



# THE GASLINE

**Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.**

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**November 2020**

**VOTE ON TUESDAY, BMC MEETING ON WEDNESDAY– THIS MONTH ONLY!!**

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

**WEDNESDAY, November 4th - Greet & Eat @ 6, Meeting @ 7**

**Masks & Social Distancing Req'd.**

## Club Chair

### MEETING ALERT



Due to Election Day on the first Tuesday in November, BMC's monthly club meeting will be **Wednesday, 04 November at the Greene Turtle in Christiana**. We will be indoors this time! Please wear a mask, and come on out. We have business to discuss!

Autocross closed their season on 10 October with the Lofland Memorial Cup event. We've seen a lot of new fast folks since moving to Ripken, and FTD went to Rick Newman, who will get his name inscribed for posterity on the Lofland Cup. Rick, if you join the Club, we'll even let you keep it on your mantle until next year!

Drift's last event of the season is scheduled for **28 November** at Dover Speedway. Come on out and get sideways! Preregistration will open soon at [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com).

Road Rally is looking to run an event in November, in the weekend before Thanksgiving. If you are interested in that idea, please email Rally Chair Hanna Alderman at [BMCrallymaster@gmail.com](mailto:BMCrallymaster@gmail.com) and let her know.

At this time every year, **we open nominations for Club officers** to the general membership. All members may nominate themselves or anyone for any position. Our current slate of officers is as follows:

Club Chair: Duke Wilford

Club Secretary: Mike Trzonkowski

Club Treasurer: Jim Martin

Membership Chair: Beto Castelo

Property Chair: Dave Mitchell (retiring)

Newsletter Editor: Jim Irons

Autocross Chair: Liz Wilford

Rally Chair: Hanna Alderman

Drift Chair: Justin Seminski / Jimmy Ravert

Member At Large: Paul Alderman (past Club Chair)

Almost all current officers have offered to remain in their positions for 2021, but you can still propose other names for election by the membership. If you or someone you know is interested in getting involved, please submit their names to our Secretary, Mopar Mike at [BMCsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:BMCsecretary@gmail.com). Our Property Chair, Dave Mitchell, has asked to retire from the position, so it is currently open. **Thank you very much, Dave**, for all your help over the past years!

Last but not least, keep **the first Tuesday in December** open for our annual BMC Holiday Party. Plans are in development, but the event will be open to members and nonmembers. Refreshments will most likely include plated dinner selections and cash bar. Reservation details will be published via email, website, and [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com), so please stay tuned.

Unfortunately, we were not organized early enough to share a venue with the British Car Club like we did last year, but they are of course invited since many of our members cross over.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at any one of the events above!

*-Duke "Ain't Over Yet" Wilford, BMC Club Chair*

## Autocross



Our last event of the season was the biggest yet, with almost 100 drivers showing out to throw their hat in the ring for the Lofland Memorial Cup! We got a bit of a slow start in the morning, but overall the event ran so smoothly that even with our largest attendance yet we were finished by 4:30P and offsite in time for dinner.

Everyone's favorite event chair (me, it's me) designed a final course that put a few tires in the air and caused some power slides that made spectators wonder if we're turning into a drift club for good! This was a course that strongly rewarded looking ahead and scanning for the next gate. My goal was to get drivers as much seat time as possible for the season finale, and with an FTD almost 10 seconds longer than our previous events, I think it worked. Much appreciation to the crew who helped set up and audit the course for safety and flow.

There were quite a few new faces under the tent and in grid this time, and everyone did a stellar job monitoring the course and communicating with the corner workers. We're really making progress building a strong core group of folks who can keep the event moving seamlessly!

Our corner workers were also outstanding – everyone paid great attention to safety, and I think I only had to remind everyone one time to get the red flags waving for hazards. You guys were also invaluable in helping us to identify where people were getting lost so that we could give them some coaching in grid.

In total, we ran 97 drivers across 25 classes with our usual 2:1 ratio of non-members to members. Even with so many drivers, things ran so well that we were able to get in our usual 6 competition runs, posting almost 600 total recorded laps.

The competition for FTD was fierce, with 3 drivers battling it out barely 2/10 of a second from each other, but Rick Newman in the brown SSM Porsche 911 finally took it home. That means he also won one of our two Lofland Memorial Cups, which will be inscribed with his name ad eternum.

Patrick Gaffney drove his space gray FS BMW M3 to its absolute limits to earn PAX champion of the day over his SS and STR competition! However, the PAX Lofland Cup is awarded a bit differently, based on season points rather than the final event. Our 2020 PAX Driver of the Year is Craig Marhefka, who finished in the top 3 PAX times at every single event this year to earn the second cup.

Multi-driver class winners for Autox IV are listed below. Season winners will be announced in December's newsletter. All unclaimed trophies for this and previous events, as well as frameable dee-luxe certificates for season winners, can be snagged at either the season-end pickup event (date TBD in November) or the BMC holiday party on December 1. Details on both are forthcoming shortly, and members and non-members are welcome at either. I will send out a general announcement regarding the pickup event and also directly notify all winners who have unclaimed items.

SS – William Cruz (Tesla 3 Performance)  
AS – Eric Core (Porsche Cayman S)  
BS – Norm Flowers (Porsche Boxster RS60)  
CS – Christopher Higgins (Toyota GT86)  
DS – Jason Simon (Subaru WRX STi)  
ES – David Beyer (Mazda MX-5 Miata)  
FS – Patrick Gaffney (BMW M3)  
HS – Duston Grubbs (Honda Civic Si)  
CAMC – Carlton Griggs (Ford Mustang)  
CAMT – Bernie Duplan (Chev. Monte Carlo SS)  
CAMS – Michael Ignatysh (Pontiac Solstice)  
STU – Alexander Cabinian (Volkswagen Golf R)  
STR – Brian Karwan (Honda S2000)  
STX – Shahrukh Mustakim (Scion FR-S)  
STS – Alexander Brooke (Mazda MX-5 Miata)  
STH – Jacob Peltz (FIAT 500 Abarth)  
ASP – Alejandro Aviles (Acura NSX)  
BSP – Donald Eichelberger (Porsche Boxster S)  
CSP – Anthony Costa (Mazda Miata)  
FSP – Markus Houser (Dodge Neon R/T)  
SSM – Rick Newman (Porsche 911)  
SM – Scott Bowers (Ford Mustang SVO)  
SMF – Christopher Foster (Honda Civic)  
DM – Kevin Turner (Haynes Roadster)  
CSC – Wayne Thompson (Austin Healey Sprite)

Check out the full event and season results at the BMC and AXTime websites below:

<http://www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org/2020/10/29/autox-iv-results-2020-october-10/>

<http://live.axti.me/results/E1OZebiLK>

We've got one more drift event coming up on November 28 – sign up now at <http://msreg.com/driftfinale> to attend!

Now is also a great time to start or renew your membership with BMC! It's only \$20.00 for individuals or \$30.00 for families, and usually ends up paying for itself with the \$5.00 discount you'll score on most event entry fees. Membership is also the only way to secure your car number before the 2021 season starts. If you enjoyed our events this season and plan to come out for all or most of them next year, there's no reason not to sign up! Register now at <http://msreg.com/BMCMembership2021> and join the family.

Finally, if you came out to an autocross this year, I'm soliciting any and all feedback – what did you think of our events, what worked, what didn't, what would you suggest for next year? Email me your thoughts at [bmcautox@gmail.com](mailto:bmcautox@gmail.com) or post them for discussion in our Facebook group at [www.facebook.com/groups/brandywinemotorsportclub/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/brandywinemotorsportclub/) and help us improve for next year!

*Thanks for a great season, everyone!*  
*Liz Wilford, Autocross Chair*



## Rally



Hi all, I have some exciting news!

Currently, we are working on putting together a road rally for everyone on Saturday, November 21, 2020.

This rally will likely be a bit different from previous ones as it may not be a question and answer style. Rather it will be an old style TSD (time speed distance) similar to the type that BMC ran in the 60s. We are toying with the idea of throwing a few QAs in there too, but aren't sure just yet.

Bridges of the Brandywine III (previously run in 2015) will consist of DIY checkpoints and will be simple even for first-time ralliers! You just have to know how to follow instructions and do a little bit of math.

Looking at the responses to the poll I put on BMC's Facebook group this morning, we will not be having a club-sanctioned meal following the event. You are free to go out to dinner in Greenville on your own after though. We might see if we are able to set aside the side room at BBC for those that might be interested.

Not quite sure of registration/start time at this point, but we will let everyone know ASAP. Registration will be put up on MSR sometime in the next week.

On another note, the 4 Aldermans accompanied by Jozef Wagner and Jim Martin traveled to Maryland on October 17th to partake in Triumphs Around the Chesapeake's annual Poker Run. It was a beautiful ride full of QAs and wonderful stops as we picked up cards to build our Poker hand. How many questions you got correct determined if you were able to trade 0-2 cards to better your hand. Those with the best and worst hands won cash. Fun was had by all, with Paul and Heather coming in 4th (by 1 point) for total questions correct. George and Jim, and Jozef and myself didn't do quite as well :D

Looking forward to seeing you all November 21st!

- *Hanna Alderman, BMC Rally Chair*



## October Meeting Highlights

The October 6, 2020 meeting was held at the Greene Turtle Restaurant, Christiana DE. The turnout was 14 members and guests. The meeting was called to order 7:02pm by the Club Chair, Duke Wilford. Duke began the meeting by welcoming members, guests, and a few new members to today's in-person meeting under the outdoor tent.

### **Treasurers Report (Jim Martin - presented by Duke)**

We are financially sound. Drift's last event netted \$100+, and Autocross netted \$1000+ during its last event. Trailer needs spare tire and looking to get a replacement.

### **Membership Report (Beto Castelo – presented by Duke)**

There are 107 members. There were some errors with sign up for the 2021 season, but we seem to have fixed the problem. We consist of facebook and club members.

### **Editor (Jim Irons – presented by Duke)**

Always looking for articles.

### **Rally Report (Hanna Alderman)**

I plan on contacting Willis on getting some old TSD rally events. Our friends at the Triumph Club of Baltimore have invited us to attend their Fall Foliage Poker Run rally at Cockeysville, MD. Event will be held Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup>. They have a Lord Baltimore Cup they compete for, and they will be hosting more events for the 2021 season.

### **AutoX Report (Liz Wilford)**

We are gearing up for AutoX-4 which is our Loftland Cup event. Awards are planned to be handed out at this year's holiday party. We reached our 90-driver limit by October-01, with 15 on the waiting list. We accepted the first 5 drivers prior to the event to counter any last-minute no-shows. We have insurance certificate and trailer is ready. Weather forecasted to be nice for Saturday's event.

### **Old Business**

Holiday party December 01, 2020. Location to be determined. Trophy pickup at event. Potential Locations: Columbus Inn, Chesapeake Inn, Menden Hall Inn, Buckley's Tavern, Iron Hill, and Timothy's.

### **New Business**

New spare tire for trailer.

New director-style chairs for club events. Wide upright chairs that are standard height.

Meeting adjourned 7:29pm.

*Michael Trzonkowski, BMC Secretary*