



# THE GASLINE

**Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.**

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**April 2018**

## **BMC Club Meeting**

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

<http://skipjacknewark.com>

**Tuesday, April 3rd – Greet & Eat @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.**

**Autocross I & Drift II- Dover Speedway**

**Saturday, April 14th - see flyer**

**The Rides of March (April?) Tour Rally**

**New Date: Saturday, April 21st - see flyer**

## **Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman**



"Let's run a National Rally" he said, "It'll be fun."

Well after competing in my first SCCA National Course Rally. I have realized I do not have the skill set, to compete with the National Rallyists. The ability to follow the course, find the clues, and keep track of the mileage, is one thing. The solving of

additional clues and following the rallymaster's tricks is completely different.

We went off course and ended up skipping a few legs before lunch break.



Jim Crittenden (BMC lifetime member) and his wife Anne Olenik did an excellent job running both Saturday's Course rally and Sunday's Tour rally; Anne drove to a second place finish in the Tour event. The photo shows them with Rallymaster Jim Wakeman, who logged over 10,000 miles setting up the rallies.

Anne laughed about my stopwatch, she hadn't seen one since the old BMC checkpoint days, and we both laughed when I showed her the BMC property sticker on the back.

Shawn Dewey and I didn't finish Saturday's event due to the difficulty, but we bounced back for the Tour rally and ended up with under 2 minutes error after around 250 miles of driving. But this was still nowhere near the front runners. We had a few legs under 10 points so maybe next time we can do even better. I'll share more in the May meeting.

Come on out and enjoy the meeting next Tuesday, and I'll see you at the first autocross of the year after I get back from vacation.

*Still Cranking*

*Paul*

## Autocross – Duke Wilford



With the successful Drift season opener in the can, we are just 2-1/2 weeks away from the first Autocross of 2018 on 14 April. Since I have a schedule conflict, **David Hughes** will be taking the wheel for this event – thanks,

Dave! We're training more people in how to administer the T+S system, and I'm counting on our trusty regulars to help the event go smoothly.

Please note that because of this, AxI preregistration will close at 6:00pm on Wednesday, 11 April, one day earlier than normal. We currently have 10 preregistrations – I am hoping that number will pick up as we get closer to the event. Walkups are always welcome, but they slow the event day check-in process. Preregistration also saves you money, by avoiding the \$5 late registration fee.

Remember that all of last year's reserved car numbers have been deleted for non-members and expired memberships. Preregister soon for AxI to recapture yours. If you are planning to, please join or renew online first so that you can take advantage of our members' event discount. We recommend allowing 24-48 hours for us to process your membership before preregistering for an event.

We're looking forward to the 2018 autocross season, and hope you are too! Please spread the word and encourage people to come on out.

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

## Rally Report – George Alderman



I hope we have good weather in April for our first rally in 2018. As I hope you knew, the first rally was scheduled for March 25th but Dave Mitchell reported that a rally road he had used several times had been closed to repair the guard rail that had been badly damaged when someone crashed into it during the recent snow storm. Changing the route was not possible with only a few days left before the 25th. I hope all of you that had planned to run the rally will be able to run it on the new date of Saturday April 21st. I am sure the weather will be much better, so lets have a big entry to support all of Dave's work at putting on this rally for all the club members to enjoy. Please let Dave know if you will be attending, he needs a head count for the Fair Hill Inn. See the flyer in this Gasline.

George

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## 2018 BMC EVENT SCHEDULE

- 4/14 Autocross I / Drift II - *Note revised date*
- 4/21 Rides of March Rally - *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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## Points of View



## Meeting Highlights – Jim Martin

The 6<sup>th</sup> of March, 2018 meeting was held at Skipjack's in Newark, DE. The turnout was 19 members and guests; the Executive Committee had a quorum. The meeting was called to order by Club Chair, Paul Alderman.

**Membership Report** (Anita Steward) – Our annual membership is now \$20/single and \$30/family. We currently have 59 members, please do not forget to renew your membership, your support is appreciated. Membership can be paid at our events and at [motorsportreg.com](http://motorsportreg.com) We have 2 new members: Larry Reece and a former long-time member Rene O'Leary – (welcome back).

**Financial Report** (Richard Wortmann) – Richard was not available. The Club had a positive vote to authorize the payments for our Annual Club Insurance (\$1592), \$5000 to Dover (\$2500 deposit and \$2500 for our first Drifting Event of the year). We also authorized the payment of \$154 for insurance for our 1<sup>st</sup> Rally of the season; The Board also agreed that all AutoX and Drift Events for the season payments (\$350/AutoX, \$773/ Drifting or \$773 for combined events) be paid on a timely basis during the season.

**Rally Report** (George Alderman) – Dave Mitchell (Rally Master) is lying 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 1:30 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 14<sup>th</sup>. Duke presented an AutoX budget for the season of \$700, (The Board approved the Budget and expense for the year). Duke will not be available for the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> event; we need more help to keep everything up and running. Duke is organizing a training session for our timing software (4/7) - again, we need volunteers.

**Drift Report** (Matt Burris) – Our 1<sup>st</sup> Drift Event of the season is set for 3/24. Matt Burris will not be there for the 1<sup>st</sup> Event, Nuri Heckrotte has stepped up to fill in for him. He will need more volunteers to help us get through this first event.

**AutoX & Drift:** *We need more volunteers in both autox and drift in order to keep these events going. For insurance reasons, volunteers must be BMC members.*

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

**Editor** (Jim Irons) – Send articles for the newsletter to Jim no later than the last Tuesday of each month.

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

Paul set up videos for us to watch during dinner.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

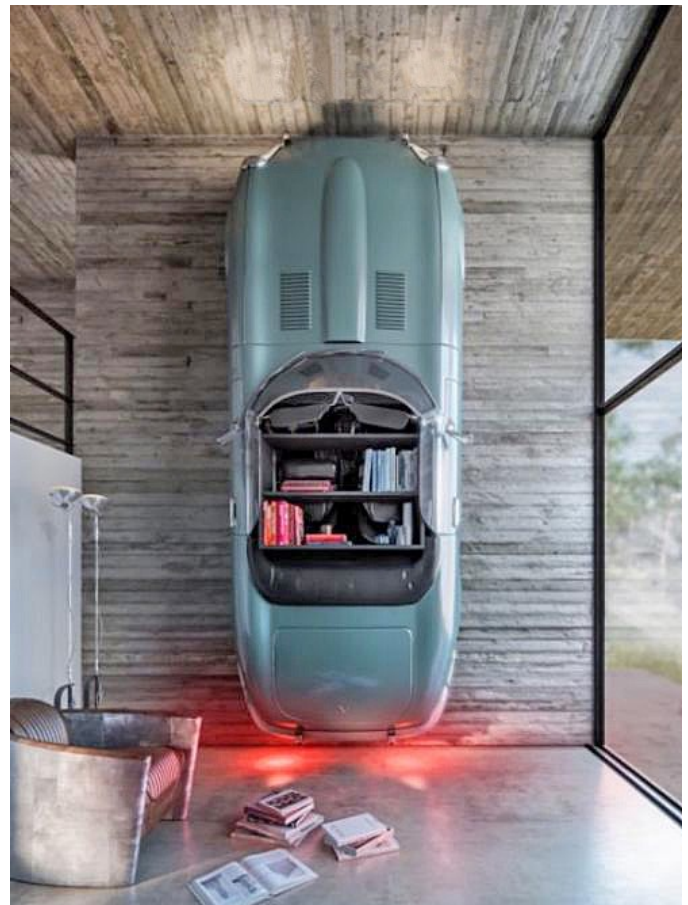
*Jim Martin, Secretary*

## Membership – Anita Steward

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership! Not a member yet? Attend four events and it pays for itself! Remember you can renew through [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com) Check out our website for up to date event news! See you at an event soon!

*Anita*

### Classy Bookshelf







Brandywine Motorsport Club's  
***The Rides of March (April?)  
Tour Rally***  
***New Date: Saturday, April 21st, 2018***

***Note: This rally was postponed from March 25th because of a blocked road.***

*It 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: [motorsportreg.com](http://motorsportreg.com)***

***Rallymaster: Dave Mitchell • 443/309/9303 • [drmfnao@aol.com](mailto:drmfnao@aol.com)***



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## Autocross & First State Drift Events

Dover Speedway South Parking Area

Leipsic Road, Dover Delaware

From Route 13, turn east onto Leipsic Road (Rt 88) south of the Speedway. Follow ~1 mile to Plaza Drive. Left into Speedway near the Monster Mile statue and follow signs.

### 2018 Schedule

Sat.	April 14	Autocross I / Drift II
Sat.	May 19	Autocross II / Drift III
Sat.	June 23	Autocross III / Drift IV
Sat.	Aug. 11	Autocross IV
Sat.	Aug. 18	Drift V
Sat.	Sept. 8	Autocross V
Sat.	Sept. 15	Drift VI
Sun.	Oct. 21	Autocross VI - <i>Note Sunday date</i>
Sat.	Nov. 3	Drift VII

### Pre-registration Entry Fees\*

**AUTOCROSS:** BMC members \$40 / Non-members \$45

**DRIFT:** BMC members \$95 / Non-members \$100

Preregister online at: [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com)

We Accept All Major Credit and Debit Cards

*\*\$5 late entry fee for walkup registrations day of event*

*BMC Membership available at registration*

**Setup & Registration - 8 A.M.**

**Drift Drivers' Meeting - 9 A.M.**

**AutoX Drivers' Meeting - 10 A.M.**

**NO OPEN EXHAUST at either event – Effective muffler required**

**Minimum age of 18 years for Drivers.**

### Comments or Questions:

**Autocross:** Duke Wilford @ [BMCAutoX@gmail.com](mailto:BMCAutoX@gmail.com) or 302-528-0612

**Drift:** Nuri Heckrotte @ [n.heckrotte@gmail.com](mailto:n.heckrotte@gmail.com)