



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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December 2017



***BMC Holiday Dinner Party & Meeting**
Tuesday, December 5, 2017
Tyler's, 5343 Limestone Rd., Wilmington, Dela. 19808*

Autocross Report – Duke Wilford



With the 2017 season – my fifth year as autocross chair – in the record books, I'd like to take time to say thanks to some of the people who have helped make the events run as smoothly and enjoyably as they have.

Thanks to the regulars who come out early and stay late to help set up and take down. Many people don't bother pitching in. Those of you who do are too numerous to mention individually, but you're the ones who make these events work.

Thanks to the Aldermans for storing and prepping the trailer between events. And thanks to Dave Hughes, Dan Ritter, Shawn Dewey, Matt Burris, and the Aldermans for taking turns dragging it down to Dover and back.

Thanks to all the novices who come to their first autocross with us – and then come back for a second one.

Thanks to Alex Brooke, Alex Cabinian, Jason Fetchko, Dave Hughes, Dan and Will McGowan, Alex Meramo, Josh Nash, Lizzy Wilford, and others who volunteer to instruct or give ride-alongs. You're the folks who help turn novices into regulars.

Thanks to Lou Spinelli and gang for pitting for me – that takes a big task off my plate on a busy morning.

Thanks to the tech inspectors who take another big task off my plate and get the job done with minimal supervision.

Thanks to everybody who consistently works T+S under the tent, or as starters. The more experienced people we have in these spots, the better the event runs.

There are many of you, but Scott Enright and Chris Ramos are consistently dependable, and not only take command of their roles, but always make sure others on duty understand their roles as well. Special mention goes to my daughter Allegheny, who usually makes a special trip down to help out, and doesn't even drive in the event.

And lastly, BIG thanks to my wife Maryanne. Even though she doesn't autocross, she puts in hours of background work with me between events, gets up early to drive the equipment van, helps with setup and takedown, handles check-in and all the thousand questions that go with it, and sits on a parking lot all day solving problems and overseeing the tent operations... all so I can drive in the event and have fun. She's a heck of a rally navigator, too.

With all that being said, we always need committed individuals to learn more about the details of the operation and how we run our autocrosses. If you're interested in a more formal position of responsibility in the program, please contact me to discuss it. As noted above, I've been doing this for 5 years now. I still enjoy the job, but I am also looking forward to the time when I am just a driver, too.

2017 was a challenging but successful season, and we're already thinking about 2018. We *really* hope to be able to offer some events in northern Delaware next year. If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at BMCautox@gmail.com. Thanks!

-Duke "Off Season" Wilford

Rally - George Alderman



There are no rallies or tours scheduled at this time. We will look forward to an event when springtime comes. If anyone would like to organize an event let me know your ideas.

George

Club Meeting Report

The 7th of November, 2017 meeting was held at Skipjack's in Newark, DE. The turnout was 18 members and guests; the Executive Committee had a quorum. The meeting was called to order by Club Chair, Paul Alderman at 7:06 PM.

Paul asked who was interested in becoming a Board member? (no response) Then he asked if all Board members would renew for next year. Matt Burris will be stepping down next year because he is moving, Nuri Heckrotte agreed to take his place. The vote for the new Board will take place at our next meeting.

Membership (Anita Steward) – We currently have about 135 paid members and 190 on our roster. We agreed to have our Christmas Party at Tyler's on Limestone Road (Route 7). We will have it the 1st Tuesday on December (12/05) at 6 PM. Let Anita know if you are going before 11/29.

Financial (Richard Wortmann) – We are waiting on final numbers from the last Drifting event. If everything comes in as planned, we will be ahead for the year by about \$700. A motion was put forward to raise our annual membership by \$5.00. This was passed by a unanimous vote.

Rally (George Alderman) – Nothing to report.

AutoX (Duke Wilford) – We had 67 cars registered at our last AutoX of the year. The results are on our website. Thank you for a Great Season. George and Duke are going to set up a meeting with Tom Harvey about the Boxwood site.

Drift (Matt Burris) – We had 39 paid entrants, plus an additional 5 Pro Am Drivers (no charge). We had 2 layouts. Paul A. did a ride along and may have to enter next year? They are laying out their schedule for next year.

Property (Dave Mitchell) - Nothing to report.

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.

Wayne Elvin found one of our trophies at a yard sale and did some research on it. It was for First Place in Class 6 in April 4th, 1959. It happened to be a Hill Climb that BMC had in Yorklyn, DE. It was a silver serving tray awarded to Bob Brown (#17) driving an Austin Healey. It was given to Austin Healey owner, Jim Martin.

Adjourned at 8:04 PM.

As a side note, Dave Mitchell and I went to Hershey AACA Museum on Tuesday November 21st. I was wearing my BMC jacket and the volunteer manning the ticket desk recognized BMC as soon as we walked in. He and his wife moved from the West Chester area to Hershey when he retired as the Parts Manager for a local Ford Dealership. He shared with us his memories of Auto Crossing back in the 60's and 70's at All American Engineering. His contact information is: Jim Aberts, jaberts@ptd.net, he volunteers at the Museum every Tuesday. Back in the day, he drove a '69 Mustang Fastback, a '72 brown Pinto and a Hagley Mustang(?). He remembered George Alderman. He was excited that BMC was still around and I suspect he told everyone that he came into contact with about our encounter.

Hearing the stories over the years makes you realize how Great our Club is. We should add him to our mailing list, we may even get in free the next time?

Jim Martin, Secretary

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



This is my LAST Chair Chatter...

For the year. Since we just celebrated Thanksgiving last week, I would like to say Thanks to all that helped make BMC events a success this year. Organizing, working, and attending events. We ran Autocrosses, Drift events, and Rallies. We even got together for monthly meetings. We had some events better attended than others, and I would like to know what kind of events you would like to see next year. Attending some car shows or more cruise and eat-style rallies with no timing? What about track day events, or more autocrosses? Revive an old style Gymkhana from the archives? We are open for ideas. We hope to see you at the Annual Holiday Party on Dec 5th hopefully you have signed up already. If not we will resume the regular club meetings on January 2nd. See you soon

Happy Holidays
Paul



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Tyler's Bar & Grille

5343 Limestone Rd. (DE Rte.7), Wilmington DE 19808

<http://www.tylersrestaurant.com>

Cocktails 6 P.M. (Cash Bar)

Buffet Dinner 7 P.M.

Caesar Salad

Chicken Marsala

Slow Cooked Prime Rib

Crab Cakes

Roasted Red Potatoes / Sugar Snap Peas / Cookies

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Reservations & Payment at www.motorsportreg.com, OR

Pay by credit card:

Anita Steward (302) 690-5457 or neats1102@yahoo.com, OR

Mail check payable to BMC to:

Brandywine Motorsport Club, PO Box 5517, Newark DE 19714

Reservations must be received by November 27th!

No at-door reservations.

Questions: Anita Steward (302) 690-5457