



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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April 2017

BMC Club Meeting

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

Tuesday, April 4th – Greet & Eat @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.

BMC Autocross I & Drift Event

Saturday, April 29th, Dover Speedway – see flyer

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



Don't get your cables in a twist...

What is he talking about? For those that don't know me well, I enjoy the challenge of navigating in a rally, as well as driving in an autocross. I like the challenge of finishing on time and getting a 0 on a leg.

While most of our members look at you funny when you start talking about miles per minute and hundredths odometers, some understand and I'd like to help. I was able to purchase a mechanical odometer that reads in hundredths. Of course I realized after it arrived that it was actually hundredths of a kilometer.



Dang. After looking at some adapters and reducers, I had the components needed to hook it up in my vintage Mustang. Last Thursday I decided to get it hooked up for the Rt 82 rally on Saturday. So after getting a new cable and George helping to modify a few cable housings, I have the parts needed to put everything in the car. Friday after work, I modified a dash grill to pass the cable down behind the dash and make some other brackets to hold it in the car. After it was all finished the moment of truth, I backed the car out and sure enough moving the car up the driveway was .01 miles. Great! The excitement was short lived as the cable end came loose and stopped working after that.

The next morning I took the rally pac and dash cluster out 2 times trying to figure out which cable was the problem. After moving the cable routing and then flipping the cable end-to-end I was ready to check again. This time the car would crank but not start, it seems that if you knock the ignition feed wire off the ignition switch the car will never fire. Out comes the dash for the 3rd time, and finally the car started. Phew. The odometer worked great, measuring every turn of the tire, for about 1.6 miles. When we got to the rally start I decided to pull the adapter off the dash cable that had come apart earlier. SPROING!!



In my hope to be able to fix the cable and reach it easier, I neglected to remember that the cable twist and the rotation need to work together to keep from untwisting the cable in the sheath. So remember don't get your cables in a twist. I still had a blast running the rally, and we had great fun with some guys that came up from Baltimore area to run with our club. Along with everyone else that we passed as we drove back to look at some answers and find clues we thought we missed. What fun. Thanks to all who came out. Now my story is wrapped up. See you next meeting.

*Trying to unwind,
Paul*

Club Meeting Report

The 7th of March, 2017 meeting was held at 6 Paupers. The turnout was 17 members and guests; the Executive Committee had a quorum. The meeting was called to order by Club Chair, Paul Alderman at 7:12 PM.

Membership Report (Anita Steward) - We now have 148 members, a new record. **Don't forget to renew.**

Financial Report (Richard Wortmann) – Our total current assets are \$14,878,

AutoX Report (Duke Wilford) – Our 1st AutoX/Drift Event is set for April 29th at Dover. Our 2nd dual event is set for May 13th at Dover. Our new K&K insurance policy will cover Dover events, saving us about \$1400 per event. Help us get the word out. Please help us find other lots particularly in New Castle County.

Rally Report (George Alderman) – Our 1st Rally is being laid out for Saturday, March 25th. Dave Mitchell is laying one out for May 20th.

Drift Rally (Matt Burris) – Is planning on 5 events in 2017. With their help, we are combing our AutoX events with the Drifting events at Dover.

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) – Remind everyone that all articles for the next newsletter need to be forwarded to Jim no later than the last Tuesday of each month.

Club Insurance – We have been working with K&K Insurance to fulfill our insurance needs for Club Officers Club Events, Club Property, and Special Events. A motion was made and approved to purchase the Insurance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Jim Martin

Membership – Anita Steward

Who is ready for a fantastic Autocross and Road Rally season? Don't forget to pay your membership dues and spread the word about the club!

See you at an upcoming event soon!

Anita

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)
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Autocross – Duke Wilford



Big changes are occurring for BMC's 2017 autocross season. Some are good and some are challenging, but we're committed to providing a full schedule of car-enthusiast events this year. We are working to minimize the loss of our Glasgow High School venue as announced last month.

On the up side, BMC is offering a Drift Series in addition to our Autocross and Road Rally programs. Building on the success of last year's BMC / First State Drift beta test, we are proud to bring this popular sport to the Delaware area. Due to loss of the Glasgow location, many (but not all) of our autocross / drift events for 2017 will be combined on the same dates.

Our first autocross / drift for 2017 is scheduled for 29 April, at Dover Speedway. Drift will have the front lot, with Autocross using the back side lots. Autocross / Drift II will be 13 May, also at the Speedway. When at this location, the programs will switch between main and back lots from event to event.

Preregistration for Autocross I is open now at MotorsportReg.com (msreg.com/BMCax12017). Drift is preregistering a different way for this event, but will transition to MSR in the future. Preregistration for the May event will be open soon! Please stay tuned.

On the subject of online preregistration, we are now taking payments online via www.motorsportreg.com as well. Payment is due at time of preregistration, but cancellations can be refunded as a credit toward a future event if you give us advance notice. We are making this change in order to speed up the on-site check-in process and to reduce the number of no-shows we've experienced in the past. We will still accept walkup registrations for Autocross on the day of the event, but these will be subject to a \$5 late registration fee.

We are actively pursuing other venues, and will keep you posted as the situation and schedule develop. Thanks for your patience and understanding as we overcome this hurdle, and thanks for being a part of Brandywine Motorsport Club's events! We look forward to seeing you in 2017.

If you have any questions, comments, or large stretches of open paving, 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 "We Shall Overcome" Wilford

BMC Route 82/Coatesville GP Rally Results – 25 March 2017



We had a very successful rally on Saturday March 25th. The weather was perfect and the break at Northbrook Marketplace was enjoyed by all with ice cream and other treats, I even

brought home one of their home-made pies.

The 4 Dogs Tavern also took good care of us by giving us our own room and some good food and drink. The results are below, along with a report by Wayne Elvin, who grew up in the Unionville area.

Thanks to all the contestants that entered the Rally and especially the team of Chris Horant and Eric Salminen who drove up from the Baltimore area. The MGs of Baltimore club is having a rally school in April and a rally in May that sounds like fun; flyers are included with this mailing.

George Alderman



Questions Only Class:

Place	Car #	Quiz Score	Driver	Navigator	Vehicle
1st	1	100%	Peter Renzetti	Annie Renzetti	2011 Nissan Versa
2nd	12	95.60%	Scott Enright	Sheetal Enright	2011 Subaru WRX
3rd	14	91.30%	Monica Germono	Geoff Germono	2007 Nissan 350Z
3rd	7	91.30%	Derrick Allen	Melinda Allen	2017 Subaru Forester
4th	4	87%	Glen Gimbal	Martha Gimbal	1979 MG MGB
4th	3	87%	Kim Banta	Stew Eckman	2014 Subaru Impreza
5th	9	78%	Wayne Norman	Mike Kulinski	03 Jaguar S-type

Checkpoints and Questions Class:

Place	Car #	Time Score	Quiz Score	Driver	Navigator	Vehicle
1st	8	24	100%	Mal Kroeber	Paul Alderman	1966 Ford Mustang GT
2nd	13	35	100%	Chris Horant	Eric Salminen	1991 Toyota MR2
3rd	10	153	87%	Steve Taylor	Tom Short	2015 Chevrolet Camaro
4th	5	840	83%	Andrew Bihl	Carolyn Lesser	2002 VW Jetta
5th	2	1325	70%	Alec Pettifer	Jennifer Helm	2017 Audi TT
6th	11	1350	83%	Phil Worrell	Van Sedita	2008 Toyota Tacoma
7th	6	1835	57%	Dave Mitchell	Jim Martin	2008 Buick Lacrosse





Wayne's World – Rte 82/Coatesville Rally Report

A nice day for a BMC Observational Tour Rally in the classic fun mode.

Saturday, March 25th weather was perfect for a country drive, Oh, and a tour of the Coatesville Grand Prix circuit. Entrants could compete to answer Questions along the route, and / or run T-S-D with Four DIY Checkpoints. A nice turnout of 14 cars, including an entry from MG's of Baltimore (look for their annual "Get the Dust Off" Rally Flyer.).

Starting at beautiful Brandywine Springs Park, the route took a Right turn out of the parking lot to Centerville Rd then North on Rt. 82, through the Red Clay Creek Valley.

The Do-It-Yourself Checkpoints were falling-off-a-log easy. Mileages were given at virtually every route instruction, with perfect calculated time of day (+ car #) official times just before easy DIY CP. Cars could run at any speed over the route, but official calculation for the entire four DIY segments was set at 24 MPH (That's an easy 2.5 Minutes per Mile x Distance in miles to yield times.) No complicated math, no 'Pause' times or speed changes: simple !

RELAX and enjoy the farm scenery, the Longwood Gardens area, Northbrook Marketplace Orchards, Unionville, Brandywine Creek and Coatesville.

Wait ! - don't forget to start looking sharp & early for the clever and interesting Questions, 23 in all, that were listed in order of appearance in the route instructions.

Not to fret, one could switch gears, literally, and pretend (@ 24 MPH) that you were running the 'famous' Coatesville Grand Prix. In your own Classic, Exotic or high performance special competition vehicle of your choice through downtown on Route 30, up the hill & back around the loop to the Start/Finish Line. One could almost hear the

cheers and imagine encouraging locals, before Walter Mitty* woke me with a noise that would end an otherwise fast & perfect run: "The pounding of the cylinders increased: *ta-pocketa-pocketa-pocketa-pocketa*"

A short drive on to Marshalton, and the last DIY CP, for the finish at the Four Dogs Tavern with good drinks, a classy menu, and great service, all in a neat, restored vintage building.

Interspersed with the great views, there was wildlife. Having run the course or parts over four days, I saw geese, deer, an eagle, and other birds, as many of the roads passed through protected areas: Brandywine Conservancy Lands, (The Laurels) and the ChesLen preserve near Unionville.

The Northbrook Marketplace used to be Hayman's Orchards, where apples were pressed into cider in the barn back in the (my) day. A treat for me was driving by the historic and still functioning Embreeville Mill, along the Brandywine Creek, where my grandfather used to take me as a young boy to get feed and farm supplies at Good's Grist Mill (and the mill is a lot older than me !) Yet another treat was running those roads again that I drove as a teen to hone my 'Rally Driving' skills.

A big Thank You & congratulations on a job very well done to Willis Weldin and George Alderman, Co-Rallymasters, to shape an event that should serve as an excellent guide to build a fun rally event that had a little something for everyone, without overwhelming. A nice range of roads, fun road names, and interesting, unique sights along the way. Plus 'racing' in a GP event, what could be better ? (Jim Irons and I helped with pre-check duties)

Wayne Elvin

** Acknowledgement to The New Yorker Fiction, MARCH 18, 1939 "The Secret Life Of Walter Mitty"*



AUTOCROSS I

SATURDAY, APRIL 29th, 2017
Dover Speedway South Parking Area
Leipsic Road, Dover Delaware



From Route 13, turn east onto Leipsic Road (Rt 88) just south of the Speedway. Follow Leipsic Rd. approximately 1 mile to Finish Line Rd. Turn left onto the Speedway property near the Monster Mile statue and follow on-site directions to the paddock.



Setup 8:00 AM
Registration 9:00 to 10:00 AM
Entry Fee: \$45
(BMC Club Members: \$40)



NOTE: We Can Now Accept All Major Credit and Debit Cards

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.**

Online preregistration is strongly encouraged.

Walkup registrations on the day of the event are subject to a \$5 late registration fee.

Preregister online and reserve your car number at:

www.motorsportreg.com

Look at MSR's online calendar or search their site for "BMC" to find our events.

If you have comments or questions, please contact:

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