



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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August 2019

BMC Club Meeting

Michaels Grille & Pizza Pub, 1000 Churchman's Rd., Newark, Dela. 19713

Tuesday, August 6th - Greet & Eat @ 6-ish, Meeting @ 7-ish

BMC Club Trip - Saturday, August 10th

Simeone Museum Nürburgring Demo Day - See Rally Chair report

BMC Autocross III - Lofland Memorial Cup

Saturday, September 14th - Ripken Stadium, Aberdeen, MD

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



Well, I missed the Autocross, except when I was walking between the buildings here sweating. I have raced in hot weather, but I had a cool suit that circulated cold water into a vest to keep your body temp down.

Everyone is also wearing 3 to 4 layers of Nomex including the long underwear, and drivers suit. When the cars are 120 to 140 inside even a few degrees of temperature drop will keep you cooler. I have also had problems with the cool suit - when the ice melts and the water is warm, it gets you overheated quickly. I also have memories of attempting a one-handed hose installation after it pushed off during the race, fortunately it happened during a caution and I was able to repair it before it pumped all the water out of the cooler. I also raced with an air hose on my helmet that helped air flow through it. This also gave some fresh air until I dropped a wheel or drove through oil dry. I can see why the newer systems have a filter in the system.

I also have news about an October Fun Rally through PA to Valley Forge National Park that is in the works. Hanna decided to start planning it after my request at last month's meeting. Since the July Autocross has been moved to October 12th and there are other September events each weekend (see schedule), a date will be set soon. The course at this point is a few hours' drive on winding roads, and the questions are reasonable. We are hoping to have a picnic or cookout at the finish, but we need to speak with the Park and iron out those details. When we have a date set, we will get it published on MSR and Facebook, and send an email blast.

*Have a cool day,
Paul*

Rally Chair – George Alderman



CLUB TRIP!

There are no Rallies this month, however several of us BMC'ers are planning to go to the Simeone Museum in Philadelphia for Nürburgring Demo Day on Saturday, August 10th. My friend David Hobbs will be talking about his book "Hobbo" and autographing copies. Hobbs will be joined by Will Buxton, the Formula One pit reporter who also has a book. Local retired sports car and F1 racer Brett Lunger, who was Hobbs' teammate in F5000, will also be joining us.

The Simeone Museum opens at 10am; we will meet and carpool from Alderman Automotive on Route 13 at 9:30am, or you can meet us at the museum. No need to order tickets, we will buy tickets at the door.

Simeone Museum event info here: <https://www.simeonemuseum.org/event/book-signing-q-and-a-with-david-hobbs-and-will-buxton/>

Hope to see you at the shop for the carpool ride up to the museum. See page 3 for more event information.

George

Upcoming BMC Events:

August 10th: Club Trip to Simeone Museum

August 24th: Drift @ Dover Int'l Speedway

September 14th: Lofland Autocross @ Ripken Stadium

September 21st: Coatesville Grand Prix – Coatesville PA

October 12th: Autocross 4 @ Ripken Stadium

October 19th or 26th (TBD): Fall Rally to Valley Forge

Autocross Chair – Duke Wilford



Instead of a long event writeup for AutoX III, we only have a short update this month. Early in the week preceding 20 July, the weather forecasts were showing clear but hot weather. As the date got closer, predicted temperatures steadily rose.

When several sources predicted highs of 100°F with cloudless skies for Saturday, I made the executive decision to call off the event. 100 degrees ambient means actual air temperatures over 120 on the paving. With dew point in the mid 70s, the heat and humidity posed a real health risk. We were disappointed to postpone, but autocross is supposed to be fun, not an endurance contest.

Due to typically hot conditions, a history of low turnout, and site availability conflicts, we have no August autocross on the schedule. BMC Drift will be running a multi-course drift event on 24 August at Dover Speedway, so have a look at one of our other motorsport programs!

All preregistrations for the July autocross have rolled over to our next date, 14 September, at Ripken Stadium. If you have a conflict with the September date, simply cancel your registration and I will issue a credit toward a future event. Signups are still open at <http://msreg.com/BMCAXIII2019> and will close on Thursday, 12 September, at 6:00 pm.

We are working with the Ripken Stadium management to schedule a makeup autocross date on 12 October. We'll keep everyone informed as this event develops.

We hope to see you September, for our Lofland Memorial Cup(s) autocross. This year we have a new trophy for fastest PAX driver, as well as the traditional raw time FTD!



-Duke "Too Much of a Good Thing" Wilford

July Meeting Highlights

The July 2, 2019 meeting was held at Michael's Restaurant Newark, DE; the turnout was 20 members and guests. The meeting was called to order 7:13pm by the Club Chair, Paul Alderman.

Membership Report (Anita Spinelli)

We have new members 112 members to date. Welcome new members.

Treasurers Report (Richard Wortmann)

We have money.

Rally Report (George Alderman)

We had an enjoyable outing at the 3 Dog Garage June 22nd in Boyertown PA. They have a newly revised building full of amazing cars.

AutoX Report (Duke Wilford)

June 8th AxII event went well. Event money is in the black. Pre-registration is down for AxIII due to other outside events running the same weekend, but should have same turnout as AxII. Members looking into Classic Auto Mall for a possible new location.

Drift Report (Jimmy Brown & Justin Sieminski)

No confirmation for August 24th event at Dover.

Property Report (Dave Mitchell)

Nothing to report.

New Business

Jim Martin is looking to find 30 BMC members to volunteer for Coatesville Grand Prix event September 21st. We are operating and testing new timing lights. Planning on running qualifying laps in the beginning, and implementing a slow zone. Racers be there 7am. Event runs till about 3pm. Coatesville want cars and bikes 1970 and older to participate.

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm.

Michael Trzonkowski

Renaissance Period Auto Repair



Simeone Museum Demo Day



Please join us August 10th as we honor one of the most infamous tracks in all professional racing with a very special Demo Day, Nürburgring – German Performance, featuring the greatest racing sports car from the '20s, '30s, and '50s.

In addition to our typical Demo Day schedule, we are delighted to host world-famous driver, TV commentator and Spirit of Competition winner David Hobbs, along with his former longtime broadcast partner, Will Buxton, famous for his Formula One "pit walks."

Considered to be two of the most informed Formula One announcers of all time, Hobbs and Buxton are expected to participate in our outdoor demonstration of these great Nürburgring winners.

Following the Demo Day activities, Hobbs, himself a longtime Indy Car, Formula One and sports car driver, along with Buxton, will take part in a moderated Q and A session related to Formula One, the sport of racing, and discuss their respective new books.

Copies of "Hobbo: Motor Racer, Motor Mouth," by David Hobbs, and "My Greatest Defeat," by Will Buxton, will be available for purchase and signing the day of the event.

* All Demo Day and post-Demo Day activities are included with regular museum admission (\$12, Senior \$10, children \$8)

We will feature the following Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum collection automobiles

- 1927 Mercedes-Benz S-Type Sportwagen
- 1955 Mercedes-Benz 300SL
- 1956 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL
- 1937 BMW 328
- 1938 BMW 328

Our planned schedule is as follows

- 10:00** | Doors open
- 11:15 - 11:45** | Scrutineering technical learning session
- 12:00 - 12:30** | Demo Day Q and A with Dr. Simeone
- 12:30 - 1:00** | Driving demo with featured automobiles
- 1:00 - 4:00** | Moderated Q and A session with David Hobbs and Will Buxton immediately followed with a book signing by Hobbs and Buxton.

Coatesville Grand Prix Update We need volunteers!

This is a way to participate in the only City Street Grand Prix in the United States.

We will be raising \$2000 for our Club while we play a role in the Grand Prix.

- George Alderman will be heading up the Pit/Grid area
- Bob Turner will be The Official Starter and Track Boss
- Dave Back will be heading up the Tech Inspectors
- Duke Wilford has volunteered to run the timing
- Jim Martin will be covering all the other holes

Please contact Jim Martin @ jipmartyar@gmail.com if you want to volunteer your help. I will need your email address to contact you. You will need to be a BMC member for insurance purposes. If you are not a member, we can make you a member for the day at no charge.

We will need 35 volunteers and currently have just 18. We will be having a meet-and-greet meeting with the volunteers on 8/14/19 at 6 PM, location TBA.

Go to <https://coatesvillegrandprix.com/info> for more event information. We need both volunteers and drivers for the Event.

Jim Martin

