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Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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April 2021

BMC Club Meeting

The Green Turtle Sports Bar & Grille, 425 Stanton Christiana Rd., Newark, DE 19713 Tuesday, April 6th - Greet & Eat @ 6, Meeting @ 7 - Masks & Social Distancing Reg'd.

BMC Autocross I, Saturday, May 8th Ripken Stadium - see flyer

Club Chair



It's officially spring, and you can unofficially tell by going outside! Remember outside? It's still there! And BMC has already started filling it with people having fun in cars.

Our **Rally** season opened with Shamrock Showdown II, which set

attendance records for any rally during my involvement with the Club. Turnout was great and we had lots of new faces among the regulars. See the Rally Chair's column elsewhere in this newsletter for a full report. If you are getting this newsletter as a BMC first timer, welcome!

Autocross season opens Saturday, 08 May at Ripken Stadium. Preregistration is available now at www.motorsportreg.com (search for BMC) and interest already seems strong with more than half the slots filled. Look for details in the Autocross column.

On a related note, the Snell Foundation has finally released 2020 helmet guidelines. BMC requires Snell SA or M rated helmets of current and previous 2 generations for autocross, either closed- or open-face. This means helmets must carry a certification sticker

from 2010 or later. Plain DOT motorcycle helmets are not acceptable. Unfortunately, to minimize contact, we are not currently offering loaner helmets. If you want to buy your own lid and are looking for recommendations, we suggest you ask in the Club's Facebook group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/brandywinemotorsportclub

We had a small in-person meeting in early March, and our April meeting is coming up on the first Tuesday, the 6th. With vaccination becoming more common every week we will continue with recently-restarted inperson club meetings, but we must emphasize the importance of facial masks and social distancing. BMC will continue to follow regulatory guidelines for public gathering.

Thanks to all who have become BMC members for 2021! If you haven't yet, you can join or renew online at http://msreg.com/BMCMembership2021 or visit http://www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org/membership/ for information on joining by mail.

Here's to a safe, but active 2021 motorsports season.

-Duke "Dust Off" Wilford
BMC Club Chair

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Autocross



Happy spring, all!

We're gearing up for Autox I on May 8 with fresh ideas and some brand new cones - no more rigid bumper-killing bases! There are almost 50 people registered so far out of our 90-driver event cap, so snag your spot today:

http://msreg.com/BMCAXI2021

Remember that renewing your BMC membership not only saves you \$5 on each event, but reserves your car number for the whole season. We'll be freeing up all of last season's unclaimed numbers over the next couple days, so get your membership now to keep your number: http://msreg.com/BMCMembership2021

If you've already renewed your membership but weren't able to register for Autox I with your preferred number, let me know and I'll get you sorted out.

A new additional perk of BMC membership is currently under discussion - annual tech inspection! With this offering, BMC members would be able to get teched once at the beginning of the season and then bypass it for the rest of the year so long as no changes are made to your car or helmet. We're still hashing out details, but miliight be able to have it up and running by Autox I. I'll keep you updated.

On the other hand, now that Snell has officially released their 2020 ratings, we will no longer allow 2005 rated helmets. We will not be able to pass you through tech inspection if you have an outdated helmet. If you recently bought a new helmet and have a gently used 2010 or newer rated helmet to offload, we would greatly appreciate a donation to replace our older loaner helmets (well, whenever we're able to start using them again).

Speaking of which, all COVID guidelines will remain in place until further notice as we see how things shake out with vaccination. The only change under discussion at the moment is how to re-implement high visibility vests due to safety concerns from last year. If you have your own, we ask that you bring and wear it at all times that you're working the course. We're also looking into offering vests for purchase at events.

Finally, we're still seeking people interested in submitting course layouts for this year! Email me with the subject line "Course Design 2021" and I'll get you set up with a design kit.

See you in a few weeks!

Liz Wilford Autocross Chair



March BMC Meeting Highlights

Back in-person! The March 3, 2021 meeting was held at the Greene Turtle Restaurant, Christiana DE. The turnout was 8 members and guests. The meeting was called to order @ 7:00pm by the Club Chair, Duke Wilford. Duke began the meeting by welcoming all to another in-person meeting, enjoying time together, while maintaining enough social distance and safety measures.

Treasurers Report (Jim Martin)

2020 end of year treasury report = \$27,000.

Membership Report (Beto Castelo)

We have 70 active memberships. Don't forget to renew.

Property

We bought new cones to replace the old worn out ones. We want to install some new pipes for cone storage and get rid of some we do not use anymore. Trophy inventory was also checked.

Rally Report (Hanna Alderman)

We have 19 entries for the next Shamrock Showdown II Rally so far. Event is 68 miles which will take approximately 2-3 hours to complete start to finish. Begins and ends in Newark DE.

AutoX Report (Liz Wilford)

We have four (4) events lined up for the year: May 8, June 19, August 7, and September 11. We have one course designer ready to go, finalizing the parking lot layout. Ripken will need some parking for players during Away games which may have an impact on lot layout. Training on a database (sales force) program for use for setup on an event to simplify for uploading to the autocross program. It will also allow others to help share the workload. Event caps are 90 and allowing 10 wait list cars, but no walk ups. Implementing year-long tech inspection (for members only) under discussion. Discussion held about vest usage during events, and how to handle that issue.

New Business

- Insurance has been renewed for 2021.
- Open discussion about lots to hold events.

Next meeting April 6 at The Greene Turtle, Stanton/Christiana DE.

Meeting adjourned 8:22pm.

Special thanks to Paul Alderman for taking notes at meeting in my absence.

Mopar Mike Trzonkowski, BMC Secretary

Rally

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Hello all! Hope this finds you well. Regretfully, I will be unable to make the April club meeting, so here are our rally results from March 13th's 2nd Annual Shamrock Showdown!

The day was blessed with fabulous weather and a fantastic turnout. I am so thankful for everyone who participated in our event.

As of right now, I do not have another BMC rally on the books. However, I am very excited to invite you all to participate in the season opener rally for our friends the MGs of Baltimore! (flyer emailed with this Gasline, ed.)

The Get the Dust Off Rallye will take place on Sunday, May 2nd, 2021. Starting and ending at DeJon Vineyards in Maryland. Jozef and I participated in last year's event and had a blast - it was well worth the drive to get there! You can use the form on the flyer to register ahead of time.

Hope to see you all there!

- Hanna Alderman, BMC Rally Chair

Shamrock Showdown II Rally Results

EXPERIENCED CLASS				NOVIO	NOVICE CLASS			
Finish	Driver/Navigator	Points	Final Mileage	Finish	Driver/Navigator	Points	Final Mileage	
1	Entright/Entright	401	68.6	1	Church/Logan	395	76.9	
2	Webb/Webb	397	69.8	2	Priscilla/Micheline	393	N/A	
3	Causey/Causey	395	68.2	3	van Ingen/Ryan	384	67.7	
4	Weldin/Weldin	395	71.4	3	Allen/Allen	384	67.0	
5	Salminen/Horant	392	67.98	5	Sylvestri/Legg	377	67.57	
6	Adkins/Adkins	373	N/A	6	Lammy/Lammy	372	80.4	
7	Spain/Trzonkowski	357	69.6	7	Davis/Davis	362	73.2	
8	Morgan/Alderman	311	71.14	8	Thompson/Thompson	361	N/A	
				9	Birch/Birch	352	N/A	
DNF				10	Goodsell/Goodsell	351	72.9	
Finish	Driver/Navigator			11	James/James	349	70.7	
1	Wilford/Wilford			12	Martin/Turner	325	67.3	
2	Lamberton/Lamberton			13	Allen/Gatti	313	76.0	
3	Jim Fleitz (solo)			14	Filgueria/Germond	307	N/A	
4	Chappel/Crawley			15	Carroll/Thoner	N/A	N/A	
5	Heisler/Heisler							





Brandywine Motorsport Club Autocross I Saturday, May 8, 2021 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 2010 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