



Bill has been a Mustang fan for years, and his 2006 is his fourth Steed to date. He says the primary reason he bought this Mustang is to give it to his 13-year-old son, Chris, when he turns 16. "It's all part of my master plan in having the car loan paid off and him growing up with a car that he helped me install a few mods in. By him growing up with it and having hands-on experience, he'll have a greater appreciation of the car and what it took to get it to where it is today," says Bill.

In a time with an ever-increasing poor economy and rising fuel prices, saving money has become a top priority for most, making a passion for fast Mustangs difficult to practice. Enter Bill and what he has done with his Mustang, and you will find a good deal of relief. You see, with the exception of his tinted windows and 4.10 gears, Bill has done all the installs himself, saving the cost of labor that can easily put a hurting on most wallets. While doing self-installs is not unique, the fact that he considers himself a "regular dude with tools" with no real mechanical experience says otherwise. Couple that with the fact Bill has created a host of "how-to" articles, complete with color pictures, step-by-step

instructions, and even videos of all his installs that put even some of the best manufacturer's directions to pure shame. The best part about his how-to's is that they are in plain English, meaning you don't have to be technical to understand them. All you need is a basic knowledge of tools, and you are good to go. As Bill puts it, "If I installed these things, so can you! There's no better way to get in touch with your car, I promise."

His first how-to was by accident, but after he posted it on Brad Barnett's The Mustang Source website, the response was so overwhelming that people started to ask if he had any

other write-ups. At that point, any other modifications he did himself and documented them with his usual style of color pictures and videos when he could. Since then, TacoBill has grown into somewhat of an icon, or do I dare say, even a legend in the Mustang community. His how-to articles have become so popular that some of the companies Bill has purchased from have asked for his permission to use his tutorials for their instructions to be shipped with their product! Thanks to Bill, his work has created a level of confidence for the everyday person who would normally not attempt to do some of these modifications. He can be found



online almost daily on The Mustang Source where all of his how-to's are posted, <http://forums.bradbarnett.net>.

At first glance, Bill's Mustang, besides the immaculate appearance, is not a far departure from a unit straight off a dealership lot, with just the aftermarket shaker hood, white classic rally stripes, chin spoiler, and lowered stance being the most obvious appearance modifications. Once the car comes to life though, it's clearly obvious the modifications are more than skin deep, due to the aggressive old-school muscle car rumble of its Pypes Off Road H-pipe and FRPP/Borla Stinger mufflers. The internal modifications reach further up into the engine, topped off with the jet sounding Vortech Supercharger. Add in a custom Bamachips tune with some other mods like Steeda Ultralite springs, lower control arms, Rotor Pros drilled/slotting rotors, and MGW short throw shifter, and this running horse is a full-blown stallion far from its factory relatives. He has future plans to change the wheels, but past that, it's wide open. The modification list and videos Bill has done are much larger than what is listed here, and for a complete list, visit The Mustang Source online.

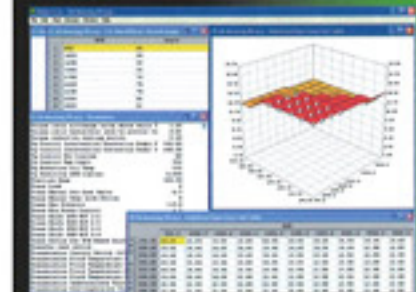
With Bill's newfound popularity, his days fill up quickly. His main interest is doing things with his son. What helps him with his passion is the involvement of his family. Bill says probably the most involved is his wife, Pam. Although she has only rode in the Stang a few times, never worked on it, or even helped wash it, she supports him 100% in getting the car customized and ready for their son. Now that's the kind of support every Mustang owner can hope for! Aside from her, the list is equal in the appreciation from his son, Chris, brother-in-law, Kevin, and several friends in the Mustang community that have come over to give him a hand when needed.

And just where did the name Taco Bill come from? No, Bill doesn't work at a taco stand, nor are tacos his favorite food. He uses a 2000 Toyota Tacoma as his daily driver and when he was active back on a Toyota forum he used Taco Bill (short for Tacoma Bill) as his forum name. But why did he carry the name over to the Mustang community? Bill says he will never know. One thing Bill does know, though, is he is very approachable. So if you see him at any local car shows in Southern California, go up and say, 'Hi!'



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