



# THE GASLINE

**Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.**

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

May 2016

## THIS MONTH'S MEETING LOCATION:



4931 Kirkwood Highway (Rte 2), Wilmington, Dela. 19808

<http://www.cafenapolidelaware.com/default.aspx>

Tuesday, May 3rd– Meet, Greet, & Eat @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.

### BMC Autocross II

Saturday, May 14th. Glasgow High School, (see flyer)

### BMC Observational Tour Rally

Sunday, May 22nd, Greenville Dela. (see flyer)

#### Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



Well now we are getting into the season. The first Autocross was a big success, with over 80 entries. Thanks to Duke and all the Autocross committee for the hard work. Make sure you sign up ahead of time for the next one, on May 14th.

We also have the May 22nd rally on MotorsportReg.com, so sign up and come out and have some fun. The rally will be a fun scavenger hunt, find the clues, and answer questions. No timing and no math necessary.

Thanks to everyone who renewed their membership, our numbers are growing. Jim, Dave, Anita, and Lou were in Hockessin for the AACA show and promoted the club. Thanks for helping spread the word about our club.

I would like to break a record for meeting attendance, so come on out next week on the 3<sup>rd</sup> to Café Napoli on Kirkwood Highway for the monthly meeting. Good food and company with other car nuts. See you there.

Paul

#### Membership Chair – Anita Steward

It was fantastic to see all of you at the first Autocross event as well as bringing your friends to join our club. Welcome all renewing and new members!!

BMC attended the Brandywine Region AACA Swap Meet on Sunday, April 17. We had a drawing at our booth for a FREE membership for 2016! Congratulations to Steve Geist! Thank you for all the BMC members who stopped by to say hello. Look for us at an upcoming car events and say hello.



Still need to renew your membership? You can renew at anyone of our meetings, events or by mail:  
P.O. Box 5517, Newark, DE 19714

Feel free to bring your membership renewal to a meeting or one of our events!

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)

## Autocross Chair – Duke Wilford



Our season-opener event went off beautifully on Saturday, 16 April. As always, I began obsessing over the forecast with the help of at least 4 different weather apps as soon as the 10-day projections started coming online.

Unlike last year, this year April cooperated with us and the day was even milder than predicted.

David Hughes and Nuri Heckrotte conspired to set up a solid, flowing course for us, mixing slaloms with faster and slower turn complexes. Most runs were in low-to-mid 40s. Cone hits and off-course excursions were not excessive, though yours truly definitely had an “oh, heck, where to now?” moment on my first pass, prompting a lockup and some reversing.

Kenny Houseal and his STX Frizbee set the bar pretty low right from the outset, with a series of low-40-second runs while others were still in the 44s and 45s. David Hughes was also in the hunt right from the start in his STR Miata, along with Bryan DiSanto in the SM Impreza. Hot shoe Paul Alderman brought the Classic Street Car Mustang rather than the Caterham, so his quest for FTD was left back at the shop. Regular front-runner Nuri debuted his V8-swapped “600SX” and had a lot of fun, but wasn’t able to get the power down enough to find a Top 10 time.

A number of drivers all dipped into the 40s throughout the day, leaving FTD an open question until very near the end. But on his last pass, David Hughes reached down deep and pulled out an incredibly smooth and quick 39.407, winning FTD by more than half a second. David’s run was the only sub-40 time all day. Congratulations, David! You beat me handily from at least 3 classes below – if you turbocharge that thing, I won’t stand a chance in SSM.

PAX win went to Alex Meramo in his C Street Frizbee, with an indexed time of 32.743 (40.225 raw), followed by David Hughes with an indexed 33.023 (39.407 raw) in STR.

*(Editor Note: Complete results are attached with this Gasline, and are posted on the BMC Website.)*

Preregistration for this event sold out almost 10 days before the event, putting us on a wait-list status. As anticipated, there were a number of no-shows, which meant that we were able to accommodate all the wait-listers who showed up, plus some walkup entries. All told, we had 83 drivers in the event – 49 existing / renewed / joined members, and 34 non-members. It was great to see so many returning regulars along with a bunch of new faces. Word seems to be getting out about our club!

Preregistration is currently non-binding, and we overbook slightly to accommodate the expected number of no-shows. A number of preregistrants were courteous enough to cancel their registrations ahead of time, so we could confirm slots for some wait-listers. So far, this arrangement is working out. However, if we find that no-shows become a significant issue, we may go to a pre-pay, committed preregistration system.

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 and videos are always welcome on our club Facebook page as well.

As announced at the drivers meeting, for 2016, BMC has made ALL our road rallies 100% free! There is a rally coming up in May – details are available in this newsletter and at the club website, and the event will be available for preregistration at MSR soon. So come out and try road rallying – it’s a great way to enjoy a drive through some great scenic back roads.

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

*-Duke “Back In The Saddle Again” Wilford  
Autocross Chair*

## Rally Chair - George Alderman



“Good News!” At our April meeting we voted to eliminate entry fees for rallies this year, so delete the five dollar charge on last month’s rally.

Willis Weldin’s “Observational Tour” rally will be on Sunday, May 22nd. The rally roads will be some of Willis’s favorite roads from some of his other rallies, but there are 32 questions to answer with 20 full color photos to look for. ***There is no timing or average speed to maintain, just take it easy and look sharp.*** See the flyer in this newsletter and send me an email.

*George*



## Mark Haas Passing

Submitted by Wayne Elvin

To BMC Rally Friends and those who knew Mark Haas through the SCCA and BMC Rallies:

Mark Haas died suddenly while biking with his older brother and friends on Monday, April 18th.

I was in shock and sadness when I learned of Mark's passing. Mark was an avid cyclist, probably more active in that endeavor than Rallying, as he racked up many miles.

Mark was one of the Rallymasters (along with Clyde Heckler) for the *Second Annual W. David Teter March Lamb National Rally* April 9th; Jim Wakemen was Rallymaster for the March Lion on April 10th. Mark competed in BMC rallies for a number of years, as well as other regional events, and was very active with SCCA - South Jersey Region.

I worked again on this year's events, pre-checking the course as Navigator with Mark on Saturday April 2nd, and again Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th as lead / pre-sweep car #0 with Mark for the Lamb National and again Sunday with Jim Wakemen for the Regional.

Having spent two enjoyable Rally days in his Mazda 3, learning about his Biking and Rally experiences, his death has hit me hard. I did not know Mark that well, except as a friendly and excellent Rally competitor over the years. He has been active on the SCCA Rally scene, and every year that I helped Dave Teter with the *March Lamb*, he volunteered to assist and help with scoring, as well as regularly running as an entrant.

As early as 1981, Mark won the Course Rally Rookie of the Year National Championship. He was an annual championship winner in the SCCA National Road Rally Series each year from 2007 through 2015 in National and Divisional Course and Tour events. He won dual Championships some years in both Course and Tour Rally competition. He progressed from Senior & Expert to Master, finishing 1st in Class S in 2015. He achieved the rank of Master with 148 lifetime Rally Championship points.

Mark Haas' funeral was held on Saturday, April 23rd in Glenside PA.

Wayne Elvin

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## Secretary's Report - Jim Martin

The 6<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016 meeting was held at Café Napoli; the turnout was over 22 members. The Executive Board was represented in full. The meeting was called to order by the Club Chair, Paul Alderman at 7:13 PM

**Treasurer's Report** (Richard Wortmann) - At the end of March our finances were \$10,301.90. Checking account signatures are now current. All legal filings are current. We are waiting for our annual insurance bill.

Our new Club address is: Brandywine Motorsport Club, PO Box 5517, Newark, DE 19714

**Membership Report** (Anita Steward) – **Don't forget to renew your 2016 membership.** We now have 55 members that are current. You will find a copy of the application on our web site.

**AutoX Report** (Duke Wilford) – As a Club, we contributed \$500 to Christiana High School in recognition of their support of our Autocross Program. We bought a new Honda 1600-watt generator; we need a new tent that is wind resistant.

Keep in mind that we are still looking for back up spaces where we can hold AutoX's. Please let Duke know of other options.

**Rally Report** (George Alderman) – Our next Rally is set for Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will be an Observational Tour; a test of your observational skills rather than timing and mathematical abilities. There are no average speeds, no set distances, no specific course to follow, and no timing calculations other than you will have 3 hours to cover about 45 miles. Registration is 12:30 PM and will start at the large "Greenville Center" sign at the intersection of Kennett Pike (Rt. 52). We are optimistic and limiting the event to 20 cars. There will be no charge.

It was proposed by Duke Wilford and seconded that there will be no charge for Rally Events during the 2016<sup>th</sup> season. All those in attendance voted in favor of this proposal.

**Property Report** (Dave Mitchell) – No report.

**Editor** (Jim Irons) – Reminded everyone that articles for the next newsletter need to be forwarded to him no later than Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> (the Tuesday prior to our Monthly Meeting).

### Other Reports:

• *Track Night 2016: New Jersey* - April 27 <http://www.tracknightinamerica.com/events/1982996-track-night-2016-new-jersey-april-27>

• *Street Survival Course* – The program is expanding, they are negotiating with Frawley Stadium and will need trainers.

**Chair** (Paul Alderman) – In our quest to encourage more involvement by our membership, we are going to be moving our Monthly Meeting around to see which location works best for people. Our May Meeting will be held at: Cafe Napoli, 4391 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

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# Brandywine Motorsport Club Observational Tour Rally

Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
1:30 PM



This event is unlike our traditional rallies. We've called it an Observational Tour because it will test your powers of observation rather than your timing and mathematical abilities. There are no average speeds, no set distances, no specific course to follow, and no timing calculations. The only time involved is the amount of time you have to complete the event. The suggested course to follow is approximately 45 miles and you will have 3 hours to complete it.

Along the way you will be asked to answer a number of questions related to your travels. Some of the questions will be pictorial, others will involve filling in the blanks, and some counting certain items.

Scoring will be based on the answers you provide to the questions, plus there are several tie breaking questions that will only be used for ties.

The event will start at the large "Greenville Center" sign at the intersection of Kennett Pike (RT 52) and Buck Rd. in Greenville, Delaware.

Registration will open at 12:30 PM and the questions and suggested course documents will be handed out at 1:15 PM. Cars may leave at 1:30PM.

The finish will be at the *Brandywine Brewing Company* approximately ½ mile from the start.

*This event is limited to 20 cars so please send an email to George Alderman at: [galderman32@comcast.net](mailto:galderman32@comcast.net), or register at [MotorsportReg.com](http://MotorsportReg.com) if you plan to participate.*

**NOTE:** *There is NO entry fee for this rally.*

Please plan to come to this event as the suggested course is very easy to follow. Bring your family and everyone can help looking for the answers.

*Willis Weldin*

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# AUTOCROSS II

## Brandywine Motorsport Club

### Saturday, May 14, 2016



**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](http://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](mailto:BMCAutox@gmail.com) or 302-528-0612**