



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org

February 2017

BMC Club Meeting

6 Paupers Tavern & Restaurant, 7465 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE 19707

<http://www.sixpaupers.com>

Tuesday, February 7th – Greet & Eat @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



Here we go into another year still playing with cars. I hope to have a quote from the insurance company so we can have an idea on costs and finalize the schedule for the year. This will give us better coverage for the events, officers, and even spectators.

We will be heading up to the 3 Dog Garage this Saturday, Feb 4th so hopefully you have signed up. This is a nice drive and the collection is a wide range of hot rods and sports cars from various years.

Pete Booker and his wife Susan will be speaking at our monthly meeting about the Smart Drive Foundation. This foundation helps teens become more responsible drivers and passengers. Come on out and learn more about this great program.

Remember the new meeting location at 6 Paupers Tavern on Rt 41 in Hockessin. Come join us for food and fellowship. See you there.

Paul

Membership - Anita Steward

Join us at one of our meetings or upcoming events. It's that time of the year for renewals. Just a reminder, we are accepting credit cards, checks and cash for memberships.

See you at the next meeting!

Anita

Rally - George Alderman



Nothing happening in February, but hoping to have a rally happening in March.

George

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)

Drifting – Matt Burris



Hello Everyone,

I would like to take the time to introduce myself. My name is Matthew Burris and I'm the new Chair for the newly formed Drifting portion of BMC. I started my motorsports hobby a few years ago with autocrossing, and then slowly found my way into drifting. I'm very passionate about driving and growing the local car community. I look forward to meeting all of you soon.

So, now on to business. Our trial event last September went off with only a few hiccups and was a huge success for both the club and the local drift community. We filled our 20 driver cap within the first 48 hours and, as of January, the First State Drift Facebook page has over 120 likes. I'm looking forward to announcing a full schedule for this season in the coming weeks. I would also like to thank everyone who helped make this possible. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at mtburris@gmail.com.

Thanks,

Matthew Burris, BMC Drift Chair

Autocross – Duke Wilford



Hello to all motorsports types out there! We're halfway through the off-season, and it's time to start gearing up for spring. Although not finalized, below is our tentative autocross schedule for 2017. We're looking forward to opportunities to cooperate with our new Drift Program to create a fun roster of events this year.

22 April – Autocross I at Glasgow HS

20 May – Autocross II at Glasgow HS

17 June – Autocross III at location TBD

22 July – Autocross IV at Glasgow HS

12 August – Autocross V at Glasgow HS

09 September – Autocross VI at Dover Speedway (Lofland Memorial Cup event)

All dates are Saturdays. September is a busy month for automotive events, so we have moved our season finale up towards the first half of the month to avoid several major car shows and the Coatesville Grand Prix.

These events will be on www.motorsportreg.com shortly. However, we will only be opening preregistration 4-6 weeks before each event. In the past, we have opened the entire season immediately upon publication. Unfortunately, this leads to a large number of no-shows from people who register for all 6 events in February, but then are unable to attend later in the year. Hopefully this will increase the number of available spots for active participants.

This will be my 5th year as Autocross Chair, and I've enjoyed seeing the program grow in both size and number of events. However, there is always room for improvement! If you have suggestions on how to enhance our events, please contact me. I'll be glad to discuss how we can implement them together.

On related note, Lizzy and I will be attending the **Philadelphia Region SCCA's Solo Safety Steward training** on Saturday, 04 March. Safety is always our primary focus, and this is an excellent class led by one of their long-term officers. If you would like to join us for this free seminar, contact me for the details or look it up on www.motorsportreg.com. I will be driving and will be glad to have more people ride along.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at BMCAutox@gmail.com. You can also post on our Facebook group page or the Club's website. Thanks!

*-Duke "Groundhog Shadow" Wilford
Autocross Chair*

Club Meeting Report

The 3rd of January, 2017 meeting was held at the 6 Paupers restaurant. The turnout was 21 members; the Executive Committee had a quorum. The meeting was called to order by Club Chair, Paul Alderman at 7:09 PM.

Membership Report (Anita Steward) - We now have 143 members, a new record. 22 members have already renewed for 2017. **Don't forget to renew.**

The BMC Christmas Party was discussed. The cost per person was \$69. Discussed that the cost was high and we should look for another site for next year, New member Don McDonald volunteered to head up next year's Christmas Party, he will work with George Alderman to make this happen.

Financial Report (Richard Wortmann) - At year end, we have \$14,769 on hand, after all bills are paid. In 2016, we have significantly improved the Club's financials. Rich passed around a complete financial package for review.

AutoX Report (Duke Wilford) – He is working on the schedule for 2017 and will report on it at our next month's meeting. There was a lengthy discussion about our insurance and whether it is adequate. Bob Turner said he would work with George Alderman and explore options. (This should be reported on regularly until resolved.)

Rally Report (George Alderman) – Paul A. headed up this discussion. Said that George was looking at having a destination Rally in February, more information will follow at our next meeting. Dave Mitchell also presented the idea of setting up a destination overnight Rally in the first quarter of this year.

Drifting (Matt Burris) - Matt is working on setting up Indoor Go Kart event in February and will report on that next month.

Property Report (Dave Mitchell) – Dave is working on organizing the Club Trailer and is looking for ideas on how to organize the trailer.

Editor (Jim Irons) – Paul Alderman presented Jim Irons with a BMC "Lifetime Member" ID badge to replace his BMC Editor badge. Jim noted that it was very timely, since he joined BMC at a January meeting 50 years ago in 1967.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Jim Martin

2017 Coming Events (Tent.)

February 4	3 Dog Garage Museum Tour
March ?	Rally
April 22	Autocross I, GHS
May 5	Lewes Car Show, Lewes, DE
May 20	Autocross II, GHS
June 3	Cars & Motorcycles of England at Oakbourne Mansion, Westtown, PA.
June 17	Autocross III, TBD
July 22	Autocross IV, GHS
August 12	Autocross V, GHS
September 9	Autocross VI, Dover
September 16	British Car Show, Delaware City, DE.
September 17	Hagley Car Show, Greenville, DE.
September 23	Coatesville Grand Prix,

In Memorium – Rich Stephani

Long time BMC rally supporter Richard Stephani, age 89, passed away at his Kennett Square, PA home in December. Rich and his wife, Patte had been active in both BMC and Rose Tree Motor Clubs for many years.

Rich both rallied and actively worked checkpoints for BMC, including Dave Teter's March Lamb Rally just a few years ago. When not hunting or rallying, Rich enjoyed the outdoors and driving his sports cars. This included being Rallymaster for a fund raising charity rally.

Rich will remain a fond memory for those in the veteran Rally community whenever one pulls into a checkpoint, or recalls the great stories of past BMC Rallies and the RTMC All-Night Rally.

Wayne Elvin

