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MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE BAY AREA MUSTANGS, INC.

*(Article by Rumer Mills,
Investigative Reporter)*

This month we are pleased to share the Pony Tale of John Sepessy and his 1985 Mustang GT Convertible.

Here are some details about John's Mustang: HP: 1985 Mustang GT Convertible. 2R Jalapeno Red, 5 speed, 340hp Crate Motor, GT40 aluminum heads, Ford Ceramic



coated headers, Flowmasters, 8.8 rear 3:55 gears, Tremec World Class T5, upgraded brakes and Viking Struts and Shocks. Other upgrades include larger sway bars and sport springs.

John's future plans for his Mustang are more mods, participating in National or local shows, Racing etc. John is looking to upgrade the heads and cam too.

Recently he joined SCCA and wants to participate in Road Racing events.

John's first car was a 1971 Mustang and throughout the years he has owned five other Mustangs, a Maverick Grabber, a '55 Fairlane, an EXP and three Fusions.

John, and his wife Missy, have been married for thirty two years! They are originally from

Jersey, but have lived in Valrico for the last twenty eight years.

They have a son, Dylan, and a daughter, Ashley, who currently live in the Brandon area.

John's hobbies are Ford related cars (of course!), music and the Yankees. Church is very important to John, and he is a member of St. Stephens Catholic Church.

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A Pony's Tale

BAM! Member

John
Sepessy

And his
1985
Mustang GT
Convertible

The Voice

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(Note: Melinda writes under multiple pen names)

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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I love when people get mad and speed past me, only to end up at the same red light. I like to wave and grin with an slightly smug sense of superiority.

- Ida Sage, Staff Philosopher

From the Newsroom...

by the Editor

Happy September fellow BAM! members!!

In the Newsroom everyone here is working hard to keep you informed, share what we have been up to, and give you the benefit of our collective staff wisdom.

I would like to be able to report that the staff is busy, with their little noses to the preverbal “grindstone,” while hot on the heels of that next big story, but by now I think you know my staff well enough to know that there is always someone up to something.

And this month was no different.

I’ll start with the story of Ida Sage. A couple of weeks ago she learned that the next big storm being tracked had been named *Ida*.

Suddenly, every day she was seen wearing a different color T-Shirt with the same saying, “Storm Watch” under which was, “Ida is coming!” For a while it was funny how she held up her fan to blow papers around the newsroom whenever she walked through. She then was seen walking around with an open umbrella in her

hands, spilling water over the top of it, and telling curious reporters ... “Better prepare!” Then this week we got word that this was going to be a Cat 4 storm, and Ida became apologetic. Gone were the shirts, the fan, and the umbrella. And little, “I’m sorry” notes started appearing on random desks. She has since taken time off to help with relief efforts. That’s my girl.

And now I come to the story of Pepper Mills.

I’m not quite sure what Pepper is up to, and with all of us wearing our face masks, I can’t tell what she is thinking. But she has been making the strangest looking faces behind her mask. Sometimes I don’t know if she is laughing, gasping or developing some strange tic in her face. I was starting to really worry when I saw her encouraging other staff members to make the same facial expressions. Okay, I thought, I don’t have to call for a doctor. Clearly there is a method to her madness ...

Sometimes I wish they were on-air reporters vs. print reporters because, really, there is never a dull moment in this newsroom and, if you saw it like I do every day, you wouldn’t be able to contain your laughter. I know I can’t.

What a crew I’ve assembled ...

I’ve always wanted to live to be so old that my driving terrifies everyone.

Yesterday my husband told me I had arrived ...

Ida Sage, Staff Philosopher

Because a

Dash of

Pepper

Is just ...

... enough

(by Pepper Mills, Reporter at Large)

This month I’m continuing with my new initiative. The one I introduced last month. I call it:

“Be Different, Be Kind.”

As you’ll recall I challenged all BAM! members to take a moment, just once each day, and

show your appreciation to the person serving you a meal, the person cashing out your groceries, or a local merchant or driver who keep things open, and stocked, so we don’t go without the things we need most during this difficult time. I asked that we say a simple, “Thanks!” to make someone’s day.

But as I did this myself over the last month, I

realized that we all have a challenge, which is making our kindnesses show when our faces are masked. You can smile, but people won’t see it.

So we have to let our eyes speak for us. This will take a little bit of training and practice so I recommend you follow in my footsteps. I spent a good amount of time this last month with my mask on, looking at myself in the mirror.

There is a certain amount of experimentation that you will need to do, between how you wiggle your eyebrows, and how you open up, or squeeze, your eyes to convey appreciation. It took me several days before I mastered exactly how my face should feel when I am trying to convey my thoughts.

It’s like a talent that you have to train for. Oh sure, eventually we can remove the masks once again, and smile like we were born to do, but until then, put the work in. Your mask and your mirror await you!



Being a Ford and Mustang enthusiast was a family tradition for John. John's grandfather owned a small Ford Dealership way back when Ford first started. The family has pictures of John's grandfather standing next to Henry Ford and other Ford Dealership owners. As a young kid in the early 70's, John's brothers had daily drivers that consisted of a 67 GT 500 with a 427 dual quad and a 68 GT 500KR.

John is the original owner of this 1985 Mustang. He ordered the car on Friday the 13th, in April of 1984. He then took possession of the car on November 30th, 1984. John had ordered an Anniversary Convertible with the much talked about roller tappet motor. The motor was delayed until the early '85 model so the order was placed on hold. Ford dropped the Anniversary model, and the order was updated to the '85 model.

An interesting note about this Mustang, once when John was replacing the carpet, he found a ton of coins dated 1984 and earlier, along with a candy cigarette box that you used to get at Halloween that was called Mustang. It was like someone left a time capsule for John to discover. How cool is that?!

John has great memories including bringing home a Christmas Tree in the Mustang and the joy of being able to keep the top down year round since living in Florida. John just loves the sound of the original 5.0! John has a couple of dings that he simply won't fix. Why, you ask? Apparently Dylan was once given one of the Mustang Pedal Cars from John's brothers. Sadly, at that time, Dylan was hitting the bottle while driving. A milk bottle that is! He hit the Mustang on two occasions and the dings that remain are far too sentimental to fix.

Since owning his car, one of the most enjoyable moments John has had (besides the milk bottle incidents), was a wonderful memory with his son. His son was driving the Mustang and had just learned how to drive a stick. An '09 GT pulled up on them at a light and John's son looked at John, a question in his eyes. In a calm voice John simply said, "You better not lose." Then the light turned green, and John's son was able to win his first race!

John continues to make memories with his Mustang. Recently John went on a club cruise with his daughter, Ashley, and had to put the top up due to the rain. John forgot that the top retains water and they put the windows down after the rain stopped. John then took a fast turn and a wave of water came rushing in on Ashley! It looked like the Reflex video from Duran Duran from the 80's. Ashley, and the front seat, were soaked and all of the water went down into the door. The power windows stopped working until they dried out.

Oh well, another fine memory made!

A Pony's Tale

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From the Driver's Seat...

Hi BAM! Members and Friends.

The month of August was a very busy month for me and, I'm sure, for most of you, with the BAM! Gathering, Parks Ford Rise & Shine, BAM! Pins & Ponies, Cars & Coffee and various car shows that we attended.

As for past events, we had our BAM! Gathering on Thursday, August 5th. Unfortunately, it rained, and it impacted the turnout. But for those that attended, we had a lot of fun.

I want to thank our Guest Speaker (yes, it was me!), who did a wonderful presentation on Mustang Club of America (MCA). It was so good that Howie Taylor filmed the presentation for our Facebook members and friends that weren't in attendance. If you missed it, please check our BAM! website for the presentation.

Next, we had a great turnout for our Parks Ford Rise & Shine Car Meet on Saturday, August 7th. Parks Ford is doing an awesome job by hosting and by having a breakfast truck provide breakfast sandwiches to all participants.

We, at BAM!, want to make sure we support our sponsor. Therefore, I hope to see you at our next Rise & Shine at Park's Ford. If you missed last month, remember that Parks Ford is doing this event on the first Saturday of every month.

By-the-way, Parks Ford's General Sales Manager, Shaun Norsworthy, and Director of Communications, Jennifer Cofini will be BAM!'s Guest Speakers for our September Gathering. Please attend!

Next, Robbie Polo is putting together some indoor activities for us to have fun while staying cool.

Our first activity was a "Pins and Ponies" bowling event held Saturday, August 7th, following the Parks Ford Rise & Shine. After the Rise & Shine we got in our Mustangs and cruised to lunch and then to bowling. For all the BAM! members and friends that participated we had a lot of fun. Thanks, Robbie, for coordinating this event.

Just to make sure you have something to add to your calendars, Robbie has also planned a cruise for Saturday, September 18th, called "BAM! on the Bay."

Come join us as we take our Ponies out for a morning cruise and then lunch at Woody's River Roo. Also, for the ladies interested in taking in a little shopping afterward, the Ellenton Outlet Mall happens to be located right behind the restaurant.

Please RSVP to Robbie so we have an accurate count for our lunch reservation. Also, see the flyer for additional information.

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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...

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As mentioned last month, please mark your calendars and promote the Mustang Madness Car show scheduled for October 30th. This event is themed on Halloween and promises to be a lot of fun. The event is open to all years of Mustangs and Ford Vehicles.

We'll have a great DJ, huge raffle, 50/50 drawing, costume contest (\$50 cash for best male & female), food and vendors. Trophies will be determined by People's Choice voting.

Remember we are a 501(c)(3) charity and this fundraising car show is supporting the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay.

In closing, I hope everyone has a wonderful Labor Day weekend as we celebrate all hard workers and their achievements by shopping and barbecuing. I know that for some of you, it will also mark the last weekend of summer and the start of the school year.

I would like to encourage all of you to attend our next BAM! gathering or activities to show your support for our BAM! Club.

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

*Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways? Who is messing with us?
- Ida Sage, Staff Philosopher*



New Items!



Beautiful BAM! Club T-Shirts are available on-line. It is as easy as 1-2-3! When you are ready to order just:
1—Go to our BAM! website's Links page and click on the BAM! Shirts and Hats link. The link will take you directly to Dawn's product catalog for BAM!
2—Order and pay for your shirt(s). You pick the size and color.
3—Shirts will be available at monthly Gatherings for pickup!

Support your Club ... Get your BAM! Apparel

New Shirts:

Dickie's Work Shirt, \$35.00

New Hats:

BAM! Hats, \$10.00. Hats are available in five colors.

Go to our BAM! website's Links page and click on the link for Dawn's Embroidery, or go directly to Dawnsembroidery.com and click on the BAM Logo to see what's in stock.



By: Tampa Bay Times, (The Internet), Aug. 14, 2021

Tampa chain Ford's Garage to expand nationally, add 15 franchises by 2023

The company has new deals to develop automotive-themed restaurants in six states



Ford's Garage wants to be Tampa's next Outback Steakhouse. The burgers-and-beer restaurant chain has announced ambitious plans to expand nationally, adding 15 franchise locations by 2023. The company already has development deals in place for 11 of those franchises, including restaurants in New York, Texas, Ohio and Kentucky. After that, owners hope to add 10 to 15 new franchises per year. "That Ford name is so popular around the country that it really gives us a little bit of an edge when we get ready to open up a restaurant," said Ford's Garage president Steve Shlemon. "Everybody knows the name."

Currently, only two of Ford's Garage's 16 locations sit outside Florida — one in Michigan and one in Indiana. The rest are in the Sunshine State, including restaurants in St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Brandon, Wesley Chapel and Westchase. There's also an outpost at Amalie Arena, not far from the company's downtown Tampa headquarters. Founded in 2012 near Henry Ford's winter home in Fort Myers, Ford's Garage has a unique licensing agreement with the Ford Motor Co., enabling them to hang Model Ts and Model As above the bar and splash the Ford logo all around. Restaurants have the industrial brick and copper feel of an old Prohibition auto shop. The bathroom sinks are made from tires and fuel pump nozzles.

The menu focuses on craft beer and upscale hamburgers, including specialties named for local notables. Among the sides: An assortment of over-the-top macaroni and cheese dishes. "It's a very broad market that we attract into Ford's Garage," Shlemon said. "It's not pretentious, it's come-as-you-are, it's got a great vibe and energy. The food is fantastic all the way across the board. But you've got a very comfortable, inviting environment that's unique to the casual dining space."

Shlemon was with Outback when that company started in South Tampa, and worked there for 25 years as the brand went international. He's held executive roles with other restaurant companies, including a stint as the CEO of Benihana. Those jobs taught him about the pitfalls of going too wide too fast, from picking the wrong franchisee to settling on a less-than-ideal location. "We're assembling a very experienced management team that can help support the expansion of the brand," he said. "And we're aggressively adding to that team to make sure that we can handle the 10 or 12 restaurants coming up."

Ford's Garage estimates the investment cost of opening a franchise ranges from \$1.4 million to just over \$6.3 million. Each location will have between 95 and 115 employees. Shlemon said Ford's Garage has had conversations with potential franchisees in Arizona, Illinois and North Carolina. They also want to add more company-owned restaurants both in and out of Florida. The company is also looking for opportunities to partner with local Ford dealerships in each market. In St. Augustine, a pop-up at a dealership was so successful that the dealer eventually partnered on a brick-and-mortar restaurant adjacent to its Lincoln dealership.



He has a little game he plays to amuse himself along the way. It starts when your Navigation route is programmed ... and it tells you what time you will arrive at your destination. Well my Mustang Man thinks of that as nothing more than a "suggestion" ... and the game is on!

He takes it as a personal challenge to shave 2 to 5 minutes off of the "suggestion." Honestly, the yelling that goes on when he hits a red light can be a bit unsettling, but in the end he usually shaves off a minute or two, which puts him in a particularly good mood for the remainder of the day.

Labor Day weekend is coming up soon. It's one of those lovely weekends when many people get out and go for a nice long drive to enjoy the last days of Summer.

My Mustang Man is no different. In fact, I think it might be his favorite holiday. He always says that going for a drive in his Mustang is like a present he gives to himself.

He's so cute when he's happy.

So this year we, once again, plan to hit the road for a nice long drive. We don't always know where we will stop along our way, but my Mustang Man always picks some destination to program into his Navigation System.

As I sit in the passenger seat I, too, have my little amusements. For years my Mustang Man used to hate it when I would give him directions. But with the new Navigation Systems I no longer need to "help" him in this way. I don't mind because, as you know, I can find all sorts of other ways to help him here and there.

Yet as I quietly sit next to him, I'm amused that with all this Navigation technology, men are still being told where to go by the gentle voice of a woman.

And this thought always puts me in a particularly good mood too! How I'm looking for another fun Labor Day drive ...

The Rumor Mill

*By Rumer Mills,
Investigative Reporter*

BAM! events are so much fun ... particularly when BAM! members are forced to interact with local police.

This picture was taken at our "Pins & Ponies" bowling event. As I recall, we had just arrived at our lunch destination. We just finished a nice short cruise and we BAM! members were exiting our cars and stretching our legs. Suddenly we experienced a Mustang Enthusiast's worst fear. You know the one ... where you look behind you and there is a police car on your bumper.

All around me I heard whispers from BAM! members, "I was going the speed limit, honestly!" "The light was changing so I *had* to speed up to get through the intersection!" "It wasn't us, the car they're looking for just went that-a-way." The funniest comment came from one of the wives who arrived separately and was just meeting up her husband. She was overheard saying, "I'm not with them!"

Anyway, our esteemed Vice President, Robbie Polo, walked right up to the Officer, prepared to take one for the team, when the Officer grinned and said, "Nice Mustangs! Make sure your cars are all locked!"

And we all breathed a sign of relief, smiled, and waived back at that nice Officer ...



By: Gary Gastelu, foxnews.com, (The Internet), Aug 20, 2021

Too Cold? Ford debuts 1990s-style Ice White Mustangs *Throwbacks to the 1993 Triple White Mustang Convertible*

Ford is getting in on the 1990s fashion revival.

The automaker has revealed a pair of Ice White Mustangs that it thinks are very ... cool.

The throwback looks of the Mustang coupe and Mach-E Ice White appearance packages are inspired by the limited edition 1993 Triple White Mustang convertible, which featured white exteriors, interiors and wheels, but aren't quite as all-in.



The coupe - which is available as either a turbocharged four-cylinder EcoBoost Premium or 5.0-liter GT Premium - features Oxford White paint and badges and white accents in its black cabin that includes a white aluminum insert on the dashboard.



The wheels, however, are silver with white pockets.

The electric Mach-E gets a similar treatment, but goes with a Star White body and light Space Grey interior trim.

As for the Ice White name, Ford isn't saying it, but it also brings to mind the most famous 5.0 Mustang ever:

rapper Vanilla Ice's 1990 Mustang GT convertible, which he sings about in several of his hit songs and still owns today.

Mr. Ice himself hasn't said anything on social media about the new Ice White cars, but he's been busy headlining the "I love the 90s Tour," which was postponed from last year and also features Tone Loc, Naughty By Nature, Young MC and other stars from the era.

Pricing for the Ice White Mustangs hasn't been announced, but the order books open this fall for deliveries starting early next year.



*I'm going someplace really expensive for my summer vacation ...
the gas station. - Ida Sage, Staff Philosopher*

Welcome ...

*To Our
Newest
Members*

BAM!

Mike & Barbara Davis
Bob & Dee Hannigan
Anthony & Donna Alves
Donny & Jessica Merriman
Brandon & Sarah Pacifica
Joseph & Roseann Esposito
Jimmy & Lisa Courtney
Alex & Christy Justi
Jerry & Angie Phelps
Chris Adams

*Welcome to Bay
Area Mustangs
(BAM!)*

Darian & Vanessa Reyes Trujillo
Stewart & Bridget Smith
Ronald & Michele Horwitz
Greg & Shelby Hook

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!

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 website for BAM! Here is the link:

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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:



By: Tim Levin, www.news.yahoo.com, (The Internet), August 28, 2021

I spent a week with the 2021 Ford Mustang Mach-E. *These are my favorite features.*

I spent a week with the 2021 Mustang Mach-E, Ford's first mass-market electric vehicle. Although my first EV road trip hit some snags, the Mach-E was overall a joy to drive and packed plenty of cool features. Here are my favorites:

Frunk

Front trunks - frunks - used to be reserved for high-end, mid-engined exotics. Now they're becoming more prevalent as EVs, which don't have engines taking up space under the hood, grow in popularity. I reckon that's a good thing, because who doesn't want more storage?

On my recent trip, the Mach-E's frunk proved super useful



for stowing away soggy camping equipment and muddy shoes. I'd hesitate to throw in the SUV's cabin. The frunk is made of hard plastic that's impossible to stain and has a drain plug so you can hose it out when needed. It's a place you can toss your dirtiest stuff without fear.

FordPass

In theory, I like the idea of driving a car - or doing most things, really - without the need to fumble through an app. "OK, boomer," you're thinking to yourself. Point taken.

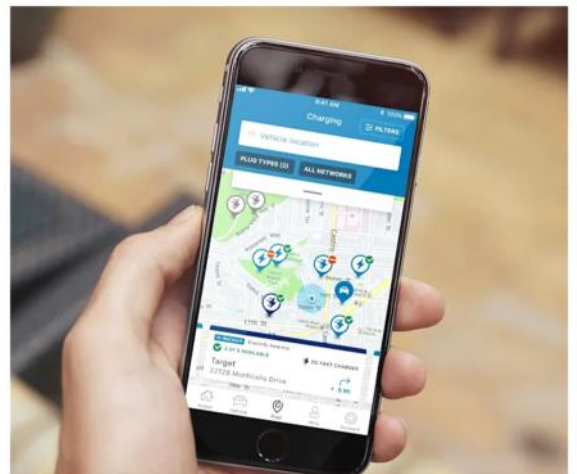
I was pleasantly surprised, however, to find that the FordPass app was intuitive and a massive help for getting places in the Mach-E. Mainly, it made charging a breeze.

The app lets you search for nearby plugs, filter for ones that deliver faster charging or are in the FordPass network, and pay seamlessly once you're done filling up.

Plus, the app displays and updates a vehicle's current battery level and charging speed. That meant I could plug the Mach-E in, walk away, and keep tabs on it from afar.

The app notified me whenever the Mach-E reached 80% charge, or when it had gained enough energy to continue on a pre-planned route. And when a cruel Hyundai Kona Electric owner unplugged the SUV before it was done charging, the app pinged me about that too.

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Ford Co-Pilot360 Assist 2.0

The Mach-E comes standard with all manner of safety features as part of its Co-Pilot360 2.0 package, but what really blew me away was Co-Pilot360 Assist 2.0, Ford's competitor to Tesla Autopilot.

When the tech, a combination of adaptive cruise control and lane centering, is switched on, the Mach-E slows down and speeds up to maintain a set distance to the car ahead. It also automatically drives in the center of its lane and follows bends in the road. It does both of these things exceptionally well.



This doesn't mean that the Mach-E can drive itself. No car on the market can. But it makes long stretches of boring highway driving much more tolerable. Co-Pilot360 Assist 2.0 was also a godsend in bumper-to-bumper traffic. When it encountered a jam, the Mach-E would slow down from highway speed and do all the tedious crawling wonderfully. You have to keep your hands on the wheel and pay full attention to the road, but I still found that when I had Co-Pilot360 Assist 2.0 turned on, I ended trips way less fatigued than when I do 100% of the driving.



360-degree camera

My test car came with a 360-degree camera, which is an option on some Mach-E trims and standard equipment on others.

When reversing, the Mach-E's giant screen showed not only the typical backup camera feed, it also displayed a birds-eye view of the vehicle, including any surrounding objects within a couple of feet of it. This helped immensely when backing into tight parking spots - for instance, spaces with a charger on one side and another pricey EV on the other.

I was too proud to rely on backup cameras for far too long. But when Ford hands you a crisp 360-degree view of your SUV, you take it.

(Commentary: Those of us that grew up on muscle cars and big engines, cringed a little inside when we heard about the Mustang Mach-E. How dare Ford associate the iconic name of "Mustang" with an electric vehicle! But I have to admit that, like a bee to honey, I'm starting to re-think my original reaction. The more I read articles written by people who have test driven them, I'm gaining some respect for the modern technology that Ford is making available. I also have kids and parents that have spent their whole lives on the outskirts of my love of Mustangs. Maybe I don't want to give my kid a 600HP Mustang as soon as he has his drivers license in his hand. At least not until he has gained some road experience and has learned how to handle a powerful car. So I'm thinking the Mustang Mach-E might be a good option. For my parents too. And look on the bright side, if this allows us Mustang enthusiasts to put more family members behind the wheel of a "Mustang" then they can join us here at BAM! Yes, I think I'm being converted ... not that I want to admit it ... - Rusty Sparks, Staff Mechanic)

From the Rear View ...

By Marbles Madcap,
Apprentice Reporter

A BAM! Gathering

Thursday,
August 5th, 2021

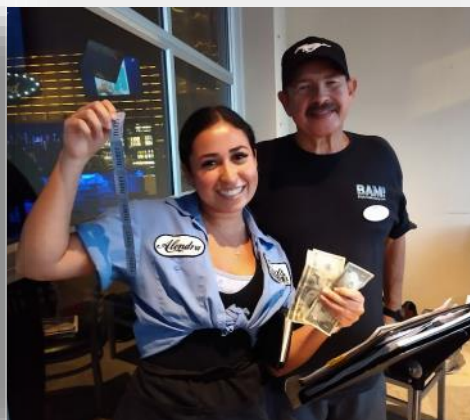
Hello, fellow BAM! members. Marbles here. This last August we held our eighth monthly BAM! Gathering for the year. I can't believe we are on the back half of this year already! Our Gathering's are held the first Thursday of every month, at Ford's Garage in Wesley Chapel. These Gatherings are social times for BAM! members and anyone wanting to know more about BAM! We have a great dinner, games, a 50/50 drawing and a raffle. We had a great time, and a lot of laughter, as we played games, won prizes, and heard all the latest information on Mustangs. Make sure you don't miss out on our next Gathering. I'll see you there!



Everyone is all smiles to have a nice dinner and a fun evening!



Thanks to Darlene Esposito we had some happy basket winners once the raffle tickets were drawn.



Our hostess got in on the action and won the 50/50 drawing! Congratulations!!

From the Rear View ...

By Marbles Madcap,
Apprentice Reporter

Parks Ford Rise & Shine

Saturday,
August 7th, 2021

Our great sponsor, Parks Ford, has hosted their August Rise & Shine Car Meet.

This is a great opportunity for BAM! members to come on out for a couple of hours and mingle with their Mustangs. For those of you who might be shopping, or just dreaming, it is also a great time to check out all the latest Ford products. Parks Ford is one of the greatest Ford Dealerships in the Tampa Bay area and, on top of that, you get great service and great salesmen to assist with all your needs.

So whether you are shopping or not, come on out and enjoy your fellow BAM! members for these fun mornings. Parks Ford provides you with coffee and a treat, so there is something to wake you up, keep you satisfied, and start your Saturday off just right. Join us at the next monthly Rise & Shine Meet!



It's so hot lately, I'm beginning to wonder if Mother Nature is having a hot flash. - Ida Sage, Staff Philosopher

From the Rear View ...

By Marbles Madcap, Apprentice Reporter

Hello, fellow BAM! members. Marbles here ... again. This last August we decided to do something that kept us out of the hot summer sun. So we had a great day with Pins & Ponies. We met up at Rise & Shine, Parks Ford-Wesley Chapel. Then we cruised over to Bob Evens Restaurant for lunch, then on to some great fun on the Bowling Alley. It was a great day with fellow BAM! members!!

Pins &
Ponies

Saturday,
July 17th, 2021



The Road Ahead ...

The Voice
road ahead

By Marbles Madcap,
Apprentice Reporter

**BAM! on
the Bay**

Saturday,
September 18th, 2021

As we enjoy the waning months of Summer, your Board of Directors are pleased to announce that our September event is one that we call, "BAM! on the Bay." We will meet at Ford's Garage, then we will cruise toward Ellenton, FL and our bay side destination.

Upon arriving in Ellenton we will stop and have lunch at Woody's River Roo.

Woody's River Roo is the local favorite for true "Old Florida style dining" at its best. Located right on the beautiful Manatee River, they combine an outstanding view with live music, fun and delicious Florida inspired cuisine into the Roo with a View! (as they like to say.)

After lunch, it is noted that some of the participants might want to cruise across the street to the Ellenton Outlet Mall for some friendly retail therapy. So please come out and join us. The details are provided here so come join us. It's going to be...

Refreshing!



BAM! On THE BAY

**Saturday,
September 18, 2021**

Come join us as we take our Ponies out for a morning cruise and then lunch at Woody's River Roo, located in Ellenton, FL. For those interested in taking in a little shopping afterward, the Ellenton Outlet Mall happens to be located right behind the restaurant.

We will meet at Ford's Garage-Wesley Chapel located at 25526 Sierra Center Blvd, Lutz, FL 33559 at 9:30am and will leave at 10:00am for a relaxing cruise.

Our lunch destination will be Woody's River Roo located at 5717 18th St. E., Ellenton, FL 34222

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.



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

We have finalized
plans for our first car
show, "Mustang
Madness" and it will
be hosted at Parks
Ford in Wesley
Chapel.

Proceeds from this
show will go to Big
Brothers Big Sisters
of Tampa Bay so
come on out and
support this great
cause.

This car show will be
themed on Halloween
with prizes for best
costumes (yours) and
Best Dressed Car
(decorated with a
Halloween theme).

We will have fun and
games to keep
everyone entertained
throughout the day so
mark your calendars
as this will definitely
be a "don't miss"
event.

Fliers are available
on our website and
you can register
online or by mailing
in the registration on
the back of the flier.

See you at this event.
It's going to be...

frightfully fun!

BAM!'s Mustang Madness Car Show

Saturday,
October 30th,
2021

The Bay Area Mustangs presents Mustang Madness Car Show!

A 501(c)3 Charity
Fundraiser

All donations are tax deductible.

Supporting
Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Tampa Bay

Sponsored by
Parks Ford
28739 Florida 54
Wesley Chapel, FL 33543



Special Prize for "Best Dressed Car"

Saturday, October 30th, 2021

Open to all years of Mustang and Ford
Vehicles.

Location is Parks Ford, 28739 Florida 54,
Wesley Chapel, FL 33543.

Show Hours: 9:00AM to 2:00PM.

Registration: 9:00AM to 11:00AM. No
Cars parked after 11:00AM.

\$20 if pre-registered by 10-22-21;
\$25 for Day of Show entries

People's Choice Voting will take place 11:30AM to
1:30PM. Awards presented at approximately 2:00PM.

For general information email
info@bayareamustangs.com or call Frank Morales at
(714) 349-1753.

Register and Pay
Online at www.bayareamustangs.com/show.
(Mail-in option on
reverse side.)



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 ✓
Thu, 2/18/21	BAM! Board Meeting ✓
Sat, 2/20/21	Sweetheart's Day ✓
Thu, 3/4/21	BAM! Gathering ✓
Sat, 3/13/21	Lunch on the Bay with BAM! ✓
Thu, 3/18/21	BAM! Board Meeting ✓
Thu, 4/1/21	BAM! Gathering ✓
Thu, 4/15/21	BAM! Board Meeting ✓
Thu, 5/6/21	BAM! Gathering ✓
Sat, 5/8/21	BAM! Picnic ✓
Thu, 5/20/21	BAM! Board Meeting ✓
Sat, 5/29/21	BAM! Meet 'n Eat ✓
Thu, 6/3/21	BAM! Gathering ✓
Thu, 6/17/21	BAM! Board Meeting ✓
Sat, 6/19/21	BAM! On Go Karts ✓

Thu, 7/1/21	BAM! Gathering ✓
Thu, 7/15/21	BAM! Board Meeting ✓
Sat, 7/17/21	Mustangs at the Museum ✓
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

✓ Completed

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

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

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

Sat., 9/18/21 Raceway Roundup Car Show. Venue is Daytona International Speedway. 1801 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach, FL 32114. Registration is \$20. In the ultimate display of “show” and “go,” FlaCarShows.com is partnering with the National Auto Sport Association (NASA) during its national championships event at Daytona International Speedway. NASA is one of the country’s largest amateur racing sanctioning bodies, and for this year’s championships, more than 300 drivers from across the country are coming to compete for the honor and prestige of being crowned a national champion in racing and time trial classes. There will be family activities, food trucks, a vendor fan zone, and custom awards designed by Bad Ass Rat Rods. Music by south Florida’s best DJ, Rockin Rich Bedford. The racing action starts on Friday and lasts all weekend. Stay the whole weekend and watch some of the best drivers in the country lay it all on the line. Car show participants enter at gate 40 on South Williamson Blvd. Show field is on the grass in the infield. Secured tents are welcome. Open to all years, makes, and models. \$100 to the most club

participation. Spectators are free.

Sun, 9/19/21 The Shops at Wiregrass Car & Truck Show. 2811 Paseo Drive, Wesley Chapel. \$20 pre/\$25 gate. Presented by Premium Productions. Music, vendors, food & drink available. This is an open show with 44 classes. 79 Best of Shows by division & 18 overall Best of Show trophies in each division. Club participation winner will receive \$100 (10 member min), \$150 (20 member min), \$200 (30 member min). Registration 10am-noon, judging begins 12:15pm, awards around 4pm.

Sat., 10/9/21 12th Annual All Ford Powered Car and Truck Show, hosted by Nature Coast Mustangs. Located at Nick Nicholas Ford, 2901 Hwy. 44 W., Inverness, FL 34453. Registration 8am—10am. Show is 8am—3pm. Registration \$20 before 9/25/21. \$25 day of show. Awards: Top 30, Kids Choice, Club Participation, President’s Choice. Donations: Bring 3 (non-perishable, easy open, plastic jar) food items and receive 1 raffle ticket. This show benefits Citrus County Blessings.

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

It’s summer ... enjoy it. May the only worry you have be if the tide is going to reach your chair.

— 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!

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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!