

Pony Express

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CLUB OF TAMPA



October 2026 Edition



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✉ **Editor's Note: Cruising into a Bold Autumn**

Welcome to the **October 2026 Edition** of the *Mustang Club of Tampa* newsletter!

As the calendar turns to October, we finally get a break from the intense summer heat here in the Tampa Bay area. The crisper evening air makes it the absolute perfect time to drop the top, fire up the engine, and cruise our beautiful coastlines.

To match the energy of the season, our color of the month is the vibrant, aggressive **Twister Orange**. It is a bold hue that perfectly honors the Mustang's high-performance heritage while leaning right into the Halloween spirit.

You will spot that iconic pop of color right on our front cover, showcasing a sleek Twister Orange pony parked proudly against the backdrop of St. Petersburg's own **Tropicana Field**. It is our visual tribute to a fantastic sports season, celebrating our local **Tampa Bay Rays** as they lock in their postseason berth and, hopefully, advance all the way to the World Series!

Thank you to everyone who represents our club so well out in the community. Wash off those remaining September love bugs, stay safe from the dusk mosquitoes, and let's make this October one to remember.

See you on the pavement and Let Go Ray's!

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MCT's PONY EXPRESS

E-News – August 2026 Edition

President's Message: Fasten Your Seatbelts for a Packed October!

Holy cow, things are getting busy! It seems like everyone is hosting a car event in October. From Dine and Donates to Trunk or Treats and community festivals, everyone wants Mustangs on display. After 62+ years, there is absolutely no denying the enduring attraction of our favorite nameplate.

Giving Back in September

On September 8th, we helped raise nearly \$3,000 for the 1Voice Foundation during the *Drive 4 UR Community Event* at Veterans Ford. A massive thank you to everyone who came out and participated! Despite a very stormy start, the weather cleared just in time for our display cars to shine. Special kudos to members Adam Burden and Dan Kiehl for trailering in their classic Shelbys—they were an absolute hit!

Cruising Through October

- **Friday, October 9th (10 AM – 6 PM) | Drive 4 UR Community Part II:** We get to do it all over again, this time at Bill Currie Ford. Come out to BCF, test drive a phenomenal new Ford, and help us raise funds for the Community Food Pantry.
- **Saturday, October 17th | Lake Mirror Classic & Alternatives:** No official club cruise-over or dedicated Mustang show this year, BUT several of our members had their rides selected for the prestigious Concours d'Elegance! It's a spectacular show and well worth the day trip to Downtown Lakeland. If you prefer to stay local, you have two great alternatives that same Saturday: the R2 Pub Cruise-In or a Trunk or Treat in Clearwater. No one should be bored!
- **Saturday, October 23rd | Riverview Crossings Trunk or Treat:** We are headed to Riverview to bring some joy to the local residents. They would love to see a great club turnout, so please consider joining us!
- **Friday, October 30th | Ford's Garage Cruise-In (Date Change):** Take note! We have moved our usual 4th Tuesday cruise-in to Friday night to support Ford's Garage Westchase with their Trunk or Treat and a Dine & Donate for the 1Voice Foundation.

We have trophies to give away, so decorate your ride and let's see who takes home the hardware!

🌲 Looking Ahead to November

Things settle down just a bit as we head into next month. Our big focus will be supporting The Church at Myrtle Lake's Angel Tree Show on Saturday, November 14th. This is year three for the car show and toy drive, and it gets better every time. While not directly affiliated with *Celebrate Birthdays*, it serves a very similar mission that aligns perfectly with our club goals: supporting under-privileged children living right here in the Tampa Bay area.

💛 Going Beyond the Call of Duty

On a final note, the generosity of our members this year has been nothing short of extraordinary. So many of you are going above and beyond—not only by participating in our charity events but by donating directly from your own pockets. Thank you. We are leaving a profound, positive mark on the lives of many, and I am incredibly proud to be a member of this great community.

Have a wonderful October, and I hope to see you out there enjoying this beautiful fall Florida weather... in your Mustang, Bronco, F-150, or whatever else you love to drive!

Bob Turner
President, MCT



Upcoming Events

Mustang Club of Tampa – Fall Event Highlights

For more details and updates, follow us: [Facebook](#), [Instagram \(@mctprez or @mustangcluboftampa\)](#) or on our Events Tab at <https://mustangcluboftampa.com/events/>

For additional events not listed here please visit [Florida Car Shows Website](#)

Upcoming Events and Info

October

Date	Event	Details
Oct. 3	Streetside Classics Caffeine and Classics	Meet-up at Ford's Garage Wesley Chapel at 8:30am, cruise to event.
Oct. 9	Drive 4 UR Community	10am to 6pm at Bill Currie Ford. - Come test drive a Ford and help BCF raise money for Community Food Pantry - Display your Mustang while participating.
		
Oct.10	TBAVA Cruise-In	Start: 11:00 am End: 2:00 pm Venue: Slider & Flight Sports Bar Address: 3973 Van Dyke Rd., Lutz, FL 33634
Oct. 16	USF Bull Run	Convertibles needed – details coming.

Oct. 17

R2 Pub
Cruise In

R2

- **Start:** 10:00 am; **End:** 1:00 pm
- **Venue:** R2 Pub; **Address:** 11022 Tee Time Cr.
New Port Richey, FL 34654

Lake Mirror
Classic

LMC

- **Start:** 8:00 am **End:** 4:00 pm
- **Venue:** Downtown Lakeland;
Address: Participants will be told where to enter.

Hallowheels
Trunk or
Treat

Hallowheels Trunk or Treat

- Trunk Arrival/Set Up: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- Trunk or Treat: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Location: St. Petersburg College, Clearwater
2465 Drew St., Clearwater, FL 33765
See Flyer to the left



Wheelchairs 4 Kids Program
Wheelchairs 4 Kids
HALLOWHEELS
Halloween Extravaganza!
TRUNK OR TREAT TRUNKS NEEDED!
Date: Saturday, October 17th, 2026
Trunk Arrival/Set Up: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Trunk or Treat: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: St. Petersburg College, Clearwater
2465 Drew St., Clearwater, FL 33765

Wheelchairs 4 Kids' 4th annual **Hallowheels Halloween Extravaganza** is coming up and we want YOU to help us bring the spooky spirit to our amazing Wheel Kids! Our Wheelchairs 4 Kids' 4th annual **Hallowheels Halloween Extravaganza** addresses socialization and inclusion among children with physical disabilities.

We need your trunks! To make this event a success, we need volunteers willing to dress up, decorate their trunks, and hand out candy to approximately 100 kids.

To Be a Trunk in our Trunk or Treat:
Contact Riley by **September 29th** including:
- Organization
- Full Name
- Email Address
- Phone Number
Riley@wheelchairs4kids.org
727-946-0963

Oct. 23

TRUNK OR TREAT

THE MUSTANG CLUB OF TAMPA WILL BE CO-HOSTING OUR TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT ON OCTOBER 23RD FROM 6:30 PM-7:30 PM, FEATURING CLASSIC CARS FOR OUR RESIDENTS, FAMILIES, AND THE COMMUNITY TO ENJOY.

- VEHICLES MAY DECORATE THEIR CARS FOR IF THEY WOULD LIKE, BUT DECORATING IS NOT REQUIRED.
- ALL PARTICIPATING VEHICLES MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN CANDY TO DISTRIBUTE.
- COSTUMES OR FESTIVE ATTIRE IS ENCOURAGED FOR PARTICIPATING DRIVERS AND GUESTS.
- VEHICLES SHOULD BE PARKED AND DECORATED BY 5:45 PM.
- PARTICIPANTS MAY ARRIVE AS EARLY AS 4:30 PM TO SECURE A PREFERRED PARKING SPOT AND GET SET UP.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHOWCASING THESE CLASSIC VEHICLES AND CREATING A MEMORABLE EVENING FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY!

Trunk or
Treat at
Crossings of
Riverview

Location: 8451 US highway 301 S,
Riverview, FL 33578

- Start time for cars: As early as 4:30pm
- Start time for trunk or treaters: 6:00pm
- Event end time: 7:30pm

Oct. 24



Harvest
Night and
Headlights

Keystone Community Church

- 4pm to 7pm
21010 FL-54
Lutz, FL 33558
- See flyer to the left

Oct. 30



MCT
Monthly
Cruise-In

Ford's Garage – West Chase;
6pm until ? – Trunk or Treat...
Awards for Best Decorated Mustang, Ford,
non-Ford & Kids' Choice.
Dine & Donate for 1Voice Foundation.

Oct. 31

The Bay Area Mustangs present

Mustang Madness Car Show

A 501(c)3 Fundraiser

Supporting the Ali Spears Foundation
Helping families impacted by pediatric cancer

PARKS Ford
Wesley Chapel

Sponsored by Parks Ford

Show located at the Grove:
5710 Oakley Blvd.,
Wesley Chapel, FL 33544

BAM! is an MCA Regional Club!

Saturday, October 31, 2026

Open to all years, makes and models so come on out with your favorite ride and support this great cause!

Location is 5710 Oakley Blvd, Wesley Chapel, FL 33544 (This is the Outback, which is next to the show area.)

Show Hours: 9:00AM to 2:00PM.
Registration: 9:00AM to 11:00AM.
No Cars parked after 11:00AM.
\$25 if pre-registered by 10-28-26;
\$30 for Day of Show entries (cash or credit card only)
Show will be held rain or shine – no refunds.

People's Choice Voting will take place between 11:30AM and 1:00PM. Awards presented at approximately 2:00PM.
For general information: Call Frank Morales at (714) 349-1753 or send email to infobayareamustangs@gmail.com.

Trunk or Treat for the kids! Come on out with the family!

Register and Pay Online at <https://bayareamustangs.com>. (Fee is \$26 for on-line registrations.) (Mail-in option is on the reverse side.)

BAM! is a 401(c)3 organization so all donations are tax deductible.

BAM!
Bay Area Mustangs

BAM! Car
Show

- **Start:** 9:00 am
- **End:** 2:00 pm
- **Venue:** Outback Steakhouse
- **Address:** 5710 Oakley Blvd.
Wesley Chapel, FL 33544

Upcoming Events

November

Date	Event	Details
Nov. 7	TBD	TBD
Nov. 14	Church at Myrtle Lake Angel Tree Car Show	Start: 10:00 am End: 2:00 pm Venue: Church at Myrtle Lake 2017 Riegler Rd. Land O' Lakes, FL 34639 - See flyer in newsletter
		
Nov. 21	R2 Pub Cruise In	R2 Start: 10:00 am; End: 1:00 pm Venue: R2 Pub; Address: 11022 Tee Time Cr. New Port Richey, FL 34654
Nov 22	Ponies Under the Palms	Mustang Club of West Central Florida's Annual Show at Lakewood Ranch – see flyer in newsletter for details.
Nov 24	MCT Monthly Cruise-In	Ford's Garage – West Chase; 6pm until ? – Kids eat free, last gasp for free refills and \$5 drafts in your Ford's Garagefest Mug!

Member Spotlight



The October Sports Round-Up: High Scores, Low Points, and World Series Dreams

Instead of our usual Member Spotlight, we are shifting gears directly into a special sports recap this month—mostly because I haven't quite figured out how to write my own biography without stalling, LOL!

Hold onto your lug nuts, folks—we have officially entered the most chaotic, beautiful stretch of the sports calendar. College football is in full swing, the NFL has kicked into high gear, the baseball postseason is looming, soccer is running hot, and the NHL is just around the corner. Here is a quick look at what's shaking up the sports world:



TOP FUEL: Tampa Bay Rays

- **The Status:** The bats finished the regular season on fire, clinching the AL East and securing the No. 1 seed!
- **The Next Turn:** The ALDS showdown is officially locked at Tropicana Field. Game 1 fires up **Saturday, Oct. 3rd at 6:30 p.m. ET** and Game 2 takes the green flag on **Monday, Oct. 5th at 8:00 p.m. ET**.
- **The Bottom Line:** Come out to support our team and fuel another massive World Series run! Let's bring that trophy home!



PEDAL TO THE METAL: College Football

- **The Status:** Our local **USF Bulls** are making serious history! They have charged out to a perfect **4-0 start** for the first time since 2018 under Coach Brian Hartline.
- **The Next Turn:** After grinding out a spectacular **14-6 road victory** against Bowling Green behind D.J. Crowther's 143-yard rushing performance, the undefeated Bulls return home to Raymond James Stadium.
- **The Bottom Line:** Catch them live this **Saturday, Oct. 3rd at 7:30 p.m. ET** to battle the **Temple Owls**.



IN THE GARAGE: Tampa Bay Bucs

- **The Status:** The Bucs slid to a tough **0-3 start** following a tight **23-16 home loss to Minnesota**. To make matters worse, QB Baker Mayfield is sidelined with a dislocated thumb, ending his 57-game starting streak.
- **The Next Turn:** Undrafted rookie sensation **Jalon Daniels** takes the reins as interim starter as the team pivots to a heavy run game. Thankfully, our defense is solid, ranking second in the NFL against the run.
- **The Bottom Line:** Come out and bring the noise as we host the Green Bay Packers at Ray Jay this **Sunday, October 4th at 1:00 p.m. ET** (live on FOX)!



WRONG TRACK: The Fantasy Football Struggle

- **The Status:** On a personal note, for those of us who manage our own fantasy football leagues, I have to share the struggle.

- **The Out-of-Bounds:** I am completely convinced that some of the players on my team think we are out on a nice, quiet golf course instead of a football field. How else do you explain starting athletes who manage to score *negative points*?
- **The Bottom Line:** If the goal of the game was to finish under par with the lowest score possible, I'd be walking away with a green jacket right about now!



The Pit Stop...need a break from reading?

Need a quick breather between articles? Pull into The Pit Stop—your fast, fun intermission in the newsletter. Enjoy a few light activities before you hit the road to the next section.

The Pit Stop



Detailing at dusk is a contact sport! This love bug invasion is real!



MUSTANG CLUB OF TAMPA

DRIVE THE LEGEND. SUPPORT OUR HEROES.

Sponsorship Opportunities

46th Annual Mustang & All Ford Round Up

Saturday, April 17, 2027 (National Mustang Day!) | Tampa, FL

Celebrate a Legend. Support a Hero.

Join the Mustang Club of Tampa for our most significant event of the year. This isn't just a car show; it's a community mission. All proceeds benefit Celebrate Birthdays, ensuring every child feels special, and Honor Flight of West Central Florida, flying our veterans to their memorials in D.C.

Choose your performance Level

Put your brand in front of 170+ member families and 5,500+ social followers!

Level	Awards w/ Logo	Website Link	Social Post	Investment
Silver:	1 (Sponsor's Choice*)	—	—	\$100
Gold :	10	Included	—	\$300
Platinum:	20	Included	Included	\$500

*Sponsors at the \$100 level are invited to walk the field and personally present their award!

2. NON-CASH SPONSORSHIPS: DOOR PRIZES & RAFFLE ITEMS

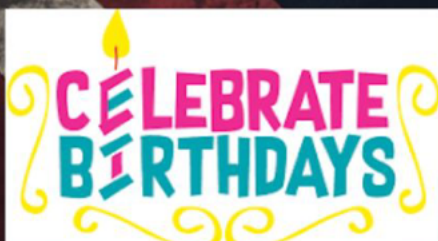
Help us drive donations through our Silent Auction and Raffle. We welcome items of all kinds—sports memorabilia, entertainment packages, cosmetics, or gift certificates.

Your donation will be highlighted during our live drawings!

3. VENDOR SPACES - \$50

Want to engage the crowd directly? Secure a 10'x10' vendor space. (Note: These are car-related OR general interest—and they are included free with any cash sponsorship above!)

Note: Vendor spaces are FREE with any Cash Sponsorship listed above!



Snapshots from the Stable

Mustang Memories: We want to see the herd in action! Share your favorite pictures from recent shows and club cruises with the MCT team.

🥞 Snapshots from the Stables: Cruising for a Cause at the Cupcake Crawl!

Our Mustangs have plenty of horsepower, but recently, our members brought some serious foot power to **Al Lopez Park!** The Mustang Club of Tampa family lined up in full force for the **4th Annual Cupcake Crawl** in support of our wonderful charity partner, **Celebrate Birthdays.**



Before the starting gun fired, our members gathered under the trees to lock in their strategies, share some laughs, and show off the club's



youngest (and fluffiest) driver. When it was time to race, many of our members tackled the official **1K Family**

Walk/Run or the grueling **5K Run**, including **Brandon Pacifica**, who put down an absolute flyer on the track and powered hard through the final stretch right to the timing gates.



Meanwhile, our pet

member **Dulce** decided to stroll like a total diva. Bypassing foot power entirely, she took to



Snapshots from the Stable

the course behind the wheel of her very own custom **5.0 Power Wheels Mustang!** Wearing her signature driving shades and a custom shirt, Dulce effortlessly gapped the field and beat every other member to the finish line—proving that even on a park walking track, a Mustang always takes the checkered flag.

A massive thank you to everyone who came out to represent the club, sweat (or drive) for a great cause, and sweeten the lives of kids in our community!

Drive 4 UR Community – Veterans Ford, September 8th

Special thanks to all who came out in support of 1Voice Foundation and Veterans Ford Drive 4 UR Community Event! We raised nearly \$3000 – great work everyone! As a bonus, Ford's Garage Westchase was there, providing free burgers to participants, and launching their Ford's Garagefest special – for \$10 you can buy a Ford's Garage mug (featuring a Mustang Fastback) and get free refills for soft drinks and \$5 draft beer refills now thru Thanksgiving!



Dan Kiehl's 1966 Continuation Shelby GT350



Adam Burden's 1966 Shelby GT350



\$5 beer
anyone?

Lucy
holding
court...



Snapshots from the Stable



Are the burgers here yet?

Yes....and cookies and brownies too!

Other great Mustangs on display.





34th Annual Ponies Under the Palms

Charity Car Show - Sarasota 2026

Lakewood Ranch Main Street

Sunday November 22nd from 8:00AM to 3:00PM

Advance Registration - \$25.00/car

Day Of Show Registration - \$30.00/car

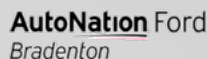
- Huge selection of Mustangs & Ford Powered vehicles in show
- Cars judged in multiple categories
- Raffle of sponsor's donations
- Meet and talk to our charities and sponsors on-site
- All proceeds from this event support our Club's charities
- DJ with live music
- Great local restaurants and food
- Family fun & play areas
- Mustang Club merchandise on sale

Cars will be judged* with winners awarded 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place prize in each category entered.

Extra chances to win special Sponsor Awards

All registered cars are eligible!

Event Major Sponsors:



Membership Benefits:



re the sponsorship of **Bill Currie**

Ford. In addition to supporting our annual car show, and hosting our General Meeting location, Bill Currie Ford also offers a **15% discount** to members on:

- Parts
- Service & aftermarket installation
- Body Shop

Their Referral Program is another way they help you and the club:

- **\$500 to the club when a member purchases a vehicle – we'll split it with you! (see next page)**

Use the next page to lock in your savings.

Questions? Email

president@mustangcluboftampa.com

For your Bill Currie Ford Service needs, make sure you ask for PJ or Leo as your Service Writer, and Ryan in Parts for aftermarket discounts.



Join the MCA to get even more benefits:

- Ford X-Plan Pricing (BCF will still beat this deal!)

Discounts at:

- Car Covers Direct
- CJ Pony Parts
- Hagerty Insurance
- Plus 17 other vendors

Go to www.mustang.org for details

Our Other Partners:

Streetside Classics Tampa – Chris

Mauro– Call (813-501-1630) or email

Christopher.Mauro@streetsideclassics.com Chris to either buy or sell you classic or modern muscle car.

Hagerty Insurance – Email Matt Judge (mjjudge@hagerty.com) to get you custom quote.

Insty Tune & Lube – Let owner Andreh Alito know you are with MCT – 14783 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL 33618. PH – 813-960-3908.

GT1 Detail Products – Let Gene know you are with MCT...might not get you a discount, but he will gladly give you a tutorial on how to best use his products!

Ford's Garage – Ask for Mark at Westchase or Kelly at Wesley Chapel – they will make sure you feel right at home...and get you a 10% discount!

NPD – National Parts Depot – No discount yet, but if you mention you are with MCT, eventually maybe we'll earn one!

Print and bring this form to Bill Currie Ford, make sure it's in your deal package.



Referral Form

Purchaser's Name:

Purchaser's Address:

Vehicle VIN:

Date of Sale:

Deal #:

Referred by:

Remit ~~\$500~~ ^{\$1000} Referral Bonus to:

Mustang Club of Tampa
c/o Rusty Gillis, Treasurer
6330 Pine Hill Rd. #7
Port Richey, FL 34668

Print and bring this form to Bill Currie Ford, make sure it's in your deal package.

MCT Swag

We have an arrangement with Cigar City Promotions to produce polo shirts and hats with two logos to choose from. Thanks to Lucy Carroll for getting this arrangement set up for us, and thank you to the membership for helping us design and decide on the updated logo. If you want a hat or shirt:

EMAIL Cigar City at: SALES@cigarcitypromos.com state NAME and a member of MCT. Our contact is Susan.

POLO SHIRT: Request men Golf or women's V-neck shirt, size and color, or provide your own shirt.

Cost of Shirt is	\$29.95
Name added	\$ 6.00
tax	\$ 2.70
TOTAL	\$38.68.

HAT: Request New Era Mesh Back Cap Idex (NE 1090), size (S/M, M/L, L/EL) and color, or provide your own hat.

Cost of Hat is	\$21.98
tax	\$ 1.54
TOTAL	\$23.52

They will email you an invoice, you pay online, and they will notify you when your shirt is ready to pick up.

Multiple Colors Available – Match your Car!

