

THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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August 2021

BMC Club Meeting – Tuesday, August 3rd. Greet & Eat @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7

Location Change! – Applebee's Grill & Bar

900 Churchman's Rd., Newark, DE 19713

BMC Autocross II, Saturday, August 7
BMC Coatesville GP Preview Rally, Aug 14

BMC Autocross III, Saturday, September 11 BCCD Fall Show, Saturday, September 11

Coatesville Vintage GP, Saturday September 18

Club Chair



BMC's 2021 season is now in full swing, with a full slate of events coming up – see each program chair's column for more details:

AxI was held on 10 July, playing to a sold-out crowd. The first run group

was mildly plagued by a few hiccups under the tent and on course, but once 8 months of dust got shaken off, the rest of the day ran smoothly. Trophy Talk made its triumphant return at the end of the day – it's good to get back to the social aspect of autocross.

AxII is just 10 days away on 07 August, so please preregister now at http://msreg.com/BMCAXII2021. Please note that autocross preregistrations will be closing a few days earlier than they have in the past, to allow adequate time for pre-event administration. Preregistration for this event closes on 02 August. Details are in the Autocross column of this newsletter.

Rally III is coming up soon on 18 August – preregistration is open at http://msreg.com/ CoatesvilleGPRally. This is the CVGP Preview rally – rallymaster George Alderman has created a route that takes a few laps around the Vintage Grand Prix street course, to give everyone a taste of the action. Come on out and give it a try – no vintage race car needed!

Speaking of the **Coatesville Vintage Grand Prix**, as mentioned in last month's column, BMC is in charge of all registration, safety, technical, and driving management for this year's event. Past events have been invitation only, but **we are opening registration to anyone with a vintage racecar or motorcycle** (or period-correct replica). Tell us about yourself and your vehicle, and we will confirm it meets the spirit of the event. We already have some truly historic entries signed up!

Drivers / riders can submit their entries here: http://msreg.com/CVGP2021. Please note that you will not be charged until your entry is confirmed.

To help us run the event smoothly, we need volunteers to serve as marshals, corner workers / flaggers, tech inspectors, and other positions. It's a great opportunity to be close to the action and these spectacular vintage racers, at no cost to you. Volunteers who spend the day helping out will receive a track marshal's T-shirt (yours to keep), a free 1-year membership in BMC (a \$20 value), and a \$20 credit toward entry in a future BMC event. BMC will also provide lunch for all volunteers – we will avoid the delivery problems that occurred when the City handled that task

To volunteer as a marshal, please sign up now at http://msreg.com/CVGP-volunteer. There is no cost to volunteer – we appreciate your time and effort.

Our next general Club meeting is **Tuesday**, **03 August** – please see the masthead for details. Meetings are open to all, members and non-members alike. Please join us for the latest news and to offer your input about BMC's programs and events.

We're excited to offer so many events this season – 2021 may be BMC's biggest year ever!

-Duke "Busy Busy" Wilford BMC Club Chair

AUGUST MEETING LOCATION CHANGE!

https://restaurants.applebees.com/en-us/de/ newark/900-churchmans-road-94047? utm_source=googlemybusiness&utm_mediu

Autocross



After a slightly late and rocky start, Autox I on July 10 got up and running just about as smoothly as I could hope after 9 months away from the game. Thanks to everyone for coming out – we ran a nearly full roster at 86 competing drivers!

Congratulations to all our winners across the 27 contending classes, and an extra-large WOOHOO! to our top raw and PAX times of the day – **Aaron Shoe** in the 2006 Mitsubishi Evo MR and **Chris Dressler** in the 2018 Porsche GT3, respectively. This event marked the return of the post-race trophy meeting, with BMC glassware awarded to the top 1-3 drivers in each class depending on size.

Full results are now audited and published on the club's website: www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org

Special thanks to **Matt Mooney** for helping me design the course, which ran about 55 seconds long on average and really got the most out of the available tarmac. The number of slaloms and Chicago boxes might have been a tip-off that it was created by two Miata drivers, but more powerful cars were able to take advantage of the generous sweepers and wide gate spacing as well.

I placed several newbies under the tent and in grid positions this event for training, and everyone stepped up to the challenge! Thank you to all our critical event staff for keeping the day going. I want to take a moment particularly to recognize our instructors – after 2020's suspension of in-car instruction, they were more than willing to hop right back into it.

The first run group kept our corner workers busy, but all kept an eye on safety and quickly responded to hazards. Thanks to your diligence, we were able to resolve some exciting moments on course with no harm to cars or drivers. And a huge slice of gratitude to everyone who helped with setup and cleanup!

There's less than a week left to register for Autox II on August 7! We've got nearly 60 drivers preregistered already, so grab your spot NOW – this is your reminder that registration will close early, at 6:00P on Monday August 2 instead of the usual Wednesday close: http://msreg.com/BMCAXII2021

See you next week!

Liz Wilford, Autocross Chair

Celebrities At Simeone Museum Concours d'Elegance



Left to Right: Ex-Eagles Coach Dick Vermeil; '60's Corvette Ace George Wintersteen, his wife & daughter; BMC's George Alderman, Wayne Elvin, Jim Martin; #9 Penske Corvette.

Rally



Hello all!

Keeping up with our unintentional theme of rerunning old rallies, we are excited to announce the Coatesville GP Preview rally on Saturday, August 14th!

Put on by our past-Chairman/Rally Chair/ Member-at-large, George Alderman, the rally will start at Brandywine Springs Park in Wilmington, DE at 12:01, with registration at 11:30.

The route will take you to Coatesville, directing you for a few laps around this year's GP course, before returning to Hockessin, DE for a meal at Six Paupers.

Preregister on MSR or by contacting the rallymaster (see attached flyer).

Hope y'all will join the already registered teams for what is sure to be a great day!

- Hanna, Paul, and George Alderman



July BMC Meeting Highlights

Happy to return in person. The July 6 meeting was held in the back room of the Crab du Jour Restaurant, Christiana DE. The turnout was 15 members and guests. The meeting was called to order 7:01pm 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 at a new location. We are pleased to announce that our autocrosses are back at Ripken Stadium.

Property (George Alderman): We revamped the autox trailer. Cleaned out a lot of old unused stuff. Installed a post in the floor to hold a stack of cones. We have 300 large cones, 12 medium cones, and 1 loaner helmet. Some folding chairs are in need of repair and need replacement. If anyone has any or knows of some we can get for event use, let us know.

AutoX Report (Liz Wilford): Saturday, July 10 is our next event. 86 are already registered; we anticipate more before the event. After speaking with Jack G at Ripken, we do not anticipate parking issues with away games. As we get back to events, we are considering making revisions – things such as the return of spectators, ride-alongs, water bottles, and morning drivers' meeting for all, and more for novices. Some things will remain in place, like no loaner helmets, no walk-ups, pre-assigned work assignments, and ABC heats.

Rally Report (Hanna Alderman, by George Alderman): We are planning a Rally event a few weeks before the Coatesville event. Event will be a fun course.

Coatesville International Vintage Grand Prix

The 5th annual exhibition of speed event will be held Saturday September 18th with a new Friday night cruise-in on September 17th. Registration is open with 6 cars and 1 motorcycle already signed up for the event. Car and driver will require a pic and short description of vehicle. A separate registration will be open for the 50+volunteers we are looking for. Volunteers will receive lunch and several other benefits. Bob Turner and Jim Martin described the plans for the event in detail, what part BMC is managing, and will update club as details progress.

Meeting adjourned 8:10pm Mopar Mike Trzonkowski, BMC Secretary



Brandywine Motorsport Club's Coatesville GP Preview Rally

Saturday, August 14, 2021



The rally course goes into Coatesville, Pa. and does a couple laps around the latest Coatesville Vintage Grand Prix course. The rally then returns to Hockessin Dela. for refreshments and trophies.

The Rally will be about 50 miles and you should be back to eat, drink and socialize about 4:00 PM. BMC Trophies will be awarded.

This is a fun Tour Rally with just one average speed and mileages given to all turns. There will be questions to answer about things seen along the route. Entrants can choose to just answer the questions, or just calculate and enter their arrival times at the "DIY" (Do-It-Yourself) checkpoints, or, of course, do both.

(The Coatesville Vintage Grand Prix will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2021.)

Start Location:

Brandywine Springs Park, 3300 Faulkland Rd. (Rte 41/Newport-Gap Pike and Rte 34/Faulkland Rd.) Wilmington, DE 19808

Registration opens at 12:30 PM First car off @ 1:01 PM

Finish: Six Paupers Tavern & Restaurant, 7465 Lancaster Pike (Rte. 41) Hockessin DE 19707 302-472-7287

Pre-Register at msreg.com/CoatesvilleGPRally

Entry Fee, Driver & Navigator: \$5/BMC Member, \$10/Non-member

Rallymaster: George Alderman 302-373-2111



Brandywine Motorsport Club Autocross II Saturday, August 7, 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

