



# THE GASLINE

**Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.**

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**March 2018**

## **BMC Club Meeting**

**Skipjack Dining Restaurant, 401 Louviers Drive, Newark, DE 19711**

<http://skipjacknewark.com>

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

## **Drift 1 - Dover Speedway**

**Saturday, March 24th**

## **The Rides of March Tour Rally**

**Sunday March 25th - see flyer**

## **It's Membership Renewal Time!**

Single memberships are \$20, Family membership is \$30. You can pay via the [MotorsportReg.com](http://MotorsportReg.com) website, by calling Anita Steward (302) 690-5457 or Richard Wortmann (302) 463-7315, or you can mail a check to: BMC, PO Box 5517, Newark, DE 19714.

## **Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman**



March reminds me of lambs and lions, and this year is no different. It seems like it's coming in like a lamb though. For many of the older club members, this is the start of the rally season with the March Lamb Rally coming at the end of the month. (sometimes it was even April) Since Dave Teter's

passing, the South New Jersey Region of the SCCA has taken over the rally to go with its March Lion rally. This year, Shawn Dewey and I are going to head over and compete in both rallies.

The March Lion (the first rally) is a National Course Rally with special course-following rules to use if/when a clue does not fit an intersection. Oh Boy, I'm getting a little nervous thinking about it.

The March Lamb is a National Tour Rally which should be more straightforward. I will be navigating in my '66 Mustang with the Curta Calculator, 1/100<sup>th</sup> odometer, and 1/100<sup>th</sup> minute stopwatch. Shawn will be driving and looking for clues as I keep us on time and record mileages. I then need to get my odometer correction factor right for the rally and we shall see how it goes.

My apologies to Dave Mitchell and everyone, I will not be able to attend BMC's Rides of March Rally since I will be in the middle of the March Lamb. I hope others will consider coming out and being part of the first BMC rally. Don't worry, Dave's rallies are usually nice scenic roads that are fun to drive, and the directions are straight forward (not what Shawn and I will be dealing with). I will plan on bringing the rally instructions and my equipment to a future meeting and will share my weekend experience, good or bad.

I encourage everyone to come on out for the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting at Skip Jack dining for our Monthly Meeting. I will again attempt to play a DVD for our pre and post dinner viewing pleasure. This time we should be able to hear it.

*See you there,  
Paul*



## Autocross – Duke Wilford



The best-laid plans, and so on, and so on – we just set out our preliminary autocross schedule and have already had to modify it slightly.

First, our Autocross I season opener has been bumped up from 21 April to **14 April** after more feedback from the Speedway. Their May NASCAR event is earlier than usual this year, and they want additional time to prepare for it. I tried to avoid Tax Day, but oh, well. Unfortunately, I have a personal schedule conflict on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and will be out of town. **David Hughes** has kindly volunteered to run the event in my place, and I'm hoping that all of our trusted regulars will pitch in and help the event go smoothly. I will try to come down later in the day to help, if possible.

Second, our finale, Autocross VI on 13 October, has been pushed back to **Sunday, 21 October**, again due to NASCAR. Their fall race weekend is later than usual this year. Please note that this event is scheduled for Sunday – not our usual Saturday! Apparently, we're not the only people who use the place...

All autocross events are posted on [motorsportreg.com](http://motorsportreg.com) now, though preregistrations are only open for Autocross I. Entry fees are unchanged from 2017, at \$40 member / \$45 non-member, with a \$5 late registration fee after preregistration closes 36 hours before the event. **Please note: because I will be out of town in the days leading up to AxI, preregistration will close at 6:00pm on Wednesday, 11 April – this is one day earlier than normal.** We will need time to process the pre-regs and get things ready to hand off to David.

One perk of Club membership is that we hold reserved car numbers over the off-season. If you are not a member (or have not yet renewed for 2018), your car number from the 2017 series has been released back into the wild. Preregister soon for AxI to recapture it. If you are planning to, join or renew online first so that you can take advantage of our members' event discount. Please give us 48 hours to process your membership and update your profile before preregistering for an event.

As highlighted by my schedule conflict with AxI, it would be good to have some redundancy in event administration. At least one person has offered to apprentice in some of the roles – thanks, **Alex Cabinian**. If anybody else would like to take on some responsibility during and between the events, please get in touch with me.

If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at [BMCAutox@gmail.com](mailto:BMCAutox@gmail.com). Thanks!

*-Duke "Never Enough Time" Wilford  
Autocross Chair*

## Drift – Nuri Heckrotte



I don't know about the rest of you; but the off-season has me itching to get back to some good old fashioned skid-racing! We have a fantastic season lined up for you folks this year, kicking off on March 24th. The drifters will have the whole playground for this one, so you better bring plenty of tires! We will have a skidpad and figure 8 setup in the small lot to help knock some of the rust off, and get novices acquainted with their cars. Instructors will be available to ride along and give feedback and tips!

Stop procrastinating, get to wrenching, file your tax returns, and buy some tires, kiddies! We have less than a month before the party starts!

*Nuri*

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## 2018 BMC EVENT SCHEDULE

- 3/24 Drift I
- 3/25 Rides Of March Rally, Newark DE
- 4/14 Autocross I / Drift II - *Note revised date*
- 5/19 Autocross II / Drift III
- 6/23 Autocross III / Drift IV
- 8/11 Autocross IV
- 8/18 Drift V
- 9/8 Autocross V
- 9/15 Drift VI
- 10/21 Autocross VI - *Note Sunday date*
- 11/3 Drift VII

**Except as noted, Autocross and Drift events at Dover International Raceway are on Saturdays with Sunday rain dates.**

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## Rally Report – George Alderman



Dave Mitchell's "The Rides of March" Tour Rally is this month on Sunday, March 25th. Dave puts on fun, easy rallies; come on out and join the fun.

*George*

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## *Meeting Highlights – Jim Martin*

The 6<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018 meeting was held at Skipjack's in Newark, DE. The turnout was 23 members and guests; the Executive Committee had a quorum. The meeting was called to order by Club Chair, Paul Alderman at 7:02 PM.

**Membership Report** (Anita Steward) – Our annual membership dues are now \$20/single and \$30/family. We have 32 renewals so far this year. Don't forget to renew.

**Financial Report** (Richard Wortmann) – Richard was not available. The Club had a positive vote to authorize the payment for the maintenance of our fire extinguishers plus the purchase of 2 additional small and 1 large extinguisher for our Drift events.

**Rally Report** (George Alderman) – Dave Mitchell (Rally Master) is laying out "The Rides of March Rally" for 3/25, Sunday. It will be a destination Rally/drive starting at the Fairfield Shopping Center, Newark, DE (Route 896 N) at 1 PM and the 1<sup>st</sup> car off at 2:01 PM.

**AutoX Report** (Duke Wilford) – The 1<sup>st</sup> Event is set for April 24<sup>th</sup>. (Changed to April 14<sup>th</sup> after the meeting was over.)

**Drift Report** (Matt Burris) – Working on the details for the 1<sup>st</sup> Drift Event on March 24<sup>th</sup> at Dover Raceway.

**Property Report** (Dave Mitchell) – Dave is going to get a Tow Package on one of his vehicles to assist in towing the trailer to autocross events.

### **Other**

The British Car Club of Delaware turned down our offer to merge with BMC like First State Drift has done.

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, the Porsche Club is having a get together at Mid-Atlantic go-cart center and Paul extended a challenge to them from BMC; come out and enjoy the fun.

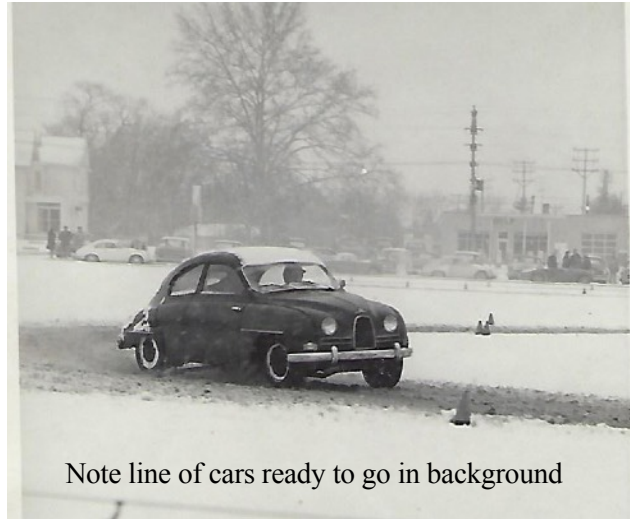
Paul set up videos for us to watch during dinner. George Alderman spoke about a speech he gave at Simone Automotive Museum about his races at Lime Rock Raceway and he also spoke about the recent Daytona 24 Hour race.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

*Jim Martin, Secretary*

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## *BMC Autocross In The Snow 1960s at Newark Shopping Center*



Note line of cars ready to go in background



George Alderman – 1958 Saab 93



Bill Knepshield – Jaguar XK150

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**Brandywine Motorsport Club's**

*Be Aware of*  
***The Rides of March Tour Rally***  
***Sunday, March 25th, 2018***

*This event is a "Sight Seeing" Tour that will have a few observational elements, one manned checkpoint, as well as a cumulative data calculation to confound. It will be about 50 miles in length and take about two hours to complete. This is **not** a time-speed-distance rally.*

*The tour will end at the "Greenhaus Biergarten" located at the historic Fair Hill Inn, in Fair Hill Maryland, at the intersection of Md. Routes 273 and 213 (<http://www.thefairhillinn.com>).*

*The verdant greenhouse dining venue is uniquely cozy and features a brick oven for producing savory entrees. Ordering will be from their complete menu including the fine dining choices from the historic Inn. Many craft beers and ales as well as ciders are available. A great place to have a lite bite or an early dinner.*

***Start Location:*** *Fairfield Shopping Center, New London Rd. (Rte 896), Newark, DE 19711*

***Registration:*** *Opens at 1:30*

***Rally Start:*** *2:00 PM*

***Finish:*** *The "Greenhaus Biergarten" at the Fair Hill Inn, 3370 Singerly Road, Elkton, MD 21921 (410) 398-4187*

***BMC Members - \$10/car***

***Non-BMC Members - \$15/car***

***Pre-register at:*** <http://msreg.com/BMCRallyIV2017>

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