



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org

August 2015

BMC CLUB MEETING

**Hunters Den Restaurant, 3517 Old Capitol Trail, Wilmington, Dela.
Tuesday, August 4th – Meet & Greet @ 6:30, Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.**

BMC AUTOCROSS V

Saturday August 15th – Glasgow High School Site

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



Well, the summer has been blazing along, and it made my decision of what vehicle to drive for the autocross, harder. The Mustang that I ran a couple events ago needs a positraction rear, but, it also needs air conditioning. Which to get first...

We brought out our '79 Midget to give it some exercise, but it also has a tire problem - the tires are tall and narrow. Proving the point that smooth is fast, the harder I drove the car the slower it went, and the times showed it. I even took out a cone in one of the boxes because it would not turn. The end result.. 2nd in classic street car, and it would have been 3rd in HS just behind Lou's Chevy Volt. The next car to bring out might be the Lotus Europa, It would run either CS or Classic. Maybe it's time to bring it out again...

Come on out to the next meeting on August 4th at the Hunters Den. Tell me what you think - should I bring it out? What class should I be in? See you on the 4th.

*Pondering....
Paul*

Property Report – Dave Mitchell

There is not too much to report in this issue except for the latest addition of a set of ten (10) handheld communicators for use primarily at the AutoX events, which have been totally self supporting and enhanced by the well thought out and carefully selected upgrades over the last two seasons.

*Until next issue,
Dave Mitchell*

Rally Chair - George Alderman



There is no rally for the month of August, but don't forget to mark your calendar for our September rally on Sunday afternoon the 27th. Let's show Jim Irons that BMC members will support our rallies by having a great turnout for his "Dealers Choice Rally".
George

Dealer's Choice Rally

I rescheduled BMC's next road rally to Sunday, September 27th to see if a post-Labor Day, after-church (or hangover) rally might draw a few more entries than we've been getting recently. This rally gives a choice of a fun, easy tour class or a traditional time-speed-distance style. Check out the flyer in this Gasline.

Jim Irons

Membership Chair – Anita Steward

Have you received your membership packet and cool BMC Logo sticker for your car yet? They are available at all BMC events and monthly dinner meetings. Stop by and see me for yours!

Do you belong to another car club? BMC membership would like to know which one you are involved with! Shoot me an email or stop by and let me know at the next BMC event.

*Keep on cruising!
Anita — neats1102@yahoo.com*

BMC Online

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

Autocross Report – Duke Wilford



Weather, drivers, volunteers, and equipment all cooperated to make AxIV one of our smoothest events to date! Saturday, 25 July came at the end of a beautiful sunny week, so the Glasgow HS lot was dry and the surface was as good as it will get until they pass a referendum... Although temperatures were in the upper 80s, humidity and wind were low. All in all it was a near-perfect day for autocross.

This event marked our first with an attendance cap of 75. We sold out all 75 preregistrations before the event and had a short waitlist. There were some no-shows, unfortunately, but that is typical. We were able to accommodate our waitlist folks plus a few walkup entrants. We're making minor adjustments to the preregistration to allow for the usual no-shows. However, if you know in advance that you can't make an event, please go on motorsportreg.com and cancel your preregistration. That will open a slot for someone who can be there.

Because the event was fully preregistered, check-in was smooth and efficient using our new T&S system. Thanks to Maryanne, Allegheny, Elizabeth, Paul, Seth, and everyone else who helped process drivers and spectators. Also thanks to Nuri and David for setting up the course bright and early on Saturday morning.

All this efficiency meant that we returned to having 6 competition runs for the day. With an early finish, about 20 or 25 drivers also took a couple fun runs before the cones were put away. Thanks to David for lending me his car during the encore – those were the first laps I've driven this year, and in a Miata, no less. I had hoped to bring my own Miata, but last-minute mechanical problems kept it out of the grid.

Although we didn't have as many guests as last event, there were still plenty of new faces and new cars around. Lou Montella made his first BMC event this year in a red MR-S, replacing his classic MR-2. With the Caterham still under the weather, Paul Alderman drove a period-correct and stock '79 MG Midget. Chris Drabouski, a first-timer with BMC but clearly an experienced driver, showed up in a shiny new AMG Mercedes. The big white luxury car proved to be astonishingly quick, coming within a second of FTD and taking 3rd overall! Lou Spinelli lent his '66 Cobra to Erik Marcin (now *there's* trust for you) and opted to drive his Chevy Volt. George Alderman came out of autocross retirement to challenge Lou's electric car with his blue Toyota Prius in H Street. Maybe we need a new hybrid class?

David Hughes's blue Miata wins the Car of the Day award – it was driven in STR competition by David, Nuri Heckrotte, and Gerry Caceres, using as many combinations of 1s and 7s as they could tape on the side of it. Yours truly even got a few passes in it during the

fun runs.

David ended up taking Fastest Time of the Day in his STR Miata, with a blistering 44.207 on his final run, followed closely by Nuri at 44.425 in the same car. Chris's white AMG posted a fast 44.989 – the only other car to dip into the 44s!

PAX told a slightly different story. Fastest Index Time of the Day was claimed by Lou Montella in his red MR-S, with an adjusted 36.932. He was followed by Steve Berrodin in a Toybaru Frizbee at 37.005 (index) and David Hughes with a 37.045 (index).

Look for our Class and PAX Championship standings to be posted at www.brandywinemotorsportclub.com. We'll be tracking multi-event results there, and will drop everybody's lowest score from the standings. That will show us who is consistently top of their class, and who gets Best PAX bragging rights at the end of the season.

Our next event, Autocross V, is scheduled for 15 August at Glasgow HS. We are still in good standing with the school district, but please remain courteous and sympathetic to the neighbors when arriving at and departing from our events. So we don't wear out our welcome, we are always looking for alternate venues! If you have any ideas or contacts with access to a large, open lot, please let me know. Scout around on your Sunday drives or weekly errands. Please keep your eyes and ears open!

At our July Club meeting, there was strong discussion about hosting the season finale at Dover Speedway. This event represents a substantial cost to the Club, because of increased lot rent and insurance requirements. We definitely hope to have AxVI at Dover because it offers a premier venue and attracts many drivers. Please consider coming to our next Club meeting (4 August at Hunter's Den near Price's Corner) and voicing your support for the Dover option.

Speaking of support, we've seen a number of regulars playing a larger role in running the events. The more trained people we have on site, the more smoothly our autocrosses go. If you would like to be involved and are interested in a specific staff position instead of shagging cones, please let me know before the next event, or during check-in.

Feedback is always appreciated, so please feel free to contact me at BMCautox@gmail.com with any questions, comments, or suggestions. You can also post on our Facebook page or the Club's website. Thanks!

-Duke "Maybe Next Time" Wilford

Editor's Note: Autocross IV Results were sent separately with this Gasline, and are available on the BMC website: <http://www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org>

Secretary's Report - Jim Martin

The 7th of July, 2015 meeting was held at the Hunter's Den Restaurant. The turnout was 17 members, thanks to all that showed up. The meeting was called to order by Paul Alderman at 7:40 PM.

Treasurer's Report (Willis Weldin) - At the end of June, our finances were \$10,567.53 (\$8,361.38, end of May). This amount is a new high for our Club, which is a direct result of our AutoX Program. This balance includes the \$5,000 spent on new equipment.

Membership Report (Anita Steward) – At the end of June, our membership has grown from 94 members in May to 102 members. Last year at this time we were at 89 members. This can be tied to our renewed focus on growing the Club.

AutoX Report (Duke Wilford) – Our 3rd AutoX of the Season saw the attendance grow to 95 drivers. Last year at this time we had 56 drivers registered for the Glasgow Site. This is a result of a strong recruiting effort leading to **The Reisentöter Region PCA and Mini Meet East** Drivers attending our Event. Thanks go out to those Clubs for checking us out.

Up to this point, drivers have been able to get 6 runs in for the day; we were only able to get 5 runs in at this AutoX. As a result, we are going to limit our event to 75 cars for the Glasgow site. We had several problems surface that revolved around Track Safety:

- 2 spin outs leading to damage
- Track Workers not wearing their safety vests and not paying attention

We also had complaints from neighbors about the noise level of some cars. It should be pointed out that we lost the use of this site for over 10 years because of neighbor complaints.

We are looking at getting improved track radios and more safety vests. We also want to keep searching for at least one more site at least the size of Glasgow to provide variety for the attendees.

Our 4th AutoX of the season will be at the Glasgow site on Saturday, July 25th.

Rally Report (George Alderman) – Jim Martin reported on our 2nd Rally of the Season. We had 6 teams participate in the Rally. We will probably use the same route for the Braille Rally (Sunday, 10/18).

Jim Irons, Rally Master for our 3rd Rally, reported that his event will be called Dealer's Choice Rally and is rescheduled to Sunday, 9/27. Entrants can chose between an Easy Tour Class or an Experienced Class (more competitive TSD).

A discussion was held on how to grab more attention to our Rally Program. Contacting people that are interested in Geocaching was mentioned as a place to start. It was suggested that we look at Ingress Apps as something to incorporate into our Rally Program. We need more ideas so we can expand our Rally Program.

Property Report (Dave Mitchell) – We need to get a better quality battery for our track radios. That led to a discussion on getting better radios (need about 12). Also, we talked about ordering more BMC stickers to hand out at our events. "Hoopy Do Signs" ran off 40 of them (at no charge) and said they can provide them for 50 cents apiece (need some that we can reverse mount in windows. We have been approached by several companies that are interested in advertising with us. There was no update porcelain car badges research.

Street Survival (Bob Turner) - He reported on Street Survival program that is sponsored by Tire Rack and the SCCA. The Dover Air Base is interested in this program and wants to stage one on Base for Air Force Personnel. He said it would be a good way to introduce the Base to Autocrossing and other Club activities. To put the program on, he will need a number of experienced autocrossers.

Editor (Jim Irons) – Reminded everyone that all articles for the next newsletter need to be forwarded to him no later than Tuesday, July 28th (the Tuesday prior to our Monthly Meeting).

Chair (Paul Alderman) – Paul reminded everyone that we will be reviewing the Club's By-Laws via email over the coming month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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AUTOCROSS V

Brandywine Motorsport Club

Saturday, August 15, 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.**

Note: BMC events at Glasgow High School are limited to 75 drivers.

We recommend preregistering online to reserve your entry.

Walkup registrations may be available at the event, but are not guaranteed.

Preregister Online and Reserve your Car Number at:

www.motorsportreg.com

Free & easy online preregistration provides faster check-in at the event.

No online payment required.

You can also preregister by contacting:

Duke Wilford at BMCAutox@gmail.com or 302-528-0612



Brandywine Motorsport Club
Dealer's Choice Rally

Sunday, September 27th, 2015

Dealer's Choice is a low pressure road rally of about fifty miles on paved country roads in Delaware, Southeastern Pennsylvania, and Cecil County, Maryland. Two separate rally classes are available, you choose which one you wish to run. Both classes have very straightforward written instructions designed to keep you on course and enjoy the drive.

Choose Your Class:

E-Z Tour: One average speed, mileages to most instructions, timing in seconds. Plus answer questions along the route for extra points.

Perfect for Novices - separate Novice class if entries permit.

Classic TSD: More challenging time-speed-distance rally for experienced rallyists. No equipment restrictions.

Trophies: Vintage BMC Armetale Pewter Mug Trophies for Class winners

Start Location:

Newark Park & Ride Lot, Intersection of Routes 896 and 4 in Newark, Dela.

Registration opens at 12 Noon

First car off @ 1:00 PM plus car number

Finish: Matilda's Restaurant, Rte 896, Newark, DE

Cost: Just \$10 per Car (First-Time Rallyists Free)

Rallymaster: Jim Irons @ jimsz4@verizon.net

Email the rallymaster to get an advance emailed copy of the General Instructions (Rally rules and details.)