



# THE GASLINE

**Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.**

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

**June 2015**

## **BMC CLUB MEETING**

**Hunters Den Restaurant, 3517 Old Capitol Trail, Wilmington, Dela.  
Tuesday, June 2nd – Meet & Greet @ 6:30, Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.**

## **BMC SUMMER SOLSTICE SCAVENGER RALLY**

**Saturday June 20th – Lantana Square, Hockessin, Dela.**

## **BMC AUTOCROSS III**

**SUNDAY June 28th – Glasgow High School Site**

### **Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman**



Well, here we are, half way through the year and a few events done on the schedule. Last week was another fun time at Glasgow High School for Autocross 2, and I was able to bring out my '66 Mustang for the event.

Thanks to Nuri and David for the course setup, we appreciate your help with the event. The course layout did give me a little trouble, with the longer corners it became more important to control wheel spin. The Mustang and the Caterham both made me wish for a some type of locking differential. When the secondaries opened the Mustang really lit up the inside tire. I should have gotten the camera on the car, the sound and sights would have made a neat video. Well the new rear is on the top of the list, I'm just not sure when it will get crossed off the list.

Our next event will be the Summer Solstice Rally, on June 20th, and I would encourage everyone to sign up, and come have some fun. Don't forget, you can come for free if you have never run a rally. We also have Autocross 3 on the 28th with the addition of the folks coming from the Mini Meet down in Maryland.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday the 2nd, come and join us for some fun, food and fellowship at the Hunters Den restaurant. See you there.

*Looking for traction,  
Paul*

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



Saturday June 20th is the next BMC Rally, "The Summer Solstice Scavenger Road Rally". Rallymaster Jim Martin, with assistance from Dave Mitchell, has been busy taking photos along the rally route; the scavenger part of the rally is to identify what is missing from the photos while you enjoy driving on the roads around the White Clay and Big Elk Creek Watersheds. It sounds like good way to spend Saturday afternoon so let's have a good turnout of BMC members, and don't forget that there is no entry fee for first timers.

*George*

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

Congratulations to all the new club members!

Join us on June 20 for our next Road Rally through scenic DE, MD and PA and our June 28 Autocross event! You are also invited to attend our monthly meetings at the Hunter's Den Resturant the first Tuesday of the month.

Check your inbox for new member information or grab a new member packet at the next event.

*Keep on cruising ~  
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)

## Secretary's Report - Jim Martin

The 5<sup>th</sup> of May, 2015 meeting was held at the Hunter's Den Restaurant. The turnout was 20 members and 2 guests, thanks to all that showed up. The meeting was called to order by Paul Alderman at 7:35 PM.

Our end of the April finances are \$6,581.57; our membership is 69 members for 2015, please renew your membership.

Duke Wilford (AutoX Chair) talked about our first AutoX of the season. We had 68 people show up, which is a new record (recent history) for our Club; we have not seen a number this high since the 80's. This was also our first AutoX with the new electronic equipment. We had some equipment issues that will be resolved by the next AutoX. We are implementing new procedures to speed up the registration process. South Jersey SCCA approached us to see if we wanted to co-run a 2 day AutoX in July at Atlantic City. We decided to turn down the offer due to distance and costs. Also, *Mini Meet East* which is planning on having a Car Show in St. Michaels, MD has asked to participate at our June AutoX. As a result, we moved our date to Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. We invite everyone that wants to attend. We had a lively conversation about the number of off courses that are being experienced and can we use arrows or something else to better mark the gates. Duke said that the AutoX committee would be working on this in time for the next

event. It was also mentioned that we should have more people trained in the new software scoring system (Duke scheduled a training session that was attended by one outside the family member).

George Alderman (Rally Chair) talked about the first Rally of the season (Bridges over the Brandywine) and the fun everyone had. Our next Rally will be held June 20<sup>th</sup> and the Rally Master will be Jim Martin (No pressure). It will be called the Summer Solstice Scavenger Road Rally. Details are on our website. Please come and wish me luck on my first Rally as Rally Master, positive feedback only.

Anita Steward (Membership Chair) suggested that we have copies of our Event Flyers to hand out at other events to encourage people to come to our events. Flyers will be made available on our website and can be printed out for circulation.

Dave Mitchell (Property Chair) gave a brief update on his search for porcelain Car Badges like we had back in the 60's. Let Dave know if you are interested.

Dave Back gave a Race Report on Shawn Dewey's Racing, more to follow in future Gaslines.

Bob Turner also gave an update on the Safe Driving Program, more to follow in future Gaslines.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

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## Autocross Report – Duke Wilford



Enjoying much better weather than our season opener, a previous-record-shattering **75 cars** came to Glasgow High School for Autocross II on 16 May. Well, OK, maybe “shattering” is overstating the case a little. However, we have enjoyed steady attendance growth and we are currently about double our average attendance from 5 years ago. It is good to see the Club’s revitalization continuing to accelerate!

The course appeared to be fast and open, though we were still plagued by some off-course runs. However, it seemed to be a little easier to follow and definitely fun to drive. Many thanks to Nuri Heckrotte and David Hughes for feedback on the initial design, and for showing up early to lay it out and check drivability. Our 75 cars managed 445 runs throughout the day, for 6 competition runs each. I know David was hoping for more – maybe next time.

We are refining our check-in procedure with each event, and at the May event we processed about 50 preregistrants and 25 walkups. Registration seemed to move pretty smoothly and we were off to a much earlier start on course than at our first event. Administration will get better with each passing event as we work out system bugs and get more practiced with the new system. It also helped that so many people contacted me ahead of time to work out questions concerning car classes, etc. rather than waiting to do so at the event.

**As always, we strongly encourage you to preregister at motorsportreg.com. Accurate preregistration really speeds up the on-site check-in process.** 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. We have started basic accounts for everybody who has autocrossed with us this year, so please go to motorsportreg.com and search for your email address to create a username and password.

As our events grow in attendance, we are getting shorthanded under the timing tent. David Hughes and Will McGowan (I think it was Will – Dan, if it was you, sorry) stepped into the breach by taking turns as Starter so I could manage the scoring, and both did an excellent job. At the moment we are operating with very few backup personnel, which places a lot of load on a few volunteers. On a more personal note, I would like to be able to drive one of these days, too. **We are soliciting dedicated volunteers to help run the scoring system as a permanent work assignment.** So if you are interested in a staff position under the tent instead of shagging cones on course, please contact me!

If you have any videos from Autocross I or II, 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.

Our next Autocross, AxIII, is on **Sunday, June 28** at Glasgow High School. Please note the “Sunday” part as we have adjusted the date to coincide with Mini Meet East. We will have a special “Minis Only” class as well as some Minis (and MINIs) in the open classes. We’re looking forward to introducing a new batch of car enthusiasts to our favorite motorsport.

BMC is continuing our Free Rally program, with our next rally event on June 20th. We want more autocrossers to branch out into road rally! We’re so sure you’ll like it that **your first rally is free.** It looks to be a fun one - details on our next Rally are posted elsewhere in this newsletter.

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

*-Duke “Soon... So soon” Wilford  
Autocross Chair*

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*Editor’s Note: Autocross II Results were sent separately with this Gasline. Full run-by-run results are available on the BMC website: <http://www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org>*

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## Property Custodian – Dave Mitchell

Our property remains static at this writing. Recent upgrades have brought our club current with today’s standards in terms of timing, scoring, etc. That being noted, there are still many low tech items that are required to properly gather new participant data, vehicle inspections as well as the laying out of the course for these events. There seems to be a core group in every organization that shoulders this burden, and somehow, still enjoy themselves at these events. This group of stalwarts deserves to have others involved to provide relief and support to improve efficiencies and to allow

them to get out of there at a reasonable time. Frankly, I have only attended two autocross events in my almost two year history with the club. I plan on changing that, and will be at future events to assist. Please consider this a “Call To Arms” to provide support to the club, check your calendars and commit to at least one event this season and more than likely you will enjoy it enough to attend others.

*Until next issue,  
Dave M.*



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# **Summer Solstice Scavenger Road Rally**

**Saturday, June 20, 2015**

This Rally is about 50 miles long and should take 2 hours to complete. It covers roads and bridges around the The White Clay and Big Elk Watersheds.

The finish at the Redfire Grill & Steakhouse will be setup for our group, where you can order off the menu.

**Start Location:** Lantana Square – Valley Road & Limestone Road (Rte 7), Entrance off Valley Road.

**Registration:** 12 PM in the parking lot across from M & T Bank.

**Start:** 1 PM plus your car number.

**Finish:** Redfire Grill & Steakhouse, Lantana Square Shopping Center, Hockessin, DE (302)235-2600.

**Cost:** Free to anyone who has not run a rally, Otherwise \$10/car at Registration.

Trophies will be awarded for Novice and Experienced classes.

**Please R.S.V.P.** by June 18<sup>th</sup> to [jjpmartymar@aol.com](mailto:jjpmartymar@aol.com) 610-274-3193 so we can plan with the restaurant and have enough route instructions.



# AUTOCROSS III

## Brandywine Motorsport Club

### SUNDAY June 28, 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 preregistration 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**