



# THE GASLINE

**Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.**

[www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org](http://www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org)

**May 2015**

## **BMC CLUB MEETING**

**Hunters Den Restaurant, 3517 Old Capitol Trail, Wilmington, Dela.**

**Tuesday, May 5th – Meet & Greet @ 6:30, Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.**

## **BMC AUTOCROSS II**

**May 16th – Glasgow High School Site - See Flyer**

### **Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman**



Well another successful month and a start to the autocross and rally season. Since our vacation got rained out, I was able to make it back for the first autocross of the year at Glasgow. Duke worked hard and everyone jumped in and helped get things going at the event. The only problem is someone invited Murphy. The computer was working fine Friday night. The wind was an added challenge but the canopies survived. So despite the late start a fun time was had by all. Thanks to Lou for finding the little vent on the cap for the generator. It kept shutting off, and after checking fuel level it would run a while longer. Lou checked it and said “I looked at the cap and moved this lever to vent”. Ha ha, worked great then.

The next event was the Bridges over the Brandywine II Rally, thanks to Willis, Martha and George for working on the course. We crossed the New Bridge (Tyler McConnell), Iron Bridge, Thompson’s bridge, Smith bridge, Twin bridge, and Rt1 bridge in Chadds Ford. The main course following rule was to cross a bridge if we came to it. My navigator, Heather, and I had a nice ride in my 66 Mustang and it was a great day for classics. Frank’s Mustang Convertible, Tony’s Comet, Jim’s Austin Healey all came out to run the rally, along with some other newer cars (BMW Z4, Mazda 3) (*And the ex-Smokey’s Crown Vic from the autocross, Ed.*)

If you missed the rally, keep your eye out for the next one on June 20th. We will also have another Autocross on May 16th at Glasgow. Come on out for the next monthly meeting on May 5th at the Hunter’s Den restaurant and enjoy some food and fellowship with other members.

*Cruising,  
Paul*

### **Rally Chair - George Alderman**



Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> was a nice day for a rally, and sixteen drivers and navigators in eight cars were challenged by the route instructions of Bridges on the Brandywine II. Willis and I thought that it would be an easy to follow route, but I guess unless we give the mileage at every turn and the name of the road that you are turning onto drivers will go off course. This rally was somewhat like rallies held in the 1960s only with fewer hard to see clues. In spite of going off course, everyone said they had a good time and enjoyed driving the roads and crossing the Brandywine River twelve different times. The results are later in this Gasline.

There is no rally in May but Jim Martin and I will be working on the June 20<sup>th</sup> rally that will be on roads around Landenberg, Avondale, Hockessin and Cecil County Md. Mark your calendar for Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>  
*George*

### **Membership Chair – Anita Steward**

What a great season opener at Glasgow! It was great seeing many of you and your friends at our first Autocross event!

Have questions about becoming a member? You can attend one of our meetings, events or check us out online.

See you at one of our upcoming gatherings!

*Anita*

### **BMC Online**

- **BMC Website:** [www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org](http://www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org)
- **BMC Facebook Page:** Brandywine Motorsport Club
- **BMC YouTube Page:** Brandywine Motorsport Club (autocross videos submitted by members and friends)

## ***Bridges On The Brandywine II Rally – April 25th 2015***

<b>No.</b>	<b>Car</b>	<b>Driver/Navigator</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Pos.</b>
1	Lexus	John Kegelman/Ben Rousk	124	96	41	22	46	<b>329</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> N</b>
2	Mustang	Paul Alderman/Heather Alderman	1	3	8	12	8	<b>32</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> E</b>
3	Mustang	Frank Adkins/Kristan Adkins	13	180	180	180	180	<b>733</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> N</b>
4	Mazda	Ed Trahan /Rick Vansant	73	180	180	180	180	<b>793</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> E</b>
5	Ford Crown Vic	Ross Causey/Allegheny Wilford	180	96	180	180	180	<b>816</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> N</b>
6	BMW Z4	Jim Irons/Marie Irons	180	31	180	15	2	<b>408</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> E</b>
7	Austin Healey	Jim Martin/Duke Wilford	40	7	43	7	7	<b>104</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> E</b>
8	Mercury Comet	Tony / Carrie Santonastaso & Family	78	180	180	180	180	<b>798</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> N</b>

### ***Secretary's Report - Jim Martin***

The 7<sup>th</sup> of April, 2015 meeting was held at the Hunter's Den Restaurant. The turnout was 18 members, thanks to all that showed up. The meeting was called to order by George Alderman at 7:10 PM.

Our end of March finances reflect our new AutoX expenses, we have \$5,555.21 and our membership is 56 members for 2015, please renew your membership.

Duke Wilford (AutoX Chair) talked about our new AutoX Software and will conduct a training class on Friday at his house. We will need a generator for our 1<sup>st</sup> AutoX on April 11<sup>th</sup> and will the Alderman's make sure the PA Radio is charged and the batteries for the Radios tested.

George Alderman (Rally Chair) promoted our upcoming Bridges on the Brandywine Rally on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Immediately following our meeting, Jim Irons conducted our Rally School.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

### ***Property Custodian – Dave Mitchell***

Dave tells us that he is working on a slideshow compilation of BMC's archival photos and other interesting club data that will be scanned and digitized for a future club meeting program. If you have photos that represent our various activities, please contact Dave at [drm@boo.net](mailto:drm@boo.net).

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### ***The Hard Drive Garage***

Mark tells us that he is suffering from Spring Fever and has not be able to come up with this month's online horror. He promises to have something for us next month. It may even be better than this "classy" diesel Mercedes.



## Autocross Report – Duke Wilford



April 12<sup>th</sup> dawned warm, mild, and sunny –perfect autocross weather - and got nicer throughout the day. Unfortunately, our autocross season opener was on April 11<sup>th</sup>, a cool day plagued by Force 5 winds and intermittent clouds. At least it didn't rain, though it required a bunch of spare tires (and Jim Martin) to keep the tents down!

Despite the iffy weather, BMC hosted **68 cars** at Glasgow High School –an autocross attendance record, at least within my time as a club member. We were glad to see many new names on the roster, in addition to the familiar faces. Some of our new folks were novices, but others clearly had experience. BMC welcomes all autocrossers, first timers, and old hands.

This event marked the debut of our computer-based registration and scoring system, and like the weather, that did not go off without a hitch. Hardware communication problems delayed the start and interfered with the wifi-based live results. Of course, these issues didn't occur during our dry runs before the event. However, attendees were mostly patient as we worked through our teething pains. We have already taken steps to eliminate some of the hardware issues and improve reliability. We expect the live results to be available more promptly at the next autocross.

We are also making minor changes to the on-site check-in procedure that will speed the process. The goal is to provide a system that is robust and fail-safe without requiring a lot of redundant work. Toward this end, we will still have information cards, but in a reduced format from the previous version.

Having to enter or change a lot of driver data on site slows down the check-in process. Walkups and people with changes to their information will be directed to a second line, so that people who have preregistered correctly can simply grab their pre-printed card and head to Tech. **Therefore, as always, we strongly encourage you to preregister at motorsportreg.com.** Starting an account there is free, and since entry fees are not collected until the day of the event, preregistration is non-binding – you don't pay if you don't drive. **Also, please take some time to verify the accuracy of your preregistration information.** We had several people who showed up with changes to car type, number, or class, which required several adjustments to the final

results. We don't mind a few last-minute changes, but having correct information up front will vastly improve the efficiency and accuracy of the event results. **If you have any questions about car classing or other information, please don't hesitate to contact me before the event.**

Since I was a computer jockey for much of Autocross I, you will be spared my usual name-dropping blow-by-blow description of the event. It was great to see so many people on course, even if I got less face-to-helmet time with all of you. In place of the color commentary, you may have noted that our new system offers more detailed competition results – now, in addition to your class rank, you will find your rank overall (in raw time), and your PAX rank. The PAX index works like a golf handicap – raw times are adjusted by a multiplier that eliminates the differences between the various car classes. So, theoretically, the PAX result is a pure driver's competition – your PAX rank is approximately where you would have placed if everybody was driving the same car. Also, the new software allows us to run a season-long championship in each class and PAX as well! We'll start publishing leaderboard results in the near future so you can track your progress.

If you have any videos from Autocross I, please post them on YouTube so I can link them from BMC's channel. Alternatively, you can get them to me and I will upload them. Just search YouTube for Brandywine Motorsport Club to see past and current event videos. Pictures are always welcome on our club Facebook page as well.

Although we announced our Free Rally program at Autocross I, only ONE DRIVER (Hi, Ross) took advantage of that and came out to Rally I on April 25th. Let's see more autocrossers try their hand at road rally! We're so sure you'll like it that **your first rally is free** – no charge, on the house, gratis, comp, whatever you want to call it. Give it a try – at worst it's an interesting drive on fun roads with other car folks!

Feedback is appreciated (positive and negative), so please feel free to contact me at **BMCautox@gmail.com** with any questions or comments. Thanks!

*-Duke "Gotta Get To Drive" Wilford  
Autocross Chair*

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## BMC AUTOCROSS I – Glasgow HS Site – April 11, 2015

Class/ No.	Driver Name	Car Model	Best Time	Pax Rank	Class/ No.	Driver Name	Car Model	Best Time	Pax Rank
<b>SS</b>					<b>ASP</b>				
25	Scott Clapper	'07 Corvette	41.896	13	74	J.B. Krause	'12 Nissan 370Z	39.899	16
22	Mark Loch	'15 Porsche Cayman	.DNF	-	174	Kelli Scroger	'12 Nissan 370Z	42.270	45
<b>BS</b>					<b>BSP</b>				
4	Robert Hopkins	'08 Honda S2000	41.895	17	777	Gerry Caceres	'87 Mazda RX7	40.511	24
14	Robb Harman	'12 Subaru Sti	43.474	37	<b>CSP</b>				
34	Christoper Ramos	'15 Subaru WRX STI	43.737	39	163	Myles Hart	'13 Scion FR-S	44.569	56
30	Richard Wortmann	'14 BMW Z4	44.244	43	<b>STF</b>				
23	Jim Irons	'06 BMW Z4	46.028	53	97	Christophe Foster	'14 Honda Civic	44.518	33
<b>CS</b>					<b>STS</b>				
73	Alex Meramo	'14 Scion FRS	40.097	4	88	Domenick Zingo	'93 Honda Del Sol	47.882	58
108	Shawn Dewey	'13 Subaru BRZ	42.524	18	25	Grant Banning	'03 VW Golf GTI	47.916	59
31	Troy Hussey	'13 Subaru BRZ	49.730	62	<b>STR</b>				
<b>DS</b>					6	Nuri Heckrotte	'03 Toyota MR2	38.283	**1
185	Will McGowan	'15 Subaru WRX	40.038	3	711	David Hughes	'00 Mazda Miata	38.742	2
123	Dan McGowan	'15 Subaru WRX	40.286	5	9	Yingda Ye	'06 Mazda MX5	41.466	21
164	Michael Amos	'15 Subaru WRX	42.679	19	99	Josh Coello	'04 Nissan 350Z	41.955	27
<b>ES</b>					215	Justin Tuppeny	'07 Mazda MX5	42.699	36
33	Phil Worrell	'93 Toyota MR-2	43.580	29	12	Nick Robinson	'90 Mazda Miata	47.426	60
<b>FS</b>					<b>STX</b>				
26	David Connatser	'06 BMW 325i	41.618	8	128	Morgan Krause	'13 Scion FR-S	40.062	7
50	Ross Causey	'04 Ford Crown Vic	45.017	42	40	Jason Johnston	'89 Nissan 240SX	40.611	9
177	Joe Shelton 1	'85 Camaro Z28	46.349	49	15	Miles Schneese	'14 Subaru BRZ	41.079	14
444	Rebecca Saville'	13 Hyundai Genesis	48.613	57	101	Arren Asuncion	'13 Subaru BRZ	41.705	20
95	John Roman	'11 Camaro 1LT	50.128	63	41	Michael Fouler	'14 Scion FR-S	42.018	22
1444	Tom Saville	'13 Hyundai Genesis	50.887	44	18	Carlos Marcano	'14 Subaru BRZ	45.185	50
<b>GS</b>					<b>STU</b>				
48	Philip Kunz	'11 Subaru Impreza	42.106	11	731	James Nelson	'04 Subaru WRX STi	39.246	6
80	Joel Wean	'10 Mazdaspeed3	43.410	26	77	Marti Williams	'02 BMW M3	43.904	48
16	Elizabeth Wilford	'02 Subaru Impreza	43.891	31	<b>SMF</b>				
46	Michael Redmond	'13 Volkswagen GTI	45.069	41	17	Tyler Donnelly	'98 Hyundai Tiburon	39.698	10
93	Justin Godin	'02 Saab 9-3 SE	46.715	52	87	Matt Collins	'08 VW Rabbit 2.5	40.140	15
42	Dave Redmond	'13 Volkswagen GTI	61.715	66	<b>SM</b>				
<b>HS</b>					51	Josh Nash	'95 Honda Civic	39.229	13
113	Tyler Stevens	'98 Mitsubishi 3000gt	44.321	30	999	Travis Whiteside	'96 Subaru Impreza	40.168	23
71	Christian Maasen	'96 Honda Civic	45.372	38	44	Michael Katsimbris	'99 Subaru Impreza	40.438	28
21	Kyle Naples	'05 Subaru Legacy	46.374	47	27	Alexander Cabinian	'09 VW GTI	41.008	34
1	Margaret DiBianca	'11 M-B SL550	49.966	61	144	Bryan DiSanto	'99 Subaru Impreza	41.009	35
171	Elijah Maasen	'96 Honda Civic	52.451	65	100	William Butz	'13 Subaru WRX	42.311	46
2	Kevin Dunn	'1 M-B SL550	.DNF	-	20	Walt Jones	'94 GMC Sonoma	44.066	54
<b>CSC</b>					<b>DM</b>				
43	Frank Adkins	'65 Plymouth Valiant	45.237	44	68	Paul Alderman	'09 Caterham S 7	<b>*37.100</b>	12
66	Lou Spinelli	'66 AC Cobra	46.561	51	168	Shawn Dewey	'09 Caterham S 7	38.599	32
166	Erik Marcin	'66 Cobra AC	47.481	55	7	John Williams	'07 Ariel Atom	39.429	40

\*Fastest Time of the Day

\*\*Fastest Pax Index (See Duke's Autocross Report)



# AUTOCROSS II

## Brandywine Motorsport Club

### SATURDAY May 16, 2015



**Glasgow High School • Route 896 • Glasgow, DE 19702**

Right at 3rd traffic light north of Rte 40

Left at 2nd traffic light south of I-95

**Setup begins @ 8:00 AM**

**Registration 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM**



**Entry Fee: \$30**  
**(BMC Club Members: \$25)**  
**Trophies awarded by Class**



- **NO OPEN EXHAUST – Effective muffler required.**
- Approved helmet, seatbelts, and valid drivers license required.
- Loaner helmets will be available.
- Vehicles must pass safety and technical inspection.
- *All contestants, workers, and guests must sign a release and waiver of liability.*
- **Minimum age of 18 years for Drivers.**  
Parent/guardian signatures required for those in attendance under 18.
- **All cars are welcome to compete.** Common Autocross Rules and Classifications will generally be followed. We reserve the right to modify/interpret these rules to suit the spirit of the competition.
- **Classic Street Car Class for generally stock pre-1978 cars.**

**Pre-Register Online and Reserve your Car Number at:**

**[www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com)**

**Free & easy online pre-registration provides faster check-in at the event.**

**No online payment required.**

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**You can also pre-register by contacting:**

**Duke Wilford at [BMCAutox@gmail.com](mailto:BMCAutox@gmail.com) or 302-528-0612**