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Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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March 2021

BMC Club Meeting!!

*The Green Turtle Sports Bar & Grille, 425 Stanton Christiana Rd., Newark, DE 19713
Tuesday, March 2nd - Greet & Eat @ 6, Meeting @ 7 - Masks & Social Distancing Req'd.*



*BMC Shamrock Showdown Tour Rally
Saturday, March 13th, Newark, DE - see flyer*



Club Chair



As of this writing, it is warm(ish) and sunny(ish) following a week or two of grey skies, snow, and rain... with more snow is in the near forecast.

BUT – like the first robin of spring, like the delicate flowers poking their buds up through the snow, like some

other hack metaphor – BMC is coming out of winter hibernation! We have events scheduled and our season is starting soon!

First, we have the triumphant return of in-person general meetings on the first **Tuesday, 02 March**, at the Greene Turtle in Christiana, DE. Open to all, with social distancing and facial masks required. Let's get (safely) together again!

Our **Rally** season will kick off with our second annual **Shamrock Showdown** on **Saturday, 13 March**. Rallymaster Hanna Alderman has more details, but preregistration is open now at <http://msreg.com/BMCShamrockII>. This Tour rally will offer a safe way to enjoy motorsports. If you haven't tried road rally before, give this one a shot! It's fun, cheap, socially distanced, and done at your own pace.

Autocross gets going on **Saturday, 08 May** at Ripken Stadium. AX Chair Liz Wilford negotiated her way through changes in Ripken's game schedule and management to secure 4 dates this spring and summer, with a possible fifth event in late October. Combined with her reduced-contact event management, we're looking forward to another successful autocross season. Look for these on MSR soon!

With the season starting soon and our calendar getting populated, we recommend joining or renewing your membership now rather than on site. You can do so online at <http://msreg.com/BMCMembership2021> or by visiting <http://www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org/membership/> for information on how to pay by regular mail. Your dues help offset our insurance costs, so your membership really keeps the club going. We also offer discounted entry fees to most events.

We're really looking forward to getting cars out and going to play. We hope to see you at a BMC event soon!

*-Duke "Battery Tender" Wilford
BMC Club Chair*

Rally



Hello all! Our road rally season opener is just about 2 weeks away! Please join us on Saturday, March 13th as we follow the mischievous leprechaun Paddy O'Flannel on the 2nd Annual Shamrock Showdown!! We would love to see as many people attend as possible. Cost is \$5/member & \$10/non-member.

To get more information, as well as register online, visit www.msreg.com/BMCShamrockII

- Hanna Alderman, BMC Rally Chair

Membership

We had seven membership renewals in the last month (ten members, between individual and family memberships), and added four new memberships (eight new members).

*Beto Castelo
Membership Chair*

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

Autocross



Hello again all! After a quiet start to the year, I'm pleased to announce that we have secured our 2021 autocross season! All events will be held at **Ripken Stadium** in Aberdeen, MD as usual, and the dates are (drumroll please): **May 8, June 19, August 7, and September 11**. We've also lined up a makeup date on October 23, which we may be able to turn into a 5th event if we don't need it for weather.

Preregistration for Autox I will open on **March 8** at <http://msreg.com/BMCAXI2021>. Please note that COVID protocols will remain in place at all BMC autocross events until further notice.

In related news, I am reopening my inbox for course design submissions! This initiative was introduced last year and highly successful – we had quite a few people interested and wound up being able to run courses from different designers at each event. If you've always wanted to see your ideas on the big screen pavement, now's your chance! And don't worry if you've never designed a course before; several of our designers last year were newbies, too. We'll work with you and provide feedback to nail down a final layout.

Here's how to submit:

1. Send an email to BMCautox@gmail.com ASAP with the subject "2021 Course Design".
2. I will reply with a design packet, including:
 - High-resolution satellite imagery of the Ripken parking lot, with paddock, grid, timing tent, start, and finish marked.
 - SCCA standards and safety guidelines for course layout, which BMC also follows.
 - Additional tips specific to Ripken to keep in mind.
3. Return your layout(s) to me by April 17 to be considered for Autox I – anything turned in after that date will still be eligible for Autox II, III, or IV.
4. I will review and modify as needed for safety or other concerns.
5. If your submission is selected, you must arrive on-site by 7:00A the day of the event to supervise and assist with setup – watch your design come to life!
6. Once the course is set up, you are excused from work duties for the rest of the day. Get some photos of your creation!

We're still looking to host a pickup event for 2020 AX IV trophies and season certificates, but details haven't been worked out yet. If we're not able, all unclaimed awards will be available for pickup at Autox I.

Here's to a great new season!

Liz Wilford, Autocross Chair



Editor's Note: This photo is NOT a BMC Autocross layout. It's a Dover Speedway Covid vaccination event.



Secretary

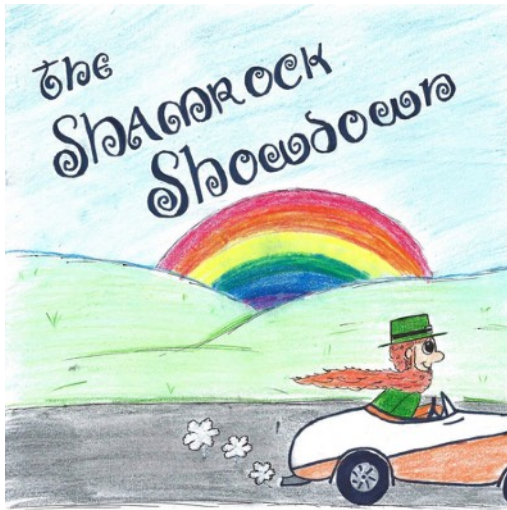
Happy New Year BMC!

We will not have BMC meetings until March, but I am hoping everyone is happy, healthy, and staying as safe as possible. It's time for hopping in your truck if you have one, and having fun blasting through some deep un-plowed snow. Come on deep state closing snow!!! Hope to see you all soon.

Mopar Mike Trzonkowski, Secretary

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Brandywine Motorsport Club **Shamrock Showdown Tour Rally**

Saturday, March 13th, 2021



*Join us as we follow the mischievous Paddy O'Flannel on **The 2nd Annual Dave Teter Memorial Shamrock Showdown!** The cunning leprechaun has laid out an approx. 66 mile long trek through farms and forests. It should take about 2 to 2-1/2 hours to complete. All roads are paved although some may be bumpy and narrow in places. (Due to the time of year and potential for bad weather and/or not repaired potholes we recommend not bringing your nicest car)*

In creating the rally this year, we have decided to make this annual event in memoriam of our dear friend and past rally master, Dave Teter.

Dave is famously known throughout the Road Rally community for putting on the March Lamb for 17 years in a row, before handing off the reins to the local SCCA clubs. We thought nothing was more fitting then to make our annual March rally in memory of him!

Start Location: Food Lion, 401 New London Road, Newark, DE 19711
Fairfield Shopping Center

On-Site Registration/Check-in: 1:30 P.M.

Driver/Navigator Meeting: 1:45 P.M.

First Car Off: 2:00 PM + Car number thereafter

Finish: The Rally ends back at the W. Newark Food Lion

Cost: BMC Members - \$5 per Person
Non-BMC members - \$10 per Person

NOTE: There is no dinner option this year due to gathering restrictions.

Please RSVP early so we have enough route instructions.

Register at: <https://www.motorsportreg.com> or at the BMC Meeting on March 2nd.

Rallymaster: Hanna Alderman BMCrallymaster@gmail.com