



# THE GASLINE

**Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.**

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

May 2017

## **BMC Club Meeting**

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

**Tuesday, May 2nd – Greet & Eat @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.**

## **BMC Autocross II & Drift Event**

**Saturday, May 13th, Dover Speedway – see flyer**

## **BMC Mayday! Tour Rally**

**Saturday, May 20th, Newark DE – see flyer**

## **Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman**



The first autocross and drift events are coming this weekend on the 29th and it looks like the weather should be decent for the events. I will again bring out the Mustang to defend my win last year in Dover. We should have a nice turnout of cars for both events, maybe I should try my hand at drifting?

I'm not sure I can reprogram my brain after all the years of road racing and trying to *not* slide cars around. The few events I drove in a front-wheel-drive Mazda were hard enough. You had to tell yourself to open the throttle to keep the rear end from coming around in the fast corners. It was strange; it was also hard to keep from locking up the right rear tire. It was the lightest corner on the car, and impossible to hear or smell when it locked up. The only way to tell was watching it in the mirror as it flat spotted the tire. It was also the slowest of

classes (ST2) and we were always getting passed by everyone else. The only easy part was steering it one handed, because you were giving someone a point by most times. We still had some decent races for a non-Acura in a Acura dominated class.



Well I've got a few days to decide. So we shall see how I feel this weekend. Hope to see you there. If not at the event come on out to the monthly meeting next week. See you later.

*Ah the good old days*  
Paul

## **Rally**



Dave Mitchell and Jim Martin have put together a fun, easy rally for May 20th. Check out the flyer in this Gasline.

*Jim Irons for George Alderman*

## **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)

## **Property - Dave Mitchell**

Some new items added to our inventory since last report to enhance safety and performance.

## Club Meeting Report

The 4<sup>th</sup> of April, 2017 meeting was held at 6 Paupers. The turnout was 24 members and guests; the Executive Committee had a quorum. The meeting was called to order by Club Chair, Paul Alderman at 7:01 PM.

**Membership Report** (Anita Steward) - We now have 48 members, **Don't forget to renew.**

**Financial Report** (Richard Wortmann) – Our current assets are \$12,546. Reviewed the requirements of a non-profit corporation. Also reviewed where we stand with our new insurance coverage with K&K Insurance.

**Rally Report** (George Alderman) – Our 1<sup>st</sup> Rally on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> was a success with great weather. Dave Mitchell is laying one out for May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**AutoX Report** (Duke Wilford) – Our 1<sup>st</sup> AutoX/ Drifting Event is set for April 29<sup>th</sup> at Dover. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> dual Event is set for May 13<sup>th</sup> at Dover.

Our new K&K 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, contact Duke. We have no backup to Dover.

**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) – Articles for the next newsletter need to be forwarded to Jim no later than the last Tuesday of each month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

*Jim Martin*



## Autocross – Duke Wilford



We are just a few days from our Autocross season opener, and as I write this, the weather is cool and rainy. Fortunately, the forecast is for great autocross weather on Saturday!

Response has been good and we have over 50 drivers preregistered. We're warming up the timing equipment and dusting off the cones.

Our first autocross / drift for 2017 is 29 April, at Dover Speedway. Drift will have the front lot, with autocross using the backside 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 – autocross will use the front lot in May.

Because of Firefly and NASCAR activity in June, the Speedway is not available. As this is currently our only venue, we will not have a June event. We are looking at extending our autocross season into October again in order to provide 6 events. Future dates are:

- 22 July at Dover Speedway – AutoX / Drift III
- 12 August at Dover Speedway – AutoX / Drift IV
- 09 September at Dover Speedway – AutoX / Drift V
- 14 October at Dover (tentative) – AutoX / Drift VI

We are also considering the possibility that either AutoX V or VI will be autocross-only, utilizing all the available lots to maximize our course. This will depend upon the economics of the season, since our rent and insurance costs have radically increased.

Preregistration for Autocrosses I and II, and Drift II, is open now at [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com). Future events are on the calendar and will open for preregistration on a rolling basis. As mentioned last month, we are now taking payments online via [www.motorsportreg.com](http://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 large 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.

People have asked about the possibility of participating in both the autocross and drift events on the same day. Although it is theoretically possible, drivers must pay separate entry fees for each event. Also, logistically speaking, it is challenging for the driver. Autocross depends upon each driver fulfilling their role as course worker too. Although 1/3 of each heat is free, maximizing the number of runs for everybody requires prompt changeover between run groups in order to avoid delays. From an autocross perspective, I don't recommend trying to split your day – consider alternating events instead.

Remember, if you have any questions, comments, or large stretches of open paving, please feel free to contact me at [BMCautox@gmail.com](mailto:BMCautox@gmail.com). You can also post on our Facebook group page or the Club's website. Thanks!  
*-Duke "Lock and load" Wilford, Autocross Chair*



**Brandywine Motorsport Club**  
***Mayday! Tour Rally***

**Saturday, May 20th, 2017**

*This rally is a pleasant two-hour drive from northwestern New Castle County through some of the little used back roads in several of the local townships and municipalities in nearby counties in Pennsylvania.*

*This rally can be run as a simple Easy Tour or as an Observational Tour with questions pertaining to landmarks, etc. along the route; a mileage accounting will help score competitive participants. Both Tours have easy-to-follow route instructions with no average speed or timing concerns.*

**Start Location: Fairfield Shopping Center**

New London Road, Newark DE 19711

Located at the corner of Rt 896 and Country Club Drive

**On-Site Registration: 1:00 PM**

First car off @ 2:00 PM Plus Car Number

**Finish: Skipjack Restaurant** at the Shops at Louviers, Newark DE 19711

<http://skipjacknewark.com>

*We will have a private room where we can order from their menu, which is widely varied utilizing many local vendors, is reasonably priced, and filling. There will be a manned service bar in the room and private rest rooms for our group. There are no stairs to contend with as well.*

**Cost: FREE!** We want to introduce automobile enthusiasts to a fun type of motorsport with a long, rich history. All BMC rallies are free for the 2017 season.

**Rallymaster:** Dave Mitchell

**RSVP:** We need to give the restaurant a head count, so please RSVP to Dave Mitchell at [drmfnao@aol.com](mailto:drmfnao@aol.com) or 410-398-1776.



# AUTOCROSS II

## SATURDAY, May 13th, 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](http://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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