



# THE GASLINE

**Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.**

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May 2018

## **BMC Club Meeting**

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

<http://skipjacknewark.com>

**Tuesday, May 1st – Greet & Eat @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.**

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

**Saturday, May 19th - see flyer**

## **BMC Rally - Greenville, DE**

**Saturday, June 9th - Save the date**

### **Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman**



Well, we have finally started running events that don't require any snow melting. The Autocross was a success despite the wind trying to take the canopies away. Thanks to all who came out and helped. As I mentioned at the event, our main goal should be safety.

We all need to keep that in mind even as we get together and have fun.

Congrats to the McGowan brothers for their FTD win, Shawn Dewey also put together a cleaner fast run and beat me with my own car. I really need to work on a better set of tires and get rid of the hard Hoosier DOT tires we have been using. The search is on, especially since the budget is limited.

Thanks to Dave Mitchell for another fun drive around the tri-state area and good fellowship and food at the end of the event. Despite a missing Left instruction, everyone found their way to the finish in Fair Hill. Some just drove further than others, this was certainly less driving than my last rally.

For those that would like some insight into what's involved in an SCCA National Course Rally, come on out to the Monthly meeting at Skipjack dining. Shawn and I will talk about the trials and tribulations of our first Course Rally. See you there.

*Paul*

### **Rides of March Rally**

Thanks to everyone who participated in our snow date/road closure rescheduled tour on April 21st. The turnout was good at 15 vehicles, which included two couples that participated for the first time. Special thanks to my young assistant Patrick Ayotte who was diligent and excited to see the club in action. Special thanks to Jim Martin and Wayne Elvin for assistance in route work and insurance mapping.

*Dave Mitchell, Rallymaster*

### **Rally Chair – George Alderman**



We had such a good attendance at last Saturday's rally that Willis Weldin and I were inspired to put on the next rally, hoping that it will also get a good turnout. The next rally will be on Saturday June 9th starting and ending in Greenville. So save that date for a nice afternoon drive around the back roads of New Castle and Chester Counties. The course will be easy to follow with every effort made to keep you on course. For teams that want to navigate the course, there will be average speeds and checkpoints to give you something to do, but nothing tricky or complicated. We want everyone to enjoy the afternoon and have fun driving the back roads.

*George*

## Autocross Chair – Duke Wilford



Spring appeared in Delaware just in time for our Autocross I season opener on 14 April... and then vanished immediately. Event day was sunny and warm at 80 degrees, with only breezy winds in the first half of the day causing any trouble. A mere 18 hours after the trailer was packed, it was 40 degrees colder and pouring rain. This is reversed from the usual sequence – though I am certainly not complaining!

We had a solid showing of 65 drivers (plus 2 no-show preregisters), almost evenly split between members and non-members. Remember, if you have preregistered but find you can't make it, let me know before preregistration closes – I can cancel your registration and give you credit towards a future event.

We had a good mix of regulars, new faces, and novices run with us. A number of people changed classes or cars over the off season. Among the standouts were the Davises' white S-10 road race truck, which served not one but 4 drivers all day without hiccup. Hopefully that helped shake it down for its future in LeMons / Champcar racing. The Brothers of Fast, Dan and Will McGowan, showed up with their just-bought-last-week Raptor F Modified formula car, powered by a 500cc snowmobile engine, and battled for FTD all afternoon. Chris Foster's supercharged Civic coupe project finally saw the light of day and was fast enough to secure him the SM win, even though he was running a class above his normal assignment in SMF. The weather allowed Frank Adkins to bring the Del Tech Valiant out for the Classic Street Car win, against Bill King's 1959 MGA, Bill Lueckel's 1967 Corvette, and Gary Hunter's 1966 Chevy II, which was unfortunately sidelined with engine trouble.

Fastest Time of the Day (FTD) went to Dan McGowan in the Raptor, with a 37.150 raw time. Will was just behind with a 37.509 in the same car. The only other time in that range was Paul Alderman's last run with a 37.794 in his D Mod Caterham, but a cone put that run out of contention.

Fastest PAX time of the day went to Alex Brooke in his STS Miata, with an indexed 31.551 (38.952 raw). Looks like the off season was productive for you, Alex!

**David Hughes** led the morning setup in my absence, and when I arrived on site nothing was on fire and the event was running smoothly. Dave also designed the fast, fun course. Big thanks to David and the rest of the volunteer crew for stepping in to make sure the event went well. Also, many thanks to **Alexander Cabinian, Marilyn Causey, Nick Gurnas-Moore, David Hughes, Carlos Marcano, Chris Ramos, Mike Trzonkowski, and Richard Wortmann** for spending a Saturday afternoon at my house learning how to administer an event and run the T+S system. It's always better to have redundancy, and the more skilled operators we have, the more smoothly the events run.

Preregistration is open for Autocross II on 19 May at <http://msreg.com/BMCAXII2018>. We will be using the middle lot in this co-drift event, before returning to the front lot in June. Then, after the July break, we will run the remaining 3 events on BOTH lots!

We're looking forward to the rest of 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**. Thanks!

*-Duke "Time and Space" Wilford*

*It Fits!*





## Meeting Highlights – Jim Martin

The 3<sup>rd</sup> of April, 2018 meeting was held at Skipjack's in Newark, DE. The turnout was 16 members and guests; the Executive Committee had a quorum. The meeting was called to order by Club Secretary, Jim Martin.

Jim opened the meeting by sharing some of his observations on the first drift event of the year. This led to a lively discussion about event safety - we are all part of Brandywine Motorsport Club with our numerous events, why our events are not open to the public, and thoughts on how can we improve our events and membership.

**Membership Report** (Anita Steward was on vacation) – Our annual membership is now \$20/single and \$30/family. We currently have 70 members, please do not forget to renew your membership, your support is appreciated.

**Financial Report** (Richard Wortmann) – Our 1<sup>st</sup> event of the year (Drifting) generated a positive cash flow of \$600.

**Rally Report** (George Alderman) – Dave Mitchell (Rally Master) had laid out “The Rides of March Rally” for Sunday 3/25, which had to be rescheduled to Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. 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> at Dover International Raceway. Duke has also scheduled a timing system training session for Saturday, April 7.

**Drift Report** (Matt Burris) – Nuri Heckrotte ran the Successful Season Opening event in March which appeared to be one of the largest events that we have seen. The next scheduled event will be done in conjunction with AutoX on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

Adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Jim Martin, Secretary

## BACK IN THE DAY...

48 Evening Journal, Wilmington, Del. \*\*\* Wednesday, July 5, 1961



George Alderman

### City Driver Bidding For Sports Car Title

A cigarette butt was responsible for George Alderman's failure to finish in his first sports-car race five years ago. But the Wilmington driver has been going great guns ever since.

Alderman, 1960 national Formula III champion, is bidding for the Formula Junior divisional title this year. He notched six points Saturday when he finished third in a 30-mile championship race at Limerock, Conn.

The 29-year-old Alderman has raced in three other Formula Junior races this year. He finished second twice and came in first at Vineland, N. J., on June 11.

“We started too late this year to have a chance for the national title in Formula Junior,” Alderman said. “But with a little luck we could win the steadily replacing Formula III, divisional, which covers the upper part of the East Coast—from Connecticut to Pennsylvania.”

George, who is single, is an active member of the Brandywine Motor Sport Club and chairman of its contest board, which sponsors about 15 raving events each year. He also is active in the Philadelphia chapter of the Sports Car Club of America.

An amateur, George drives for silver, not money. His rewards are trophies and glory. But like other drivers, he hopes for a “ride”—someone to sponsor him in a bigger car in a big race.

“It would be a real thrill,” Alderman says, “to race at Sebring or Daytona Beach. Guess you could say that is my dream now.”

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## 2018 BMC EVENT SCHEDULE

- 5/19 Autocross II / Drift III
- 6/9 Rally - Greenville
- 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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## 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:

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