



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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July 2018

BMC Club Meeting

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

<http://skipjacknewark.com>

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

Autocross III - Dover Speedway

Saturday, August 11 - save the date

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



After this past month's events, I have been reminded that trying harder does not always mean better results. The June Rally was a fun event, but since I drove and Heather navigated, I was not able to quickly work out the timing for each checkpoint. We ended up

early for some, and even though we knew most of the roads, we realized (too late) that there was not a safe space to pull over and wait to get back on time. I ended up figuring out my problem later in the day and we finished one leg with a perfect 0. The final was a slight mistake and we went through late. Congrats to the winners with a score under 2 minutes. Fun was had by all.

Our next event was the Autocross in Dover. Shawn Dewey co-drove the Caterham 7. We know the tires are not the best, but until we find something else, we need to make due with what we have. The first group of runs were on a drying lot, and I over-drove the course. Shawn's comment as I raced into the chicane portion was "Wow, he's carrying a lot of speed, that might be a problem." He said my slide, 90 degrees from the direction of travel, was impressive. I calmed down on some other runs, but I still found myself trying to drive faster.

By the afternoon runs I was 2.2 seconds off the fastest time and was behind Shawn by a little bit. I went out and tried harder and made such a mess that I aborted the run. I relaxed on the next run and completed the course clean. The final run was about the same but with a cone. After getting out of the car someone commented that I had beaten them. It turned out the boring easy run I made was over 1.3 seconds quicker and moved me from around 10th to 5th overall. I was still 0.7 seconds behind the FTD, but if someone asked me what run was faster I would not have picked that run. I need to keep reminding myself that the wild crazy runs are just that, and a calm boring run does not mean it is slow. It was usually the same when I road raced, but the tighter courses on the Autocross need more inputs quicker and doing them calm and slow is a challenge.

Our next monthly meeting will be July 3rd at Skipjack Dining. Come on out for a fun time of food and fellowship. Jim Martin will be sharing about his trip to VA with the Austin Healey club.

*Hope to see you there,
Paul*

Rally Chair – George Alderman



See the results of our Multiple Choice Rally in this Gasline. No other rallies are in the works at the moment, but stay tuned.

George

Autocross Chair – Duke Wilford



If it seems like forever since BMC had an autocross, that's because it was. May's Autocross II was rained out, and the next date on 23 June almost was as well! The forecast was sketchy throughout prep week, and even at dawn on the day of the event, scattered thunderstorms were still a possibility. Driving down for setup with the windshield wipers on did not inspire confidence, but in the end, nature came through. It quit showering just in time for setup, and never did rain again. Winds stayed gentle and the sun stayed hidden. No thunder was heard except from a few V8s on course.

Turnout was low because of the forecast, but the 36 drivers who braved it out were rewarded with 8 competition runs, very few T&S hiccups, and an early end to the day. All in all we made 295 passes through the course, with only a handful of reruns.

Although AX was on the front lot, drift was using the middle lot, so available area was limited. With a large clockwise loopback near the start, times were generally between the low 40s and low 50s. All but one of the major turns were rights, so camber-challenged cars were a little hard on the left front tire. A fast slalom through the middle section connected technical areas at the start and finish. Both ends were difficult to master (for me anyway), requiring patience with the throttle and some creative thinking with the line. Thanks to David Hughes, Alex Cabinian, and others, who took my draft design and made it a reality.

Thanks also to Dave Mitchell and Jim Martin for delivering and retrieving the equipment trailer. That is sincerely appreciated, especially since you gentlemen do not compete.

Street classes were well represented, with DS and CS most popular. HS had Jacob Peltz alone in his 500 Abarth, though he actually could have taken second in GS. Andre Downey's trusty maroon WRX has been traded for a new red GTI, and Andre hustled the Golf to the GS win. ES consisted of yours truly and Lizzy Wilford sharing Lizzy's new (and David Hughes's ex-) black NB Miata. Lizzy had only a few miles' experience in the car (and driving a stick) before the event, but she finished a mere 0.338 seconds behind me. As soon as she gets a little more practice, I expect that margin will go the other way, and get bigger. Regular Scott Enright took the DS win in his black WRX, and Thomas Campbell won CS in his black ND Miata, with a series of very quick and drama-free runs. Lotta black cars in Street – good thing it wasn't sunny!

People must be spending modification money, because Street Touring has been shrinking lately while Street Modified continues to grow. We had 5 ST cars, 3 of which were Miatas and 2 of which were Mike Yoder's grey Focus RS, being co-driven by Alex Cabinian. Alex Brooke won STS while Alex Cabinian took STU. Phil Worrell ran unopposed in STR in his 3-tone-green demon Miata.

SM/SSM had 11 cars, almost a third of the entire field. Chris Foster and Corry Hunter both opted to move up from SMF to SM, and both did well. Carlton Griggs took the SM win in his Bullitt Mustang, while David Hughes drove Nick Gurnas's Mazdaspeed Miata to victory in SSM. Dave's getting used to Miatas that have torque – wait until his own turbo build hits the course. I'll never podium in SSM again.

We had 2 Street Prepared cars, Bob Clifton's roadrace-bred Daytona and John Worrall's snappy Fiesta ST, but both were unopposed in class. Shawn Dewey battled Paul Alderman in Paul's Caterham as usual, but this time Paul took the D Modified win.

BMC newcomer – though clearly not a rookie – Elias Roman was the day's hot shoe, driving his white Focus RS unopposed in B Street and taking not only the top PAX indexed spot but also the Fastest Time of the Day with a blistering 40.953 (raw), the only sub-41 run in the event.

Complete results are available at the Club's website as well as <http://live.axti.me/results/V16W81Y-H>.

Due to the Speedway's schedule, we are taking July off. Autocross will return to Dover on 11 August. We will be using both lots for maximum course area in both August and September. Preregistration is open now at <http://msreg.com/BMCAxIII2018>.

If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at BMCAutox@gmail.com. Thanks!

*-Duke "Age and Treachery" Wilford
Autocross Chair*



BMC Multiple Choice Rally – June 9, 2018

Class & Position	Driver & Navigator	Car number & Make	Checkpoint Score	Question Score
Nav 1st	Keven Turner Matt Rhoads	Car #3 '15 BMW 335i	127	12
Nav 2nd	Paul Alderman Heather Alderman	Car #8 '66 Mustang GT	470	14
Nav 3rd	Duke Wilford Maryanne Wilford	Car #1 '17 Volvo S60	662	13
Novice 1st	Joe Downey Mary Lee Downey	Car #6 '05 BMW Z4	1390	12
Novice 2nd	Greg Kulp Lori Wright	Car #2 '13 Toyota RAV4	1502	10
Novice 3rd	Bill Palmer Johne & Hunter	Car #7 '02 Subaru WRX	Max	None
Solo 1st	Steve Paylor —	Car #5 '18 Porsche Boxster	782	None
Solo 2nd	Jim Martin <i>Jack the dog</i>	Car #4 '09 Nissan Sentra	1043	None

Our Multiple Choice Rally was a lot of fun for the six teams and two solo drivers that competed, too bad we didn't have a better turnout. Willis and I want to thank Jim and Marie Irons for checking out the rally, and for Jim Irons, Wayne Elvin, and Barbara White for working the five checkpoints. Although Bill Palmer and his two navigators didn't make any of the checkpoints, they did come to the ending location at Brandywine Brewing Co. Thanks Bill and better luck next time. And someone thought they heard Jim Martin berating poor Jack for not barking at the deer head, long horn cow, the horse, lions and other observation questions to help him with his scores.

George Alderman & Willis Weldin

June Meeting Highlights

- The June 5, 2018 meeting was held at Skipjack Dining in Newark, DE. Attendance was 20 members and guests. Paul Alderman showed videos of Formula One/Monaco and Vintage TransAm races before the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Club Chair, Paul Alderman at 7:24 P.M..

Membership No report.

Treasurer Richard Wortmann reported the Treasury balance about even with 2017 to date. He expressed concern that our 2018 income is flat and we will need more income to supplement our reserves for future expenses.

AutoX Duke Wilford reported that the May autoX event was canceled due to rain. Our next event is June 23rd, and we have 27 registered (mostly from cancelled May event). Duke was invited to and attended a Delaware PCA meeting to talk about BMC events and encourage more participation of Porsche club members.

Rally George Alderman talked about the upcoming Multiple Choice Rally. He encouraged those attending the Greenville Car Show to come to the rally right after the show in the same Greenville area.

Drift Nuri Heckrotte said they ran the 3rd Drift Event of the season in the rain. The wet paving was enjoyable and saved tire wear. There were two minor incidents but no problems. Since they will have both Dover lots at their August event, they hope to have a Drift professional conduct a clinic which should draw entries from a larger geographic area.

Property No report.

Editor No report. Send photos and articles for the newsletter to Jim Irons by last Tuesday of each month.

New Business Chris and Peter Ayotte presented slides about the AACA Museum's Mustang show in Hershey on June 10th and encouraged BMC members to attend. Following the show, dinner will be at The Mill in Hershey.

- The meeting was adjourned by popular vote at 7:45 P.M.

Jim Irons for Jim Martin, Secretary



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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	Autoacross I / Drift II
Sat.	May 19	Autoacross II / Drift III
Sat.	June 23	Autoacross 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

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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