

# 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 we are pleased to share the Pony Tale of BAM! member Mel Torres and his 2021 Mustang.

Mel has been a long time Mustang enthusiast, and his latest Mustang is, by no means, his first. He has owned a 2019 (S550) Magnetic Metal Mustang GT, a 2013 (S197) Black Mustang GT, and a 1991 (Fox) Red Mustang GT.

than the previous one. Yes, Mel was hooked.

Now that he has added this car to his stable, Mel is looking to upgrade the interior with leather, and upgrade the rear wing with the Ford Performance GT500.

When Mel was a child in Puerto Rico, at the age of eight his parents were separated and one day his father drove up to pick up Mel and his brother, and was driving an orange

## A Pony's Tale

*BAM! Member*  
**Mel  
Torres**

*And his*  
**2021  
Mustang**



One day, during a maintenance service that was being done to his 2019 Mustang, Mel found his current, brand new Mustang and purchased it.

It is a 2021 Mustang, white in color, it's a 10 speed automatic, 460HP. It has a full track pack and an updated sound system and Mel has modified it to add Steeda Suspension. This vehicle has much more internal features than his 2019, and the white with black combo somehow matched better with the current wheels

1979 Boss 302. Mel overheard his dad telling his mother that the vehicle was "for the kids." Needless to say, Mel and his brother were very happy about the car. Unfortunately, Mel's mother wasn't so happy, and Mel remembers that the first thing that came out of her mouth was, "My kids don't eat car! Sell that piece of S\_T!!" Since then, Mel always promised himself that one day he would buy a Mustang so his first one was the FOX Body.

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# The Voice

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*The Voice*  
*up front*

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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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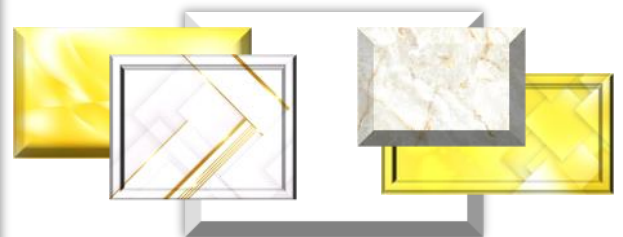
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*Shouting to make your children obey is like using the horn to steer your car, and you get about the same results.*  
*- Ida Sage, Staff Philosopher*

## From the Newsroom...

by the Editor

Happy August fellow BAM! members. I hope everyone is having a great Summer!

We have some cool events coming up and we hope you will join in. It's always a good event, when there is time for lunch with friends. And this will be true for both of our upcoming events, but then we found fun things to do that involve doing them inside ... in air conditioning. Yes, you are welcome!

Our first upcoming event will be Mustangs at the Museum, on August 14th. We will caravan over to this museum in Clearwater, take a tour, and then go to lunch. This

is a great museum, with plenty of interesting and unusual things to see, so sign up today!

Then on September 24th we will have Mustangs and Hot Shots. With this event we will have lunch first, giving us a chance to build up our strength before we head over for some indoor shooting practice. We hope you will join us for this as well.

All the information is in the fliers available now, and later in this newsletter.

Then, we are pleased to tell you that our flier for our 2nd Annual Mustang Madness Car Show is

now out. It will be held on October 29th. This years car show will benefit St. Jude Medical Research Hospital. It is so nice that we can have a fun event, show off our cars, and still be doing something that will allow us to give back to a wonderful cause in our community.

Then, of course, there are the Halloween costumes ... needless to say the Newsroom staff is already in a tither as they start the lengthy, in-depth and seriously secretive process of planning their individual costumes ....

Yes, Fall can't come soon enough!

*My family thinks summer barbeques are a competitive eating contest ... and I must say I'm an award winner!— Madcap Marbles, Apprentice Reporter*

To my fellow BAM! members,

As I mentioned previously, 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 current Board Members for accepting the responsibility.

However, we need additional help to fill openings on the Board of Directors.

If you have a skill set that can prove beneficial to us, and if you enjoy what we are doing, please consider stepping up to be a club leader.

If you are interested, have the time, and would like to volunteer for one of our Board positions, please let me know.

It is very important that we establish the infrastructure needed to make our events successful. If you can't step up to accept a Board position, please consider volunteering to help at our events.

Our Board members really need some helping hands, especially at car shows.

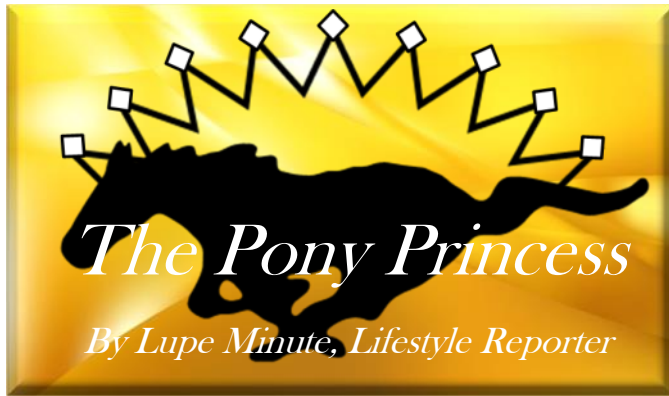
At our Gatherings we will be passing around a volunteer list for our upcoming Car Shows.

If you can't attend the Gatherings, but want to help, please call me so I can add you to the volunteer list.

We need your help and support to continue BAM's success.

HOW  
**YOU**  
can help

Thanks you,  
Frank Morales, BAM! President



butt heads. It only takes a little extra time together before he makes me question all my abilities and choices. But I'm learning.

This summer I've signed him up for a mechanics 101 training shop so he can spend *a lot* more time in the garage with his father. I've decided it's time my Mustang Man started passing the torch of his Mustang enthusiasm.

My girls are at that age where, when left to their own devices, they argue like it's a competitive sport. This summer I've decided they need to be kept distracted. So I purchased tickets for them and their father to have "Father-Daughter" bonding dates at the weekly summer concerts in the park. With all the dancing, they should be pretty tuckered out by the time they get home.

Oh sure, there will need to be some kind of real vacation planned. But this year I've decided to leave the vacation decisions up to my Mustang Man. When we had a family meeting on the subject, I just looked at him with twinkling eyes and a sweet, sweet smile and said, "Honey, I'm happy to take the back seat on this one ..." (Something he never expected to hear me say!)

I can't tell you how funny his expression was as he just sat and stared back at me ...

It's that time of year when kids get to enjoy the taste of freedom that summer vacation brings, and when parents everywhere get to enjoy that time they look forward to all year ... summer vacations.

We all know that vacations are a time to get some rest, spend more time together, and make memories to remember.

But I have to get something off my chest ...

Am I really getting "away from" the crazy pace that comes with the school year? If past vacations have taught me anything, this concept is an illusion.

My oldest child is a lot like me, so naturally we

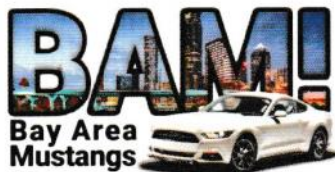
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## 2022 Membership Drive

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  | Gift Card for one free pretzel appetizer at Ford's Garage! (or equivalent gift) |
| 3 New Memberships | Your choice of one BAM! Hat or one 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!

***Will you be the one with bragging rights this year?***

## A Pony's Tale

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Mel is a Supervisor at UPS, having worked there for eighteen years. He is a hard working man but in his free time he loves being a Mustang enthusiast and relaxing with friends.

He enjoys billiards, and especially enjoys good times with friends like Frank Morales (his brother from another mother) while spending a day playing domino's and eating good food.

He heard all about BAM! when Frank was starting up the club, and joined right away. Mel is looking forward to attending more car shows and attending more activities, and we look forward to seeing him.

Mel loves driving this car and enjoys receiving plenty of compliments. He has also received Best of Show in Class awards. Mel tells us he hasn't named his car, but we are thinking "Domino" would be a great name! Just sayin' ...



*August is like Summer's last stand ... and we shall suffer through it brilliantly!— -  
Ida Sage, Staff Philosopher*

# Acts of Community Kindness

*The Voice snapshots*

*The purpose of the Bay Area Mustangs is to promote the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of the Ford Mustang while giving back to our community through our charitable endeavors.*  
 –Excerpt from *BAM! Bylaws*



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July 14, 2022

Frank Morales  
 Bay Area Mustangs  
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Dear Frank,

We cannot thank you enough for your generosity and your recent donation of \$2,000.00 to the Humane Society of Tampa Bay. During these uncertain times, we are reminded that compassion and generosity make up the fibers that keep our community together.

HSTB is able to save the precious lives of animals in our community because of gifts like yours. Snow White is a terrier puppy that was brought to the shelter as a stray in bad shape. She was found abandoned with a tight harness painfully embedded into her skin. As a result, sores and welts had begun to develop across her body. HSTB's medical care staff worked quickly to carefully remove the harness, treat her wounds, and provide comfort and relief to the terrified pup. Once she was fully healed, Snow White found her forever home and was adopted into a loving family that is ready to give her a second chance at life.

Every donation received helps provide care for all the animals, like Snow White, who need your help. Thank you so much for allowing the Humane Society of Tampa Bay to fulfill the mission of ending animal homelessness with your generosity.

Sincerely,  
  
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*Thank you for your support!*

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Frank Morales  
 Bay Area Mustangs (Bam!)  
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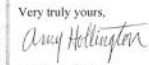
For more than 55 years in the Tampa Bay community, we've stressed the importance of mentoring, and its impact on our youth.

Our message is even more urgent today, as we realize there's an even greater need for adults in the community to defend the potential of every child. Big Brothers Big Sisters is able to help do that thanks to your donation of \$100.00, in support of our Bowl For Kids' Sake 2022 campaign.

Our mission remains the same, by connecting one adult with one child and supporting that match at every step of the way and focusing on each child's potential. Your contribution helps us reach more children, so they can achieve their best possible future.

Your donation was processed on 7/22/2022. This letter is the official receipt for your gift, in exchange for which we have provided no goods and/or services and should be retained for tax preparation purposes. For legal or tax advice regarding your gift, please consult your tax advisor.

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Very truly yours,  
  
 Amy Hollington  
 Vice President of Development  
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The Board of Directors also voted to made a donation to another of our favorite charities, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay. This organization does a wonderful job for children in our community who need big brothers and big sisters to help mentor them.

We were proud to be able to donate \$100 to this worthwhile charity!

We received Thank You letters from both organizations and we are pleased to share them here!

*This heatwave is brutal! Not only is it hot enough to fry an egg on the sidewalk, but you can use your mailbox as a toaster oven. - Ida Sage, Staff Philosopher*

## *From the Driver's Seat..*

As I'm writing this message it is hot. In fact, it's SUPER HOT! It's so hot that the water in my pool is 91 degrees. Wow! Well at least I have a pool and I'm inside with A/C. I feel sorry and appreciative for people that must work outdoors. For us that live in Florida, it's another hot, humid and rainy month – yippee! But that doesn't stop BAM! from hosting a variety of fun activities for our members and friends.

As for past events, we had our BAM! Gathering on Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. If you didn't attend, you missed out on some good food from Ford's Garage and another great Gathering of fun and laughter. Once again, our guest speaker was Rusty Gillis from Gillis Performance Restorations. Rusty is a BAM! member and was our first guest speaker when we started our Gatherings in January 2021. Rusty shared with us his racing experience as a young man in the racing world with his 1967 Fairlane Super Stocker. He started racing in 1969 with a 428 Cobra Jet Fairlane. One of Rusty's memorable race experiences was the Winternationals in Pomona, California in 1970. Rusty won his class beating the factory backed Mopars and Mustangs, setting many records in the early seventies with his 1968 and 1969 Mustangs. He shared pictures of his racing history, and his presentation was very interesting and enjoyed by all in attendance. Thank you, Rusty, for sharing your racing experience and career with BAM! Rusty currently has a full-service Auto Restoration shop. They do complete frame up restorations, retromods, upgrades and custom fabrications and all work is performed in house, by his team.

It's HOT! We can all agree that the temperature and the humidity is getting hotter and hotter in Florida every summer day. Therefore, Robbie has put together some indoor activities for us to have fun while staying cool. So mark your calendars for some fun events. On Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, we have our "Mustangs at the Museum" event. We're inviting you to join fellow BAM! members for a cruise to Clearwater, and a tour of the Tampa Bay Automobile Museum, followed by lunch at OCC Road House & Museum. Please see the flyer in this newsletter or website for additional information and then RSVP to Robbie Polo, as we need to have a participation count for the Museum. I want to thank Robbie Polo for planning and coordinating this event.

Our second event of the summer is scheduled for Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, where we will enjoy "Mustangs and Hot Shots." We will meet up and have lunch first, then take a short caravan over to the Shooting Sports facility on North Dale Mabry Highway. If you don't want to join the group for shooting practice, you can still join us for lunch. This flyer is also included in this newsletter or our website for additional information. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Robbie Polo, as we need to have a participation count for the restaurant. Again, thanks Robbie for planning and coordinating this event as well.

Please also note that we will have a Parks Ford Rise and Shine on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to 11am. Parks Ford is one of BAM!'s great sponsors, and provides sandwiches and coffee to all participants, so come on out and catch up on everyone's latest rides (hint: I have a new one!) Thanks, again, to Shane Norsworthy, General Sales Manager, and the Parks Ford family for organizing and hosting this event for BAM and fellow car enthusiasts!

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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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*The Voice*  
features

Then on October 29th, 2022 we will be hosting our second “Mustang Madness Car Show” at Parks Ford. The flier is being finalized now, so mark your calendars. I’m pleased to let you know that this show will benefit St. Jude Medical Research Hospital. This is a great cause so please support this event! As we wrap up the month of July, I can’t help but to think of all the successful gatherings, great guest speakers, slide presentations, awesome Newsletters, and all the other events that we BAM! members have enjoyed this year. This is due to your hard-working BAM! Board of Directors. We have the best of the best managing the Bay Area Mustangs. All members of the Board contribute their expertise to the success of BAM! I also want to thank the Board, and all of you that have participated, for making these events and Gatherings so successful.

In closing, I want to welcome Daniel Rodriguez (Facebook Support) and Angela Marcano (Club Photographer) as part of our BAM! Board. Remember, if you are interested, have the time, and would like to volunteer to be a BAM! Board Member please let me know. We need your help and support to continue BAM’s success. I also want to thank the BAM! Board of Directors for all the work they are doing on a daily and monthly basis to help the club grow while having fun. I would like to encourage all of you to attend our next BAM! Gathering or upcoming activities to show your support for BAM! See you all Thursday, August 4th at Ford’s Garage for our monthly Gathering.

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

*There are four great things about hurricane season:  
Rum, juice, syrup and grenadine. - Ida Sage, Staff Philosopher*



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Go to our BAM! website’s Links page and click on the link for Dawn’s Embroidery, or go directly to [Dawnsembroidery.com](http://Dawnsembroidery.com) and click on the BAM Logo to see what’s in stock.





By: Brett Foote, [www.fordauthority.com](http://www.fordauthority.com), (The Internet), July 23, 2022

## Cedar Point Features Mustangs Antique Car Ride

*(Looking for something fun to do this summer with the kids and grandkids? Well, we have an idea for you ... - Editor)*

Cedar Point is not only one of the largest and most popular amusement parks in the U.S., it's also the second-oldest after having opened way back in 1870. The 364-acre park contains a total of 16 roller coasters, which is the fourth-most in the world, and it attracts several million visitors per year. But one of the coolest rides present at this historic park is called "Mustangs," an antique car ride that's been in operation since 1970. Recently, *Ford Authority* spotted this ride while enjoying Cedar Point, and as it turns out, it has a pretty interesting history, too.



The first-generation Ford Mustang toy cars used in the Mustangs ride are located in Kiddy Kingdom, so as one might imagine, this is no thrill ride. Regardless, the intention here was to obviously drum up interest in the iconic pony car, giving young folks a taste of what it's like to tool around in the real thing. Unfortunately, since these replica Mustangs aren't exactly huge, we adults are limited to 54 inches in height if we want to be able to participate.

This particular ride was originally created by the Hampton Amusement Company, which came to be in 1942 when St. Louis native Theodore "Ted" Sneed built his first carnival ride from scratch. That would be the first of many to come from Hampton, however, which was named after Hampton Avenue, the St. Louis street where the original prototype was set up.



Hampton went on to win quite a few awards for its array of cool amusement park rides, including Kiddie Flyer Hand Cars back in 1950, as well as Tubs-O-Fun just a few years later. The company eventually moved its operations to Portage des Sioux, employing over 100 people and building around 100 rides per year. Hampton was eventually sold in 1978 and merged with another company before going out of business for good in 1993. However, this very cool Mustangs ride is still entertaining young folks today, which is pretty cool in our book.

# From the Rear View ...

By Marbles Madcap,  
Apprentice Reporter

Pictures by  
Angela Marciano,  
Club Photographer

## A BAM! Gathering

Thursday,  
Aug. 4th, 2022

Hello, fellow BAM! members. Marbles here. We had a great July Gathering! Our guest speaker was Rusty Gillis, and he gave a great presentation on his racing career. Thanks Rusty, you are always entertaining! Our Gatherings 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!



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# From the Rear View ...

# The Voice rear view

By Marbles Madcap,  
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Pictures by  
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Thursday,  
July 4th, 2022

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# From the Rear View ...

# The Voice rear view

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Thursday,  
July 4th, 2022

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Welcome ...

To Our  
Newest  
Members

**BAM!**

David & Terry Turnbull  
Henry & Linda Alves  
Kenneth Castro  
Douglas Moore  
Brandon Oliveira  
Jerry Gillespie  
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Welcome to Bay  
Area Mustangs  
**(BAM!)**

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## 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. Contact Jimmy Farrell, our Technical Adviser, if you have any questions about our website. Here is the link: [BAY AREA MUSTANGS - BAM!](http://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:



By: Lucas Bell, [www.roadandtrack.com](http://www.roadandtrack.com), (The Internet), July 26, 2022

## 2024 Ford Mustang: Everything We Think We Know *The Mustang is gearing up to enter its sixth decade with an all-new seventh generation*

The Ford Mustang will turn 60 years old in 2024. Rumors have swirled that to mark the occasion, Ford plans to release the all-new Mustang next year.

Known as the S650, this updated Mustang promises to bring a host of changes, including a refreshed appearance inside and out, as well as some new powertrains. Here is everything we know so far about the S650 generation Ford Mustang.

### 2024 Ford Mustang: Price and Release Date:

Leaked documents initially suggested the S650 would debut in 2022 ahead of a 2023 on-sale date, though it appears the timeline has shifted a bit amid the current production nightmare.

In an interview with *Wheels*, Ford's Ali Jammoul suggested the S650 Mustang would arrive before the end of 2023 as a 2024 model year product. Following a report from *Automotive News*, CEO Jim Farley confirmed on Twitter the 2024 Mustang will be revealed on September 14 at the Detroit Auto Show, sharing a short sound clip and confirming the manual transmission's return.

While we don't have any official information to share at this time as far as pricing is concerned, we wouldn't expect a major change going into the S650 generation. The Mustang continues to top the charts as one of the world's best-selling sports cars. Expect entry-level pricing to begin around \$30,000, with optional powertrains and high-performance models carrying larger price tags.

### What Is the S650 Mustang?:

The debut of the S650 will mark the beginning of the seventh generation of the Ford Mustang. Like the S550 that preceded it, the new Mustang is expected to stick around for an eight-year production cycle, despite stricter emissions regulations due nationally in 2026.



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Rumors have persisted that Ford will underpin the S650 with its large RWD CD6 platform, which is currently employed by the Ford Explorer and Lincoln Aviator models. That said, bundles of spy photographs suggest that the new Mustang may be more of a refreshed model than was initially expected.

### 2024 Ford Mustang: A Revised Exterior:

Many of the car's physical hardpoints appear to mirror those of the current S550, particularly around the passenger cell and the roof. Despite being recognizably related to the S550, this new Mustang does bring new fascia treatments, as well as a much sharper form overall. The front grille appears much larger than before, and adopts a more hexagonal shape. The lower bumpers look as if they've adopted some Mach 1 elements, bringing a more aggressive look to the pony car. Overall the shape screams Mustang in the right ways, with enough tweaks to hide the aging platform hidden beneath. Considering Ford's investment focus on the EV segment, it does make sense to borrow from the outgoing model in this instance. Spy photos have captured both coupe and convertible prototypes, each with varying levels of performance hardware affixed.

### New and Familiar Powertrains Slated for S650 Mustang:

Thanks to further comments by Jammoul, we already know that the venerable 5.0-liter Coyote V-8 is slated to return to the S650 Mustang. Jammoul noted that Ford is aware how much the engine matters to Mustang customers, and that Ford will continue to build it so long as there's demand. A similar sentiment was shared about the car's six-speed manual gearbox, though the executive did admit the manual will inevitably go by the wayside. Whether that statement directly impacts the S650 will have to be seen. The automaker's 10-speed automatic will undoubtedly make the jump to the S650. Expect to see the 2.3-liter EcoBoost make a return as well, where it should continue to serve as the entry-level powertrain. That said, a rumored hybrid model centered around the 2.3-liter could bring an enticing performance option for fuel-conscious customers. A hybrid variant of the Coyote is also rumored to be in the works, suggested by leak on LinkedIn. We also wouldn't be shocked to see a high-performance variant utilizing the current GT500's 5.2-liter Predator V-8, though that would likely have to come before the 2026 regulation change. An all-wheel-drive 'Stang was heavily rumored amid conversations surrounding the CD6 platform, though several reports have noted how that is unlikely if the S550 chassis is largely retained.

### The New Mustang Gets a Nicer Interior:

Spy photos of the S650 Mustang have shown its interior carries over little from the S550. The traditional dual-cowl dash, which harks back to the first generation models, is now replaced by a more horizontal unit. At the center of that dashboard now sits a larger infotainment display, which appears to be connected to an entirely digital instrument cluster. The car's Sync 4 infotainment is backed by Ford's new electrical architecture, which will bring amenities like over-the-air updates and the processing power necessary for a performance hybrid model. A single row of hard buttons now lives below the relocated climate vents, which suggests other functions have moved up to the infotainment screen. A new steering wheel has also been spotted on certain prototypes, featuring a squared-off bottom section. Not a dramatic departure from what we've seen before, but with just enough changes to make the S650 feel like a more modern place to spend time.

### An Evolving Segment:

The S650 Mustang will debut in a segment that would seem unrecognizable to its predecessor. The folks over at Dodge are bailing on internal combustion in favor of eMuscle in the near future, while the fate of the Chevrolet Camaro seemingly remains in flux. That means the Mustang could be the last of the muscle cars to retain a V-8 engine, which just might prove important to buyers. Whether or not Ford's competitors are successful in reworking their own offerings, it does seem fitting that the Mustang isn't going down without one last fight.

## The Road Ahead ...

The Voice  
road ahead

By Marbles Madcap,

Hi BAM! Members, Marbles here ... As the weather gets warmer, some of our events will go indoors. So this month your Board of Directors is pleased to announce that our August event is "Mustangs at the Museum." We will be cruising to Pinellas Park, and the Tampa Bay Automobile Museum. Then on to lunch.

This Museum displays historic automobiles from the 20th century. All of the vehicles displayed are from the collection of Alain Cerf, a French entrepreneur.

The collection is focused on cars which demonstrate special creativity and imagination in their history and engineering. This includes rare early front-wheel drive cars, Tatra rear engine cars, rear-engine Mercedes-Benz, Citroën cars, the only surviving car by French engineer Émile Claveau, and a unique working full-scale replica of the first self-propelled mechanical vehicle, the fardier of Nicolas-Joseph Cugnot.

Fliers are now available so mark your calendars! Hope to see you at this event. It's going to be...

*Nostalgic!*

## Mustangs at the Museum

Saturday,  
August 13, 2022



**Saturday, August 13, 2022**

You're invited to join fellow BAM! members for a tour of the Tampa Bay Automobile Museum (located at 3301 Gateway Centre Blvd, Pinellas Park, FL 33782) followed by Lunch at OCC Road House & Museum (located at 10575 49<sup>th</sup> St. North, Clearwater, FL 33762).

For members living on the East side of town, we will meet in the Main Event parking lot (across from Ford's Garage-Wesley Chapel) located at 2839 Creek Grass Way, Lutz, FL 33559 at 9:00am, and leave at 9:30.

For members living on the West side of town, we will meet at Fords Garage-Clearwater, located at 26210 US Hwy 19 N., Clearwater, FL at 10:00am. Those caravanning from the Main Event will meet up with us at 10:30am. Once we are all together, we will caravan to the Museum and spend some time there before caravanning to the restaurant for lunch.

To expedite entrance to the museum, please bring \$8 dollars (museum entry fee) in cash, per person, and Robbie will collect it while we are at Ford's Garage.

If you plan to join us. please RSVP to Robbie Polo, at [rpolo1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rpolo1@tampabay.rr.com) or 813-505-7727 so we have an accurate count for our lunch reservation.





## The Road Ahead ...

The Voice  
road ahead

By Marbles Madcap,  
Apprentice Reporter

## Hot Shots and Mustangs

Saturday,  
Sept. 24, 2022

Hi BAM! Members, Marbles here again ... Our summer event for September will be "Mustangs and Hot Shots."

We will be meeting up at the International Plaza, and then heading directly to lunch, which will be at the Wing House in Tampa.

With our tummy's full we will take a short cruise to the Shooting Sports facility on Dale Mabry Highway, where we will take some shooting practice.

See all the details on the flier (to the right). Fliers will also be sent out via electronically.

We do hope to see you at this event. If you don't want to take some shooting practice, you can always join us for lunch.

Don't forget to RSVP to Robbie Polo so we have an accurate count for the restaurant.

Flier is now available. Hope to see you at this event. It's going to be...

**Right on Target!**

The Bay Area Mustangs (BAM!) Presents

# MUSTANGS



# *and* HOT SHOTS

You're invited to join fellow BAM! members for a fun day of marksmanship and Mustangs! We will start our day with lunch (to gather our strength!) at the Wing House, then we will enjoy some shooting practice at Shooting Sports in Tampa. If you do not want to take some shooting practice you can join us for the lunch portion of our afternoon, and then root on the "Hot Shots" in the club!

We will meet at 11:00am in the Dillard's parking lot at The International Plaza, located at 2223 N. Westshore Blvd. Ste 500, Tampa, FL 33607. Then we will cruise in our Mustangs to the Wing House for a 11:30 lunch. The Wing House is located at 3712 W. Columbus Dr., Tampa, FL. After Lunch we will take a short cruise to the Shooting Sports facility at 7811 North Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa, FL where we will take some shooting practice (from 1pm to 3pm) and see who gets bragging rights.

If you are interested in participating, please RSVP to Robbie Polo, at [rpola1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rpola1@tampabay.rr.com) or 813-505-7727.

**Saturday,  
Sept. 24, 2022**



## The Road Ahead ...

The Voice  
road ahead

By Marbles Madcap,  
Apprentice Reporter

Hi BAM! Members, Marbles here, still have things to say about upcoming events ...

The Board of Directors has finalized plans for our second "Mustang Madness" Car Show. Once again, it will be hosted at Parks Ford in Wesley Chapel.

This show will benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital so come on out and support this great cause.

This car show is 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.

The flier has been finalized and you'll see copies distributed soon!

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

*frightfully fun!*

## BAM!'s Mustang Madness Car Show

Saturday,  
October 29th,  
2022

### The Bay Area Mustangs Presents Mustang Madness Car Show!

A 501(c)3  
Charity Fundraiser  
*All donations are  
tax deductible.*

Proceeds will benefit  
**St. Jude Medical  
Research Center**



Sponsored by  
**Parks Ford**  
28739 State Road 54  
Wesley Chapel, FL 33543



Special Prize for "Best Dressed Car"

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

## Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Open to all years of Mustang and Ford Vehicles.

Location is Parks Ford, 28739 State Road 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 10-26-22 (\$21 if paid via Paypal); \$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](mailto:info@bayareamustangs.com) or call Frank Morales at (714) 349-1753.

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



# Our BAM! 2022 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, 1/6/22 BAM! Gathering ✓  
Sat, 1/8/22 Parks Ford Rise & Shine ✓  
Thu, 1/20/22 BAM! Board Meeting ✓  
Thu, 2/3/22 BAM! Gathering ✓  
Sat, 2/12/22 Parks Ford Rise & Shine ✓  
Thu, 2/17/22 BAM! Board Meeting ✓  
Sat, 2/19/22 BAM! Clean Air Cruise ✓  
Thu, 3/3/22 BAM! Gathering ✓  
Thu, 3/17/22 BAM! Board Meeting ✓  
Thu, 4/7/22 BAM! Gathering ✓  
Sat, 4/9/22 Parks Ford Rise & Shine ✓  
Thu, 4/21/22 BAM! Board Meeting ✓  
Thu, 5/5/22 BAM! Gathering ✓  
Thu, 5/19/22 BAM! Board Meeting ✓  
Sat, 5/21/22 BAM! Charity Car Show ✓  
Thu, 6/2/22 BAM! Gathering ✓  
Thu, 6/16/22 BAM! Board Meeting ✓  
Thu, 7/4/22 BAM! Gathering ✓  
Thu, 7/21/22 BAM! Board Meeting ✓  
Thu, 8/4/22 BAM! Gathering  
Sat, 8/13/22 Mustangs at the Museum  
Thu, 8/18/22 BAM! Board Meeting

Thu, 9/1/22 BAM! Gathering  
Sat, 9/10/22 Parks Ford Rise & Shine  
Sat, 9/24/22 BAM! Goes Shooting  
Thu, 9/15/22 BAM! Board Meeting  
Thu, 10/6/22 BAM! Gathering  
Thu, 10/20/22 BAM! Board Meeting  
Sat, 10/29/22 BAM! Car Show  
Thu, 11/3/22 BAM! Gathering & Birthday  
Sat, 11/12/22 Parks Ford Rise & Shine  
Thu, 11/17/22 BAM! Board Meeting  
Thu, 12/1/22 BAM! Gathering  
Sat, 12/10/22 Parks Ford Rise & Shine  
Thu, 12/15/22 BAM! Board Meeting  
Sat, 12/18/22 BAM! Christmas Party

*Note: Please note that the Parks Ford Rise & Shine Car Meet will not be held during the same months that our Car Shows are held (May and October) or during the hot summer months (June through August).*

*On scheduled months it is held the second Saturday 9am—11am. Parks Ford is located at 28739 Florida 54, Wesley Chapel, FL. 813-907-7800*

✓ 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

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

Thu, 8-4-22 QSL & Car Show Larry Cruise In. 10400 49th St. N., Clearwater, FL. \$5 registration fee. Every Thursday. Hot cars of all ages, great food, 50/50, card games and door prizes. Giant lighted parking lot. Donations for the local charities will gladly accepted for registration. Bring the family!

Sat, 8-13-22 Weeki Wachee Car Show. Held every Saturday. All show vehicles are welcome. No judging and food trucks on site. 4pm—7pm. Located at Hardee's-Weeki Wachee, 6292 Commercial Way, Weeki Wachee, FL 34606. Registration is free. They hold a 50/50 charity raffle benefiting Disabled Veterans.

Sun, 8-21-22 Cars @ Brunch Car Show. Located at Whiskey Wings Largo 2480 E.Bay Dr. 33771. 10am-12pm. This event is held on the third Sunday of each month. The event is open to all cars no matter what condition. Whiskey Wings Bar will open at 9:30am with \$4 Bloody Mary's and a full bar. They offer brunch items along with their full menu till 12pm. They have a DJ, car trivia for prizes, giveaways, and trophies for the winners.

Sat, 8-27-22 Cause for Paws. 9am—2pm. Gateway Classic Cars of Tampa. 351 30th St. NE, Ruskin, FL 33570. Cruise in with your classic,

bring the family, including the furry ones. Enjoy pastries and coffee (while supplies last). Awards for Best In Show, Kids' Choice and Most Unique Ride will be announced throughout the event. All makes and models are welcome with plenty of parking available. This event is free and open to the public and pet friendly. All proceeds benefit a local animal shelter and individual donations are encouraged.

Sat, 8-27-22 Rides & Coffee—Tampa. Every month on the last Saturday. Hosted by Detail Garage Tampa, the auto detailing supplies superstore which offers Chemical Guys Products. Coffee, doughnuts, sales, raffles, music, giveaways, cool cars and cool people. 9-11am. Located at 5721 E. Fowler Ave., Temple Terrace.

Sun, 9-4-22 Sea Dog Cantina Car & Truck Show. 10am—3pm. Sea Dog Cantina, 26200 U.S. Hwy 19, Clearwater, FL. \$20 Pre / \$25 Gate. This is an open show with Top 50 special awards plus 10 overall Best of Shows. Club participation winner will receive \$100 (10 member minimum). Music and food & drink available. Show is limited to 75 vehicles. Registration 10am-noon, awards around 3pm. Rain or shine.

*Sorry, did you say something? It's summertime, and I only hear and speak beach, pool, flip-flops, and margaritas.  
— 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!

The Bay Area Mustangs extends our gratitude for sponsoring our new club. They will be the host of our monthly gatherings and provide discounts and prizes.

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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!