



# THE GASLINE

**Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.**

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June 2019

**BMC Club Meeting NEW LOCATION (again)!!**  
**Michael's Restaurant, 1000 Churchman's Rd., Newark, Dela. 19713**  
**Tuesday, June 4th - Greet & Eat @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.**

**BMC Autocross II - June 8th**  
**New Venue! Ripken Stadium, Aberdeen, MD**

**NOTE: Our club meeting location has changed again. We needed a larger room and Anita Spinelli was able to get us accommodated at Michael's Restaurant <http://michaelsde.com> . It's a convenient location with a large menu and is reasonably priced. We hope this can be our new regular home.**

## Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



How many fire hydrants between instructions 28 and 30? Easy question, right? Reading that was the easiest part about that question. Even after driving home down that road we still didn't see all the fire hydrants. One turned out to be on the back side of a small hill as we drove the opposite direction. We thought we saw all of them and still missed four. Thanks to George, Willis and T Lad Webb for their parts in designing and measuring a nice rally route. Even though the timed portion was removed from the rally. The questions made for some interesting discussion in the car.

“Was that one or two railroad tracks?”

“Does that still count as one railroad crossing?”

“What about that bridge?”

“I'm sure that was train tracks because of the high fences.”

“I can't tell should we turn around and check?”

“What was that number?”

Heather and I only made one quick U-turn and checked a clue twice, for the others we went with our first instinct and kept on driving. For those that came and ran with us, Thank You. I hope you had as much fun as we did. If you missed it, I would encourage you to come to the next rally. If anyone has an idea for a destination or would like to help design and layout a rally, get in touch with George, our Rally Chair.

Our next event will be Autocross II on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. I will be there, and I hope the wind is not. I will be donating my old tires to help keep the timing equipment in place. If you have experience in any area of setup for the event, please come early, we could always use the help. Duke can only be in one place at a time and he would welcome any and all volunteers. We even have a position of assistant Autocross Chair available for the right person.

Our next meeting will be June 4<sup>th</sup> at Michael's in Newark on Churchmans Road. Come on out and join us for our monthly meeting. Hope to see you there.

*Paul*

## Rally Chair – George Alderman



The first Tour/Rally of 2019 was a success with a turnout of 29 people for the wine tasting and grilled buffet. There were 9 teams that ran the rally and answered the 22 questions that Willis and I picked out along the route from Greenville to Crow Vineyards near Galena MD. The hardest question was "How many fire hydrants are there between Inst 28 and 30". Instruction 28 was where you turn onto Rt.15 just after crossing Summit Bridge and Inst 30 was at the second traffic circle about 2-1/4 miles later. We counted them every time we checked out the rally, and counted 13 - 7 red & green ones and 6 yellow ones. However, on the day of the rally, someone had done some grass cutting and I counted 14! I turned around and counted then again and got 14. Then Willis called my cell phone to report that he had also counted 14, so that became the correct answer. The grass had grown so much that many were almost hidden, but Tim and Cindy Zuponcic driving their 1966 Triumph Spitfire spotted all 14 of them. See the results later in this Gasline to see how the other teams did.

Thanks for coming out, and if someone has an idea for another event please let me hear from you. This event was a modification of the rally that T. Lad Webb had laid out for the BMW Owners Club.

*George*

## Autocross Chair – Duke Wilford



Feedback for AxI has been strongly positive, and preregistrations are solid for the upcoming AxII at our new Ripken Stadium venue. As of this writing, we have 48 drivers signed up, putting us over the 50% mark of our event cap of 90 cars. Last time, pre-sales

were very strong in the last week.

*Remember,*

*preregistration closes at 6:00p on the Thursday before each event – 06 June, in this case, less than 9 days away!*



We are making some procedural changes in order to streamline event startup:

- Tech inspectors will no longer need to meet each driver and sign their card – roving tech will mark windshields of inspected cars

- Run Groups will now be assigned by car class – this keeps each class together and brings BMC in line with typical autocross practices

- With these changes, drivers will no longer need to make 2 separate trips to the timing tent during check-in

Hopefully these adjustments will simplify some of the necessary tasks before the event gets under way.

At our May club meeting, member **David Spain** was moved by my impassioned pleas to volunteer as **Event Deputy**, to help set up and assist in managing each event. Thanks very much, Dave! I'm looking forward to having your help with some of these tasks on a regular basis. We have plenty of enthusiastic volunteers, but it will be a huge help to have someone assist with directing them.

We do still need other dedicated team members to help with setup and get the cars running as early as feasible. If anyone is interested in becoming **Tech Deputy**, please contact me. I am also open to deputizing other roles – just let me know what you'd like to do on an official basis.

Our 2019 rebuilding season is off to a promising start, and we'd like to keep attracting new regular drivers and new Club members. Please share our new Ripken Stadium autocross location and event schedule with other enthusiast groups and friends. Our upcoming autocross events are below:

**08 June** – Autocross II – Preregistration closes  
06 June at <http://msreg.com/BMCaxII2019>

**20 July** – Autocross III

**14 September** – Autocross IV

We look forward to seeing you on course!

*-Duke "Second Verse Same As The First" Wilford  
Autocross Chair*

## May Meeting Notes

The May 7, 2019 meeting was held at Six Paupers Tavern in Hockessin, DE. The turnout was 21 members and guests. The meeting was called to order 7:10pm by the Club Chair, Paul Alderman.

### **Membership Report (Anita Spinelli)**

We have members.

### **Treasurers Report (Richard Wortmann)**

First AutoX event was a positive event.

### **Rally Report (George Alderman)**

Twelve cars (10 driver/navigator, 2 single drivers) pre-registered for Crow Winery Tour Rally.

### **AutoX Report (Duke Wilford)**

Running an old average of 51 cars per event, our first AutoX event at new RS venue had 90 cars participate netting \$1,100. With sustained 25-35 mph winds, there was no major damage. Venue informed us that they were happy dealing with BMC. Event feedback has been positive, and there is already 26 pre-registered for AxII. One negative feedback was that event began very late. Looking for additional dedicated hands to consistently handle certain setup tasks to streamline the setup process.

### **Drift Report (Jimmy Brown & Justin Sieminski)**

Nothing to report. BMC encourages Drift board members & members to join monthly meetings.

### **Property Report (Dave Mitchell)**

We obtained more cones.

### **New Business**

- Stefan Vepaa; director of VSCCA presented the Grand Ascent Hill Climb and Cars & Coffee in Hershey June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. He shared pictures, videos, event details, and his history with the BMC club.

- Old BMC trophy found.

- AutoX needs Vice Chair.

- Drift pre-registering August event.

- Track night NJ Motorsports Park May 21.

- Winterthur Historic Autos event June 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Jim Martin helping coordinate the Coatesville Grand Prix event.

Meeting adjourned 7:55pm.

*Michael Trzonkowski*

## BMC Spring Tour to Crow Winery – 11 May 2019

### Expert

Car #	Driver	Navigator	Car	Hydrants	RR X's	Deductions
11	Paul Alderman	Heather Alderman	'66 Mustang	10	7	-1
10	Jim Martin	Jim Fleitz	'07 Nissan	4	7	-2
3	Dave Mitchell	Peggy Mitchell	'13 Buick	10	5	-2
1	Jake Bowers	Hanna Alderman	'02 Mustang	12	9	-2.5

### Novice

Car #	Driver	Navigator	Car	Hydrants	RR X's	Deductions
4	Tim Zuponic	Cindy Zuponic	'66 Spitfire	14	6	-1
8	Ken Church	Apple Logan	'03 Boxster	10	7	-1.5
6	Ashley Merritt	Danielle Merritt	'15 Mustang	6	7	-3.5
5	Joe Downey	Mary Lee	'05 BMZ Z4	5	7	-4
12	Liz Wilford	Joe Hardy	'00 Miata	6	12	-7

### GPS To Crow Vineyard

Car #	Driver	Navigator	Car
2	Jim Irons	n/a	'08 Corvette
7	James Peterson	n/a	'00 Miata
9	Buzz Marshall	Paula Marshall	'65 Corvette
13	T. Lad Webb	n/a	BMW
14	Wayne Elvin	Chris/Peter Ayotte	Acura TLX

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2019**

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