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Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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March 2019

BMC Club Meeting - NOTE THE LOCATION

Tyler's Bar & Grille

5343 Limestone Rd., Wilmington, DE 19808

Tuesday, March 5th – Greet & Eat @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.

Autocross Chair – Duke Wilford



BREAKING NEWS – THIS JUST IN!!

Just a few hours ago, BMC reached a preliminary agreement to run 4 autocross events at **Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen, Maryland!** (See photo on page 3, ed.)

Our 2019 dates are as follows:

27 April – Autocross I

08 June – Autocross II

20 July – Autocross III

14 September – Autocross IV

These Saturday dates do not overlap any regional autocrosses. The schedule will be posted shortly at motorsportreg.com and the Club's online media.

Unfortunately, this location will make it more difficult for some of our southern Delaware autocrossers to make the trek, and for that we sincerely apologize. Ripken has a large lot, in better condition than the Speedway's – we hope that our Kent and Sussex County friends can make the trip to join us. We'll try our best to make it worth your while.

We count ourselves lucky that the IronBirds' management were willing to host us and negotiate to make their venue financially affordable. Hopefully we will gain new drivers from the NE MD / SE PA area to improve our turnout.

Although the Ripken organization was able to hold our rent to last year's number, their insurance requirements are somewhat greater than the Speedway's. Our premiums will increase (again) and so we unfortunately must raise our entry fees to \$50 members / \$55 nonmembers to cover the higher cost.

If we could avoid doing so, we would.

At these rates, we need approximately 65-68 cars per event to break even. This is within range of our average attendance, but we need strong participation to keep the program financially sound. Please come out and try this new venue with us, and bring your friends!

Another way to support the Club and help offset our operating costs is to join or renew your membership for 2019. Membership dues pay for a large portion of our general insurance. And remember, members get a \$5 discount on autocross entry fees, which can offset the cost of joining! You can sign up online at <http://msreg.com/BMCMembership2019>.

I am still working to secure an additional venue. A number of folks have contacted me to recommend possibilities – thank you very much! Any and all suggestions in the northern half of Delaware or southeastern Pennsylvania areas are welcome, particularly if you can supply contact information. Please send suggestions and tips to BMCautox@gmail.com.

After last month's bumper of a column, I'm happy to write this one. Thanks to editor Jim Irons for holding the presses so I could make this announcement. We're looking forward to the 2019 season again and hope to see everybody out there cone dancing!

Duke "11th Hour" Wilford
Autocross Chair



Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



Ready or Not, the season is starting.

We are starting off with what we thought was a good plan only for the change in rental cost at Dover disrupt the whole thing. We had much discussion last meeting and we also had some other items to discuss and

resolve before the March meeting. Here are the highlights.

BMC E-board Special Meeting 2/25/19 at Spinelli's home called to order 7:15 by Paul Alderman.

Motion to appoint Michael Trzonkowski to temporary Secretary position for the remaining term vacated by Jim Martin (Paul, Duke). Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Jimmy Brown, Chair and Justin Sieminski, Vice Chair of Drift committee (Paul, Dave). Motion carried.

We discussed a motion to add Drift Chair to the Club bylaws to be presented at the general meeting.

We also approved sending in the Insurance Renewal from K&K. There was also discussion about a potential Autocross site that will be announced soon. (See Duke's Autocross Report.) We are also continuing to look and reach out to other locations for both drifting and autocross. If anyone has potential contacts or sites please contact Duke BMCautox@gmail.com.

Come on out and join us for our Monthly Meeting at Tylers on the 5th. Hope to see you all there.

Paul

Rally Chair – George Alderman



Willis Weldin and I will be working on a rally to be run on **Saturday May 11th**, so SAVE THAT DATE for a good time, and an interesting drive. It's the day before Mothers Day, so bring your mom along for a nice ride in the country. The rally will be run on some new roads that will take us to a new ending location that we have not visited before. More news to follow.

George

Membership Chair – Anita Spinelli

It's membership renewal time!!!

Its renewal time for the new season! Fun times are right around the corner! If you are joining as a Single member it is \$20. 00 and a Family membership is only \$30.00! You can pay via the MSR website <http://msreg.com/BMCMembership2019>, or at the monthly meeting, or mail a check.

See you soon and thank YOU!!

Anita

February Meeting Highlights

The February 5, 2019 meeting was held at Tyler's Bar and Grille in Pike Creek, DE. The turnout was about 23 members and guests. The meeting was called to order by the continuing Club Chair, Paul Alderman. Paul welcomed everyone to a new year and announced Mike Trzonkowski as the new Club Secretary. Paul thanked Jim Martin for his many years of service as Club Secretary and looks forward to many more years with him as an active member.

Membership Report (Anita Spinelli)

We always welcome new members. Membership is \$20/individual or \$30/family. Membership fees can be paid via cash, check, motorsportreg.com, or credit card (we have a card reader).

Treasurer Report (Richard Wortmann)

Don't forget to pay your 2019 Membership fees. We closed out 2018 with Autocross netting a -\$760, Drift +\$600, and Rally +\$114.

Rally Report (Dave Mitchell)

The club is currently looking for a Rallymaster. We continue to plan a cruise to 3 Dog Garage, but with the museum currently under construction, we are placing this event on hold until April. A Rally to Charlestown, WV is currently being planned for July. Official dates and times will be posted. George Alderman reported that there is a SCCA U.S. Majors Tour race at Summit Point Raceway on April 27-28. Discount tickets are available.

AutoX Report (Duke Wilford)

The club strives for a good year despite new challenges we will be facing with the Dover International Speedway venue - Dover Speedway has raised 2019 rent to \$3500 per day. There was an open discussion among present members on needing to find new/less costly venues or other autocross events i.e., an open lot at Delaware Park, New Jersey Motorsports Park, or participating in a SCCA Track Night in America event. Anyone who knows of a potential venue, please send suggestions and tips to BMCautox@gmail.com.

Drift Report (Justin)

Justin reiterated the need to find a new venue for drifting events.

Property Report (Dave Mitchell)

We have a trailer.

Editor (Jim Irons)

Items for the newsletter need to be forwarded to Jim no later than the last Tuesday of each month.

Meeting adjourned.

Michael Trzonkowski, Secretary

Ripken Stadium & Parking Areas

