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Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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October 2020

**BMC Club Meeting – TBD**

**Check BMC's Facebook Page for Update on Location**

**Tuesday, October 6th**

**BMC Autocross IV, Saturday October 10th, Ripken Stadium - see flyer**

## Club Chair



Believe it or not, BMC's compressed 2020 schedule is already on the home stretch! As we get ready for cooler weather and earlier sunsets, we still have a few motorsports events left in the queue. Autocross III on 12 September was a sellout success. A long course used up much of the available real estate, crossing the lot from top to bottom 3 full times. While some parts were fast and flowing, other parts were described by a national-level competitor as "exercises in patience." The AX Chair's full report can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Autocross IV is coming up on **10 October**. The last autocross of the season is (*almost* always) BMC's Lofland Memorial Cup event, with a trophy given for fastest raw time of the day. In 2019 it came down to old school vs new school as Alden Axford Sr's Corvette took the trophy by just 0.061 seconds over William Cruz's Tesla 3 Performance. We're eager to see Alden defend his win against a number of fast challengers.

On 19 September, Drift had their second event at Dover Speedway. About 43 cars spent the day sideways, with individual runs on the practice courses and tandem drifting on the big lot available for experienced drivers. Drift's last event of the season is currently scheduled for **28 November** at Dover Speedway.

Unfortunately, Road Rally has been out of action since the pre-COVID St. Patrick's themed event. Hopefully we'll have a more active 2021 season.

We did have our September meeting in person, though turnout was low. We're planning on staying live for the October meeting, though the location is still to be determined. We will publish details as soon as they become available. The November meeting will return to Greene Turtle in Stanton / Christiana.

Last but not least, keep **the first Tuesday in December** open – every year BMC hosts our annual Holiday Party. We're working on plans now, but the event will be open to members and nonmembers. We'll have a *very* short meeting to summarize our year, and we'll award Class Championships for Autocross. Mostly, though, it's a time to get together and share a good meal and a beverage or two with our friends.

We hope to see everyone at one of our remaining 2020 events!

-Duke "Fall Back" Wilford, BMC Club Chair

## Rally

✓ Not much to report on the rally front at the moment. I apologize for the lack of a summer event, but hope to set an event up for late October or November. Paul and I are looking into converting an "old" TSD rally of the Chadds Ford/Kennett area into a clue rally. Hopefully I will have more details soon. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Hanna Alderman, BMC Rally Chair

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## Autocross



I'm delighted to announce that we had this year's highest turnout yet with Autox III, and the event still ran smooth as butter! There were a couple exciting moments, with a bumper left on course and later a parent toting half a dozen Little Leaguers trying to drive straight across grid (and nearly succeeding), but neither delayed the event significantly. We wrapped up by 4:00P as usual, and Ripken management appreciated us avoiding a parking lot jam by clearing offsite well before the kids finished their game.

Course designer Carlos Marcano mixed old and new, switching back to our usual starting line placement, but moving finish down to the end of the lot and running back to grid along the perimeter aisle. His highly technical course filled with slaloms and Chicago boxes made great use of the available space, yielding the longest average seat times of the season so far. Special thanks to our morning setup team for a great collaborative effort in getting it laid out and tweaked for legibility.

Our tent and grid workers knocked it out of the park with this event! You had such a great handle on things that I had no concerns stepping away from timing to handle other business as needed (and even sneak a couple runs in).

A couple problem cones really gave our corner workers a run for their money this time around, but everyone was a good sport about it – I guess that's one way to get your steps in! Thanks to all for communicating quickly and accurately with the tent.

As mentioned, this was our largest event of the year so far with 91 total drivers across 29 classes, split about 30/70 members/non-members. Everyone got 6 competition runs, with about 550 total recorded laps.

Craig Marhefka and the red STR Miata returned as both raw and PAX time champion of the day, the only driver to break into the 47s with a 47.515. Congratulations!

The self-service trophy table really took off at Autox III after a quiet start during Autox II, and it looks like almost all winners from Autox I and II have now picked up their glassware. Single-driver classes are not eligible for trophies, but our multidriver class winners below (and their runners-up) can pick up at our final Autox IV or the season-end trophy event. The date for the pickup event will be announced after Autox IV.

SS – William Cruz (Tesla 3 Performance)  
AS – David Rusk (Chevrolet Corvette)  
BS – Matt Stavros (Mercedes-Benz SLK32 AMG)  
CS – Mark Cather (Honda S2000)  
DS – Jason Simon (Subaru WRX STi)  
ES – David Beyer (Mazda MX-5 Miata)  
FS – Travis Gross (Nissan 370Z)  
GS – Andre Downey (Volkswagen GTI)  
HS – Ben Lamberton (Volkswagen Rabbit)  
CAMC – Carlton Griggs (Ford Mustang)  
CAMT – Christopher Brown (Ford Mustang)  
STU – Alexander Cabinian (Volkswagen Golf R)

STR – Craig Marhefka (Mazda MX-5)  
STX – Brian Karwan (Scion FR-S)  
STS – Alexander Brooke (Mazda MX-5 Miata)  
STH – Ken Roller (Subaru Impreza WRX)  
BSP – Tristan Kesting (Nissan 180sx)  
DSP – Samuel Scott (Mazda Miata)  
SSM – Alden Axford Sr. (Chevrolet Corvette Z51)  
SM – Scott Bowers (Ford Mustang SVO)  
SMF – Doug Griffin (Honda Civic DX)  
DM – Kevin Turner (Haynes Roadster)  
CSC – Wayne Thompson (Austin Healey Sprite)

The results of Autox III were unaffected by classing changes or individual run adjustments, but there have been some updates to the results for Autox I and II that may have affected class and PAX championships. Check out the republished events at either [brandywinemotorsportclub.org](http://brandywinemotorsportclub.org) or the Recent Results page of [live.axti.me](http://live.axti.me) to see where you stand before our final event for 2020 – Autox IV on October 10.

In keeping with BMC tradition, Autox IV is your only opportunity to win the FTD Lofland Memorial Cup, awarded to the driver with the fastest raw time of the day at our last event of the season. The PAX Lofland Cup will be awarded to the 2020 Driver of the Year, the top-ranking driver by PAX indexed times. Each of these drivers' names will be inscribed on their respective cup, which will be officially presented to them at our 2020 holiday dinner.

You must attend at least two events with us in 2020 to qualify for the PAX cup, and you must attend Autox IV to qualify for the FTD cup. Sign up now before registration closes at 6:00P on October 7: [msreg.com/BMCAXIV2020](http://msreg.com/BMCAXIV2020) – there are only 11 spots left, so don't delay!

See you all for one last race!

*Liz Wilford, Autocross Chair*



## September Meeting Highlights

The September 1, 2020 meeting was held at the Greene Turtle Restaurant, Christiana DE. The turnout was 5 members and guests. The meeting was called to order 7:17pm by the Club Chair, Duke Wilford. Duke began the meeting by welcoming members and guests to today's first in person meeting since the pandemic began.

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

Discussion began on quantity of safety vests needed (20 per heat) so one person wears a single vest for the event. We are handling Covid-19 regulations and safety well. A note was made for an additional safety measure. Drivers would be allowed to come to a stop if noticing unsafe on-track conditions while on the course. Driver can then get a re-run. Since we are more about the fun of the event over the size, 90 drivers are a comfortable amount to handle. Maybe more when we can establish a core group (approx. 20) that can work event well. We are considering a merit program for obtaining consistent workers through event incentives. At our AutoX-3 event we had a few drivers drive off course, but each driver ran a better second run. With the evolution of the club, within 1-2 years we would like to revisit the idea/ need of replacing the current trailer with a box/cargo truck.

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

We need more events. Let's contact Hanna about the previous discussion of revisiting old/fun Rallies.

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

Looking for more club participation..

### **Membership Report (Duke for Beto Castelo)**

There are 76 paid members totaling 101 individuals. There is a link on MSR for membership. Two members renewed their membership for the new 2021 season.

### **Treasurers Report (Jim Martin)**

We are financially consistent. There is a need to track down some money. Discussion to encourage drivers to register early for an event and cancel prior to a penalty so to be fair to a potential wait-lister.

### **New Business**

Duke is now an additional administrator of the club website.

Can we all help presenters at club meetings make a comeback?

George A. bought a slew of new trophies for club events.

Discuss appropriate Christmas party ideas.

Date: December 1<sup>st</sup> 2020? Location: Columbus Inn, Timothy's Newark, Stanley's Tavern?

Let's all continue building the community of the club.

Meeting adjourned 8:40pm.

*Michael Trzonkowski, BMC Secretary*



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





**Brandywine Motorsport Club**  
**Autocross IV**  
**Saturday, October 10, 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](http://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:*

*Liz Wilford @ BMCautox@gmail.com or 302-353-7254*