



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org

September 2020

BMC Club Meeting - IT'S ON!!

The Green Turtle Sports Bar & Grille, 425 Stanton Christiana Rd., Newark, DE 19713

Tuesday, April 7th - Greet & Eat @ 6, Meeting @ 7

Masks & Social Distancing Req'd!

BMC Autocross III, Saturday September 12,

Ripken Stadium - see flyer

Club Chair



BMC's schedule is warming up as we head from summer toward early fall! It's great to see everybody bringing their cars back out to play.

Autocross II on 15 August went off well. The experimental site layout tested the range of our timing equipment, but performance was solid all day. There was a glitch with live timing results (on their end, not ours) but that should be resolved going forward. With the compressed schedule, we're less than 2 weeks away from AxIII on 12 September. See the Autocross report for details on preregistration – the event is filling up.

Drift had their first event of 2020, which seemed well attended. Street cars, purpose-built drift missiles, and everything in between spread a lot of rubber over 3 different courses. There were 2 levels of practice courses, with the main lot reserved for more experienced drifters. Drift's second event is also coming up soon on 19 September at Dover Speedway.

Rally has been less active this year, but we're hoping to have at least one more BMC-hosted road rally in 2020.

Please keep an eye on the Club's Facebook page and website for news about resuming live-action membership meetings. We've been making do online, but the discussion is more productive in person. We will post details for our September meeting shortly.

We hope to see everyone soon!

*-Duke "Forget Politics – Let's Drive" Wilford
BMC Club Chair*

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Autocross



I'm pleased to report that Autox II on August 15 went off with barely a hitch! We had a unique learning curve this time around with test driving a new site layout, but everyone kept things running very efficiently. Despite having more drivers than last event, a few timing delays, and a 30-minute hiatus during the final run group for a disabled vehicle, we still finished up before 4:00P and were offsite within the hour.

Course designer Jacob Peltz had some exciting ideas for the lot, including swapping the start and finish lines and running grid along the perimeter aisle. His layout proved challenging even for veteran drivers, but there were a lot of fun elements, including not one but two slaloms (my favorite)! This was definitely a course that tested your ability to read the cones and look ahead, but that also meant a bigger payoff as everyone figured it out.

The modified site layout meant decreased course visibility for our tent and grid workers due to the slope of the lot. Big props to everyone for keeping close ears on radio communications, clarifying with corner workers, and resolving issues quickly.

Speaking of corner workers, your clear and timely penalty calls were absolutely invaluable. Of course you always play a critical role, but the challenges of the lot this time around really drove that point home.

With much less pandemic-related shuffle than last event, we ran 84 total drivers across 25 classes with about 1/3 members and 2/3 non-members. We maintained 6 competition runs for each driver and posted just over 500 total recorded laps.

Big congratulations to Craig Marhefka in the STR red Mazda Miata for the fastest raw and PAX time of the day at 35.410! He really drove that thing to its limits.

A few post-event classing changes and individual run adjustments did end up affecting some standings. Results for both Autox I and II, as well as class and PAX championships, have been recalculated and republished at both brandywinemotorsportclub.org and the Recent Results page of live.axti.me.

Multidriver class winners are below. We piloted a self-service trophy table at this event with some success, so we'll try to bring it back at Autox III for eligible Autox I and II trophy winners. Otherwise, you can come get yours at our season-end pickup event. As a reminder, single-driver classes are not eligible.

SS – Otoniel Figueroa (Porsche 911S)	STU – Alexander Cabinian (Volkswagen Golf R)
AS – Eric Core (Porsche Cayman S)	STR – Craig Marhefka (Mazda MX-5)
BS – Eric Rupert (Mercedes SL55)	STX – Shahrukh Mustakim (Scion FR-S)
CS – Richard Newman (Porsche Boxster S)	STS – Alexander Brooke (Mazda MX-5 Miata)
DS – Jason Simon (Subaru WRX STi)	STH – Taylor Johnson (Ford Fiesta ST)
ES – David Beyer (Mazda MX-5 Miata)	ASP – Alejandro Aviles (Acura NSX)
FS – Dean Sapp (Ford Mustang)	SSM – Alden Axford Sr. (Chevrolet Corvette Z51)
GS – Tom Carroll (Subaru Impreza 2.5 RS)	SM – Scott Bowers (Ford Mustang SVO)
HS – Lamberton Ben (Volkswagen Rabbit)	SMF – Doug Griffin (Honda Civic DX)
CAMC – Carlton Griggs (Ford Mustang)	DM – Kevin Turner (Haynes Roadster)
CAMT – Charles Trimble (Chevrolet Malibu)	CSC – Sharon Hunter (MG Midget)

Our next event is Autox III in just a couple weeks on September 12. We've got 82 drivers preregistered already, so grab your spot now before registration closes at 6:00P on September 9: <http://msreg.com/BMCAXIII2020>

Preregistration for our final event, Autox IV on October 10, is also open now at <http://msreg.com/BMCAXIV2020>. It's a BMC-palooza!

See you all soon!

Liz Wilford, Autocross Chair



July Meeting Highlights

The August 4, 2020 meeting was held via GoToMeeting.com. The turnout was 8 members and guests. The meeting was called to order 7:35pm by the Club Chair, Duke Wilford. Duke began the meeting by welcoming members and guests to today's self-isolated online meeting.

Drift Report (Duke for Jimmy Brown & Justin Sieminski)

I (Duke) arrived at event in Dover to see how things were going for the first event during Covid-19. Event seemed to be running well. Safety looked good. Spectator levels seemed controlled. Event had sanitizer and wipes accessible for use. Event made a few hundred dollars. Good job on the event, hoping for another good event.

AutoX Report (Liz Wilford)

We had a successful AutoX-1 event at Ripkin's. 74 drivers, 5 no-shows. Event made a few hundred dollars. We utilized new tech tables. 15-20 people on course. 1 or 2 new people working under tent to share training. Good job on the event, hoping for another good event. We made note that we could use a couple more radio's for check-in and tech. Motion for more radios. Motion carried by a majority vote. We have 88 pre-registered for AutoX-2 and plan to use new track layout/grid/paddock for the event. We will post new information as soon as possible to all drivers registered. We have the potential of starting the event earlier with drivers meeting at 10am and first car off at 10:30am.

Rally Report (Hanna Alderman)

Baltimore rally went well. It was very enjoyable. There is a possible Poker Run event planned soon similar to one we ran back in the day collecting cards and having a good time.

Treasurers Report (Duke for Jim Martin)

We have about 18k balance. Three more AutoX events to come. AutoX-2 is already paid for upfront. Jim Martin is changing the ways he is accounting to simplify the process.

Meeting adjourned 8:18pm.

Michael Trzonkowski, BMC Secretary



Join BMC or Renew your membership at:
<http://msreg.com/BMCMembership2020>



Brandywine Motorsport Club
Autocross III
Saturday, September 12, 2020
Ripken Stadium
873 Long Dr, Aberdeen, MD 21001

Come Autocross in a Friendly, Competitive Environment!

Setup: 8:30 AM

Registration: 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM First Car Off: 10:30 AM

There is a 90 Car Entry Limit - Preregistration is strongly encouraged!

Preregister online at: www.motorsportreg.com

Preregistration closes Wednesday before the event at 6:00p.

Walkups on the event day will incur a \$5 late registration fee.

Autocross Preregistration Fees:

Entry – BMC 2020 Member - \$50

Entry – Non-BMC member - \$55 (includes 1-day BMC membership)

Classes – In addition to typical area autocross classes, we offer:

Classic Street Car class – mostly-stock street cars 1978 and older.

Classic American Muscle (CAM) class – mostly-stock American Muscle, 1948 up.

Common Solo Rules and Classifications will generally be followed.

We reserve the right to modify/interpret these rules to suit the spirit of the competition and safety.

Please take time to research what class your car will be in prior to registration.

- **NO OPEN EXHAUST – Effective muffler required.**

We reserve the right to disqualify a car from competition if it is judged to be too loud.

- **Approved helmet (M or SA 2005 or newer) and seatbelts are required. Loaner helmets will be available.**
- **Drivers must be at least 16* years old and have a valid driver's license.**
 - *Parent / Guardian must sign waiver of liability and be in attendance for drivers under 18.
- **Parent / Guardian signatures required for workers and guests under 18.**
- **All contestants, workers, and guests must sign a release and waiver of liability.**
- **Vehicles must pass safety and technical inspection.**
- **No loose or unsecured items in any area. Remove floor mats from cabin.**
- **All cars are welcome to compete except SUVs and other vehicles that present a rollover risk.**

If you have any questions, please contact the event administrator:

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