Board or myself know as soon as possible. We welcome new ideas from our members.

As we welcome the new year, it brings with it the hope and promise of accomplishing and making BAM! a better club. Everyone knows that change of any kind is never easy, and it may take some doing in order to achieve the targets we have established, but it is not impossible and with a little help and motivation we can welcome 2021 with enthusiasm and excitement at the new things BAM! has to offer. Now, as I look forward to the New Year, BAM! brings fresh beginnings, exciting new experiences, and a lot of fun for everyone

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 an exciting and successful year in the hobby with BAM! Finally, a very special thanks to Parks Ford, Shane Norsworthy, and Ford's Garage, Nick Lee, 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 7th at Ford's Garage for our first monthly Gathering. BAM!

- Frank Morales, President, Bay Area Mustangs (BAM!)
- You can contact me at: frank@bayareamustangs.com.



Beautiful BAM! Club T-Shirts are now available on-line. It is as easy as 1-2-3! When you are ready to order just:

- 1—Go to our BAM! website's sponsor page and click on the link for Dawn's Embroidery. The link will take you directly to Dawn's product catalog for BAM!
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- Tear-away label
- Quarter-turned to eliminate center crease
- 7/8" collar
- Classic fit





It's been a long, strange time for most of us, but I'm so glad that I've had so much time to quarantine with my Mustang Man. You should know just how much I love to spoil him. And in between the spoiling, he has had a lot of time to spend in his garage, giving his Mustangs some much needed TLC.

I also had time on my hands, so I knew it was important to keep busy with some sort of project. So I thought, and I thought ... until I had a light bulb moment. Make masks! Oh, but not just any masks. No, I decided to make Mustang masks. I started easy and, as it turned out, learning to make masks was very easy indeed. All I needed was some material with Mustang logos and I was all set.

I made a few, but they were so easy that I just knew I could do much, much better. After another few light bulbs turned on in my little brain, I found myself putting away the Mustang material, for anyone could do that. No, I took it up a notch and started making masks that looked like the front end of a Mustang. It took some creativity to get the Mustang shape formed just right, but once I did, I found that I could do various Mustang years and various Mustang colors to personalize them.

Sure, it might seem strange to where a face mask that extended a few inches out from your mouth and nose, but now that we are all accustomed to

wearing masks, why not get creative? One might think that a mask like this would take a lot of time and effort, but it was worthwhile, for what Mustang Man wouldn't be excited to wear such a unique mask?

In my excitement I realized that with a few inches now available I had space for some storage. So I decided to make the "hood" on the mask open up. Now I had created a great place for a Mustang Man to put his keys for safe keeping while walking around with his mask on! I didn't even need another light bulb moment to come up with that feature.

Sometimes my brilliance amazes me.

I thought I'd sell them and make a fortune in the Mustang community. But I wanted my Mustang Man's seal of approval first. After I made a Mustang Mask that looked like my Mustang Man's favorite pony, I put it in a gift box and presented it to him. He opened it up and the next thing I saw were tears brimming around his eyes. When his shoulders started to shake I thought he might be getting over-emotional! Who knew that my creative efforts would mean so much to him, and create such a sentimental result.

I suggested that he should try it on since we had dinner plans with some friends that night. He almost tripped over himself rushing to tell me how much he preferred to stay at home and have dinner just with me. I was disappointed, of course, but we've spent so many cozy nights together since then, that I can wait patiently for the day when we unveil his new mask to the public.

This project of mine was such a success that I've started making custom Mustang Masks for all our friends. I can't wait to see them all in use at an upcoming Gathering. Won't that be a sight ...

Oh, and I decided not to sell them. The emotion I saw when my Mustang Man saw his mask, made me realize that sharing my creativity would be my gift to all those I love ... and that makes all my efforts worthwhile.



(by Rumer Mills, Investigative Reporter) Just between you and me, I have my first "How cute is that?!" moment to start the new year ... It seems that just as BAM! was starting up, and teasers were going out, one future BAM! member was so excited that on the day that BAM! was born, this future member drove all the way over to BAM! headquarters to personally drop off his membership application and to get in on the \$15 special we were offering. I thought this was just adorable ... he spent \$15 in gas money to save \$5 on membership dues. Now that is enthusiasm the BAM! way! Of course, my rumor mill never divulges full names, but we are ever so happy to have "JM" and "LM" as some of our original BAM members! How cute is that!

Welcome ...

To Our Newest Members

BAM!

Rusty Gillis
Mel & Cathy Wolff
Arlene & Travis Creighton

Austin Polo
Jerry & Lorraine May
Cesar & Janet Colon
Joseph Della Fave
Harold & Bette Champion
Ramon & Maria Martinez
Mary Lou McCarty
Ralph & Sheryl DeWitt
Robert & Liz Wunderlich
John & Missy Sepessy
Dylan Sepessy & Aeron DeGroat

Mike & Samantha Vullo
Rodney & Jeanette Ford
Dave Lyman & April C.

Mark & Catherine Jensen
John McLaughlin
Ronald & Myrna Winters
Scott Gruoner
Roberta & Darrell Fitzgerald
Tracy Gaschler
Lester Rodriguez
Mike Lopez

Reggie & Annie Osenton
Tom Jankowski
Mario & Marie Polo

Welcome to Bay Area Mustangs (BAM!)

"I'm not hopin' ... not wishin' either. This year I'm just gonna make fun stuff happen!" Madcap Marble, Apprentice Reporter

BAM! On the Web...

Check out all of our BAM happenings on our web page. You'll find our calendar of events, fliers and event information, pictures, and so much more! Also, everything anyone needs to join the club can be found here as well. Thanks to Howie Taylor, our awesome Webmaster, for creating such a wonderful webpage for BAM! Here is the link:

[BAY AREA MUSTANGS - BAM!](#)



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, don't forget to follow BAM on Facebook too! Here is the link:



It Sounded Like a Good Idea at the Time ...

*By Rusty Sparks,
Staff Mechanic*

If you were to ask me, the best way of arriving at a happy marriage isn't necessarily by taking the direct route to it. Sometimes you just need to sit back, relax, and take a cruise around the block.

Case in point: Like everyone else, the Mrs. and I had to spend a lot of time at home together for much of last year. The Mrs. was so excited. She completed all her spring cleaning in record time, but once the inside of the house met with her satisfaction, she needed to find something else to do.

Unfortunately, she decided she could "help" me by re-organizing my garage. She started with an inventory of all my drawers. Like most wives she showed interest in why my tools had specific kinds of

lubricants or oils on them. Of course, I immediately realized she wanted to understand this so that she would make sure she understood the needs of my garage (see what I mean about that nasty direct route?)

Anyway, I let her do her thing since it kept her busy. I knew I could correct anything that wasn't done right. I gave her a week, before I snuck in the garage after she had turned in for the night.

She had moved everything around and washed my tools in soap and water. I wanted to wake her up and ask her how dare she do that? But, again, that would have been the direct route. No, I decided to take a long drive around the block.

I started in her kitchen. I moved the silverware drawer across the kitchen and painstakingly "lubricated" all the forks and knives with butter. I then "lubricated" the pots and pans with olive oil. Then I put some of the items from the refrigerator into the pantry. Just a few things that would get her attention. Milk. Lettuce. Stuff like that.

I went to bed a happy man.

In the morning breakfast was waiting for me. As I sat down to

enjoy my bacon and eggs my Mrs. very sweetly asked me why I was in her kitchen last night.

I gave her my biggest grin. You know, the one that made her fall in love with me many years ago, and said, "I just want to give you a big surprise, like you're giving me! I found some great lubricants for your "tools" and I made some room in the refrigerator since you are always complaining that there isn't enough room for everything. I just want you to know how much I love you." And I grinned again.

"Thank you, dear, but maybe I should manage the kitchen and I'll let you manage your Garage. Then both rooms will be just as we like them."

"Okay, dear." I said, "Whatever makes you happy."

And we both spent the rest of our quarantine happily reorganizing both rooms to our mutual satisfaction.

See, my friends, a cruise around the block is almost always the best route to a happy marriage.

BAM! Membership

People eligible for membership shall be anyone interested in the promotion, restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of the Ford Mustang. To become a member of the Club, a person must fill out the required Membership Application, pay the required annual dues, agree to be bound by the Club's Bylaws and Code of Conduct, and agree to support the meetings and events of the club.

All applications are reviewed by the Membership Chairman to ensure that required information has been provided, then the Membership Chairman presents each application to the Board of Directors for their consideration and approval. Upon acceptance, each new member shall be issued a membership identification card by the Membership Chairman. Forms are available on our website, come join us!

From the Rear View ...

By Marbles Madcap,
Apprentice Reporter

BAM! Meet and Greet Social

Thursday,
December 3rd, 2020

Hello, fellow BAM! members. Marbles here, and I'm so excited to be able to report on BAM!'s first get-together, a BAM! Meet and Greet Social.

It was held on December 3rd, at one of my favorite places in the world, yes, Ford's Garage! With a great turn out, and plenty of people anxious to become members of BAM!, I can tell you that there was a real sense of excitement in the air. Everyone participated in a "Get to Know BAM!" game and winners won prizes. There was plenty of great meal choices and beverages of choice on the menu. It was a great opportunity for those in attendance to get to know about BAM! and about our plans as we looked forward to 2021.

The Wesley Chapel location for Ford's Garage will be BAM!'s home base when we host our monthly Gathering on the first Thursday of each month. This first social was an awesome way to start BAM! off on the right path! I can't wait to see what 2021 brings, and I hope you'll join me! BAM!



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*Having good BAM! friends is like having your own little corner
of Ford's Garage to escape to.— Ida Sage, Staff Philosopher*

From the Rear View ...

By Marbles Madcap,
Apprentice Reporter

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BAM! Meet and Greet Social

Thursday,
December 3rd, 2020



From the Rear View ...

By Marbles Madcap,
Apprentice Reporter

Marbles here again! This time I'm here to report all the fun we had at our BAM! Night Lights of Christmas Cruise. We want to thank BAM! members Roberta and Darrell Fitzgerald for inviting us to their home so see the thousands of Christmas lights that make up their annual Christmas display.

This wonderful evening was held on December 19th, and it started with dinner at my favorite place in the whole world (or did I tell you this already?), Ford's Garage! After dinner we posed for a group picture before mounting our Ponies and heading out (I'm the one in the back with the red hair). We took a short cruise over to Lutz, and just as the sun set we pulled in to Roberta's magical Christmas land. What a sight for pandemic tired eyes! I felt like the Spirit of Christmas had just swooped down and infected all of us with the best kind of holiday spirit. I think I counted a gazillion lights in the front yard! It is so beautiful that Roberta has strangers stop by all through the holidays to wander around and look at the decorations!

Our BAM! members had a great time enjoying the lights, and snacking on some sweets, while sipping on some liquid beverages of choice. John and Darlene Esposito conducted a raffle and gave out some great prizes to the lucky winners. It was a wonderful, magical evening for everyone! BAM!

BAM! Night Lights of Christmas

Saturday,
December 19th, 2020



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From the Rear View ...

By Marbles Madcap,
Apprentice Reporter

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BAM! Night Lights of Christmas

Saturday,
December 19th, 2020



Saturday,
January 9th,
2021

BAM!'s Road Ahead: Clean Air Cruise!

*By Marbles Madcap,
Apprentice Reporter*

Hi BAM! Members,
Marbles here ... again!

I'm so excited to tell you that, only a few days after our January Gathering, BAM! will host it's first event of 2021. The Clean Air Cruise will be held on January 9th. Check out our meeting place on the flier shown here.

Yes, it's time to get the Mustangs out, give them a nice rub down, and then allow them to strut their stuff all up and down the highways and bridges of Tampa Bay!

We will travel caravan style to our final destination, lunch (of course). We love visiting Ford's Garage, and this time it will be the Ford's Garage located in St. Petersburg.

This event is open to all Mustang enthusiasts so come on out for a wonderful clean air day. We will be blowing the dust off, getting the cobwebs out of our heads, and enjoying the bay views.

What a great way to start this year!

So rev up your engines because ...

**BAM! is on the
GO!**

The Clean Air CRUISE

**Saturday
January 9th, 2021**



The year is young and so are we,
and it's time to get our Mustangs out for some fresh air!
Come join us as we enjoy a cruise around the beautiful Bay Area
on Saturday, January 9th, 2021.

We will meet in the Dillard's parking lot at The International Plaza,
located at 2223 N. Westshore Blvd. Ste 500, Tampa, FL 33607
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.

Then our final destination will be Ford's Garage-St. Petersburg,
located at 200 1st Ave. South, Suite A, St. Petersburg, FL 33701, for a fun
filled lunch to top off our Gathering.

If you plan to join us please RSVP to Robbie Polo, at
rpolo1@tampabay.rr.com or 813-505-7727 so we have an accurate count
for our lunch reservation. Deadline to confirm your attendance is
Thursday, January 7th in order to give the restaurant a head count.

BAM's on the go ... come join us!




Our BAM! 2021 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, 1/7/21	BAM! Gathering
Sat, 1/9/21	BAM! Clean Air Cruise
Thu, 1/21/21	BAM! Board Meeting
Thu, 2/4/21	BAM! Gathering
Sat, 2/13/21	Sweetheart Miniature Golf
Thu, 2/18/21	BAM! Board Meeting
Thu, 3/4/21	BAM! Gathering
Sat, 3/13/21	Brunch with BAM!
Thu, 3/18/21	BAM! Board Meeting
Thu, 4/1/21	BAM! Gathering
Sat, 4/3/21	BAM! Bunny Hop Poker Run
Thu, 4/15/21	BAM! Board Meeting
Thu, 5/6/21	BAM! Gathering
Sat, 5/8/21	BAM! Picnic
Sat, 5/20/21	BAM! Board Meeting
Thu, 6/3/21	BAM! Gathering
Thu, 6/17/21	BAM! Board Meeting
Sat, 6/19/21	BAM! On Go Carts

Thu, 7/1/21	BAM! Gathering
Sat, 7/10/21	Mustangs at the Museum
Thu, 7/15/21	BAM! Board Meeting
Thu, 8/5/21	BAM! Gathering
Sat, 8/7/21	BAM! Does Bowling
Thu, 8/19/21	BAM! Board Meeting
Thu, 9/2/21	BAM! Gathering
Thu, 9/16/21	BAM! Board Meeting
Sat, 9/18/21	BAM! On the Bay
Thu, 10/7/21	BAM! Gathering
Thu, 10/21/21	BAM! Board Meeting
Sat, 10/30/21	BAM! Car Show
Thu, 11/4/21	BAM! Gathering
Thu, 11/18/21	BAM! Board Meeting
Sat, 11/20/21	BAM! Birthday Cruise
Thu, 12/2/21	BAM! Gathering
Thu, 12/16/21	BAM! Board Meeting
Sat, 12/18/21	BAM! Christmas Party



Our members have some of the most iconic and amazing Mustangs in the Bay area, and we like to show them off. If your jaw drops open when you see a group of Mustangs, whether at a show, or cruising by you, stop sitting on the sideline. Get your Mustang out and start having fun with a great group of people!

Other Community Happenings

Some dates may be tentative. Check with event sponsors as events near for any updates.

1/7-16/21 Mecum Auction, Kissimee, FL.

NOTE Due to COVID-19 and the fact that several MCA members have contracted it, the Executive Committee has cancelled the Board of Directors Meeting that was to be held in conjunction with the Mecum Auction.

Sat, 1/10/21 Shops at Wiregrass Car & Truck Show. Info: 727-455-5969

Sun, 1/17/21 Benefit Car & Truck Show. Info: 727-455-5969

Sat, 2/6/21 Parks Ford Rise & Shine Car Meet

Sat, 2/6/21 Elks Lodge Zephyrhills Benefit Car & Truck Show. Info: 727-455-5969

Thr, 2/18/21 QSL & Car Show Cruise In. Info: 727-572-9464

Sat, 2/27/21 Shops at Wiregrass Car & Truck Show. Info: 727-455-5969

Thr, 2/25/21 QSL & Car Show Cruise In. Info: 727-572-9464

Sun, 2/28/21 Tires Plus Car & Truck Show. Info: 727-455-5969

3/4-7/21 NMRA Spring Break Shootout, All Ford Car Show (6th & 7th). Info:

949-784-9061

Sat, 3/6/21 Parks Ford Rise & Shine Car Meet

Sat, 3/13/21 10th Quail Run Classic Car Show. Info: 813-973-0999

Sat, 3/21/21 Shops at Wiregrass Car & Truck Show. Info: 727-455-5969

Sat, 3/27/21 9th Spring Salute Benefit Car & Truck Show, Info: 727-455-5969

Sat, 4/3/21 Parks Ford Rise & Shine Car Meet

Sat, 4/17/21 Corvettes vs. Mustangs, Quaker Steak & Lube. Info: 727-455-5969

Sat, 5/1/21 Parks Ford Rise & Shine Car Meet

Sat, 6/5/21 Parks Ford Rise & Shine Car Meet

Sat, 7/3/21 Parks Ford Rise & Shine Car Meet

Sat, 8/7/21 Parks Ford Rise & Shine Car Meet

Sat, 9/4/21 Parks Ford Rise & Shine Car Meet

Sat, 10/2/21 Parks Ford Rise & Shine Car Meet

Sat, 10/30/21 Lead Foot City Boys & Girls Club Halloween Car Show

Note: Parks Ford Rise & Shine Car Meet is held the first Saturday of each month through Oct. 9am—11am. Parks Ford is located at 28739 Florida 54, Wesley Chapel, FL. 813-907-7800

Henry Ford once said, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success" ... sounds a little like BAM! right? — Ida Sage, Staff Philosopher

The Bay Area Mustangs extends our gratitude for sponsoring our new club. We expect to do great things and love that we have you in our corner. This is going to be a great partnership!

The Voice
sponsors



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 their next purchase on a new Ford or a large variety of used vehicles in many makes and models. We have many reasons to come to our dealership!

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Ford's Garage of Wesley Chapel Welcomes You!

Ford's Garage is your neighborhood burger and beer joint, where everyone is welcome, especially BAM! members! Ford's Garage will give you the vibe of being in a 1920's service station to include vintage Ford vehicles, gas pumps, and fixtures. We are a gourmet burger bar serving up the finest varieties of Black Angus Beef, Turkey, Chicken, and Vegetarian products coupled with all-natural aged cheeses and gourmet toppings. We also specialize in popular American comfort food entrees. Lighter fare is also available as we also serve fresh salads, grilled chicken, and fresh fish. Our Burgers of Fame give honor and recognition to many of our local celebrities, keeping our connection to the communities we so much appreciate. Discounts on dinner provided to BAM! members at our monthly Gatherings!