



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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September 2021

BMC Club Meeting – Tuesday, September 7th. Greet & Eat @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7
Location Change! – Buffalo Wild Wings
501 Stanton Christiana Rd, Newark, DE 19713

BMC Autocross III, Saturday, September 11

Coatesville Vintage GP, Saturday September 18

Club Chair



We are coming down to the wire for some important BMC events in September!

On Saturday, **11 September**, we will have **AxIII** at Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen, MD. Preregistration closes in less than 1 week on 06 September. Plenty of spots remain, but please don't wait until after the last minute. Preregister now at <http://msreg.com/BMCAXIII2021>.

The following Saturday, **18 September**, BMC is managing the **Coatesville Vintage Grand Prix** on behalf of the City of Coatesville. BMC is in charge of registration and driving event management for this year's grand prix. We have opened up additional motorcycle spots, and race car spots are still available in all classes. Drivers / riders can enter here: <http://msreg.com/CVGP2021> until 04 September (for inclusion in the program) or 08 September (late entry deadline).

We've had great response – thanks to all who have volunteered – but we still could use **volunteers** to serve as marshals and help us run the driving event. Those 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. Plus you'll get to see the vintage action up close!

To volunteer as a marshal, please sign up now at <http://msreg.com/CVGP-volunteer> before 11 September. There is no cost to volunteer – we pay you with free food and shwag!

Our next general Club meeting is **Tuesday, 07 September** – please see the masthead for details. Meetings are open to all – please join us for the latest news and to offer your input about BMC's programs and events.

We really hope to see you at one of our September events!

-Duke "Where Does The Time Go" Wilford
BMC Club Chair



Jim Martin & George Alderman car display at Chesapeake City Car Show

MEETING
LOCATION CHANGE - AGAIN
<https://www.buffalowildwings.com/en/locations/detail/3831>



Autocross



Autocross II had a slightly lower turnout than our first event with 73 drivers, but it was still a full day! We were able to get 7 runs in per driver for a total of 513 competition runs.

The return of post-event trophies continues to be a success - this time we even had our very own photographer to capture everyone's special moments! Congratulations to our winners across 27 classes, and a big shoutout to **Steven Rosenberg**, coming down from Philly SCCA to take raw FTD in the '88 Raptor F500 kart, and **William Cruz**, who debuted his '21 Supra with BMC this year and scored top PAX this event.

We also tried something different this time by running Street Prepared, Prepared, and Modified as PAX rollup classes. Since we usually only get one or two entries per class, scoring these as combined categories ranked by PAX allows us to give out a few more trophies instead of having to tell our single-driver classes that they can't win against themselves.

Full results are now audited and published on BMC's website and AXTime: <http://live.axti.me/results/RBA7gXTHs>

A huge thanks and congratulations to **Craig Marhefka** for designing the course! It ran about 50 seconds long on average, with the return of the cheesehead cone for a crossover in the first leg and some tricky pedal work in the back half. Craig has consistently been at the top of our leaderboards and his sensibilities really showed with this fast, dynamic course.

As always, all my gratitude to the tent and grid workers who make each event possible. There were a LOT of new faces under the tent this event as some of our regulars couldn't make it, and everyone did a fantastic job! This is your warning that means I'll be pulling on you again...wink wink!

Big thank you also to our corner workers, especially those who went above and beyond to make sure that drivers responded to the couple of red flag moments on course. Setup and cleanup were really a group effort this time, with quite a few hands pitching in. You know what they say – teamwork makes the day go faster so you can get extra runs in and get home in time for dinner.



There's just a few days left to register for Autocross III on September 11! We're still a few shy of the breakeven point needed to pull the event off, so don't wait and register NOW before it closes at 6:00P on Monday September 6: <http://msreg.com/BMCAXIII2021>

Mark my words, I WILL be annoying about this until we hit our quota!

Hope to see you (and you, and you, and you) soon!

Liz Wilford, Autocross Chair

Coatesville Preview Rally Results – August 14, 2021

Driver	Navigator	Car	CP1	CP2	CP3	CP4	Total	Questions	Class	Place
Liz Wilford	Matt Hamilton	Ford C Max	12	5	35	2	54	85%	Novice	1st
Wayne Thompson	Treba Thompson	Mini Countryman	-	-	-	-	-	90%	Novice	2nd
Terry Young	Georgia Young	Jaguar XK8	-	-	-	-	-	30%	Novice	
Jim Fleitz	NA	MG Midget	-	-	-	-	-	-	Novice	DNF
Mal Kroeber	Paul Alderman	'66 Mustang GT	3	3	2	0	8	100%	Expert	1st
Bruce Gezon	NA	Mini Cooper S	6	3	1	0	10	100%	Expert	2nd
Jim Martin	Wayne Elvin	'64 A-H 3000	11	14	93	27	145	90%	Expert	3rd
Jim Irons	Phil Worrell	'08 Corvette	3	2	3	112	120	55%	Expert	
Dave Mitchell	NA	BMW Convert.	-	-	-	-	-	-	Expert	DNF

The Novice award went to Liz Wilford & Matt Hamilton. Wayne & Treba Thompson placed 2nd Novice. First place in Expert was successfully defended by Mal Kroeber & Paul Alderman in his restored Vintage 1966 Mustang with both racing and rally credentials – using a hundredths reading kilometer Halda odometer (now there's a conversion factor to miles). A very close second was Bruce Gezon with total 0.10 minutes error through 4 DIY checkpoints, and also 100% correct on all questions.

NOTE: George Alderman has graciously offered to provide additional copies of the route instructions to anyone to run the rally (race course) on your own. If you would like a copy, please request from George at GAlderman32@comcast.net.

My Coatesville Preview Rally Experience – Wayne Elvin

The 2021 Coatesville Vintage Gran Prix is ON - this year it started with a Rally to publicize the Vintage GP to be held on Sept. 17th. The rally featured a single 24 MPH average speed, no open checkpoints, 4 Do-It-Yourself (DIY) controls with times to be calculated and entered by the Navigator on the score sheet. The scoring also included 20 Questions needing answers that could be found along the route. Easy, low pressure fun but with a premium on attention to staying on a straight forward course while being alert to clues that would provide an answer to questions. Interesting back roads completed the tour.

One main draw and feature of interest on the rally, was to include the actual race course in Coatesville for part of the rally route. This year, the route was changed slightly to cover about a 2 mile race course starting along Route 30, then up the hill and back across a few blocks, to where the down hill portion zigged and zagged (as much as city blocks can) back to Route 30 - The Lincoln Highway - returning to the Start / Finish line for a full lap. The rally took two laps on the race course. Using public streets open to the public (civilians) unlike on "Race Day", when the course is over the same streets.

To be fair, on the actual "day of" the GP, the course will be studded with large hay bales placed to eliminate the dreaded straightness of city blocks, and present a driving challenge to Vintage Racers in a speed exhibition (the noise is gonna happen anyway.) It will be a timed event allowing each entrant to compare their individual lap race times.



For those of us who do not happen to own or race a Vintage Auto, it was a genuine pleasure for me to ride as Navigator in a 1964 Austin-Healy 3000 outfitted as a works rally car of that time. Owner/driver BMC Treasurer Jim Martin, along with member Bob Turner, have been instrumental in working with Coatesville to coordinate the dynamics of the Gran Prix. Helping organize the personnel, technical aspects, and planning to execute the Gran Prix race event itself with an all volunteer crew. (See how you can help in Duke's column in this newsletter.)

A highlight for this rally was Bruce Gezon, SCCA Hall of Fame Member/National Rallyist from Pittsburgh, PA, who joined us at the start at Brandywine Springs Park. Bruce is a long time friend of many BMC members; it was an honor to have him enter the rally.

A beautiful, sunny day greeted us with a little too much warmth. The course to and from Coatesville was over lightly traveled back roads for the most part, with interesting sights and plenty of opportunities to find the correct answers to the Questions as they appeared in the route instructions. The Route Instructions themselves were very easy to follow with a mileage at every instruction, including a mileage and perfect time provided less than a mile in advance of each of the four DIY Checkpoints. This made the Navigator's work much easier, except for the last sign which I missed, and guessed at the distance.

The rally experience in a top-down Austin-Healy provided its own challenges to me as the Navigator. First was getting in & out (definitely needed help - thanks guys!). Then there was the 'gentle' warmth emanating from all sides of the passenger seat - where a steering wheel should be on a British car, and when I attempted to open a vent under the dash on my side, it turned out to be the hood release - at least we were parked.

Bottom line: A rusty Navigator in a nicely prepared Vintage Race (Rally) car, and some good luck (guesses) managed to get our team a "Runner Up" glass trophy.

For the rally finish, we returned from Coatesville through Springdell and Chatham back roads into Hockessin and the Six Paupers Tavern for food and drink to turn in our score sheets and exchange rally route (race course) stories and award trophies. See the full rally results in this newsletter.

Wayne

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British Car Club of Delaware
Annual Fall Show
September 11, 2021
9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Austin Healey is our Featured Marque

Awards
Best in Show
Top 5 Pre-1980
Top 5 Post-1980

The Friends of Bellanca Airfield
 Route 273 & Centerpoint Blvd between US Route 13 & Old New Castle, DE 19720

Free admission to the Public
 \$25.00 Pre-Registered by 9/11/2021
 \$30.00 day of show.

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August BMC Meeting Highlights

The August 3, 2021 meeting was held at Applebee's Restaurant, Christiana DE. The turnout was 15 members and guests. The meeting was called to order 7:15pm 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. Finding a good location for meetings post Covid pandemic can be a challenge, please hang in there as we may shuffle meeting locations from time to time. Along with meeting locations, we are working on Autocross, Rally, and Coatesville events this year.

Rally Report (Hanna Alderman, presented by George Alderman)

We are preparing for the Coatesville GP Preview Rally August 14th. Planning four do-it-yourself checkpoints.

AutoX Report (Liz Wilford)

AutoX-2 is off to a good start with 78 registered drivers despite a 30% chance of rain. AutoX-1 had 86 drivers with a 2:1 ratio of members/non-members. Using Ripken Stadium has changed turnout, but we are still going strong. National level drivers are coming and returning to our events. Trophies at the end of the events have also returned.

Coatesville International Vintage Grand Prix Report

Progress meetings continue. 19 cars and 9 motorcycles are registered to date. Our fee for the event is 8k, but no official contract/commitment yet. We have established a list of what we are doing to protect club members during event. We are handling registration for both drivers and volunteers. We are also controlling refreshments and breaks for volunteers. The entire event is insured by the city of Coatesville. A provided map displayed the altered course which is approximately 2.1 miles. Gates open 5:30am and there will be a drivers meeting. An RV will be on location for our club station. Volunteers will be required to display provided plaque in window. Friday will be Cruise night down Lincoln Highway, and Exhibition of Speed event will be Saturday.

Treasurers Report (Jim Martin)

Current checkbook balance: \$27,600.

New Business

- A member made note of an upcoming Kirkwood Highway Cruise Night event.
- Club members at meeting welcomed back Dave Mitchell.

Meeting adjourned 7:56pm

Mopar Mike Trzonkowski, BMC Secretary



Brandywine Motorsport Club
Autocross III
Saturday, September 11, 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.

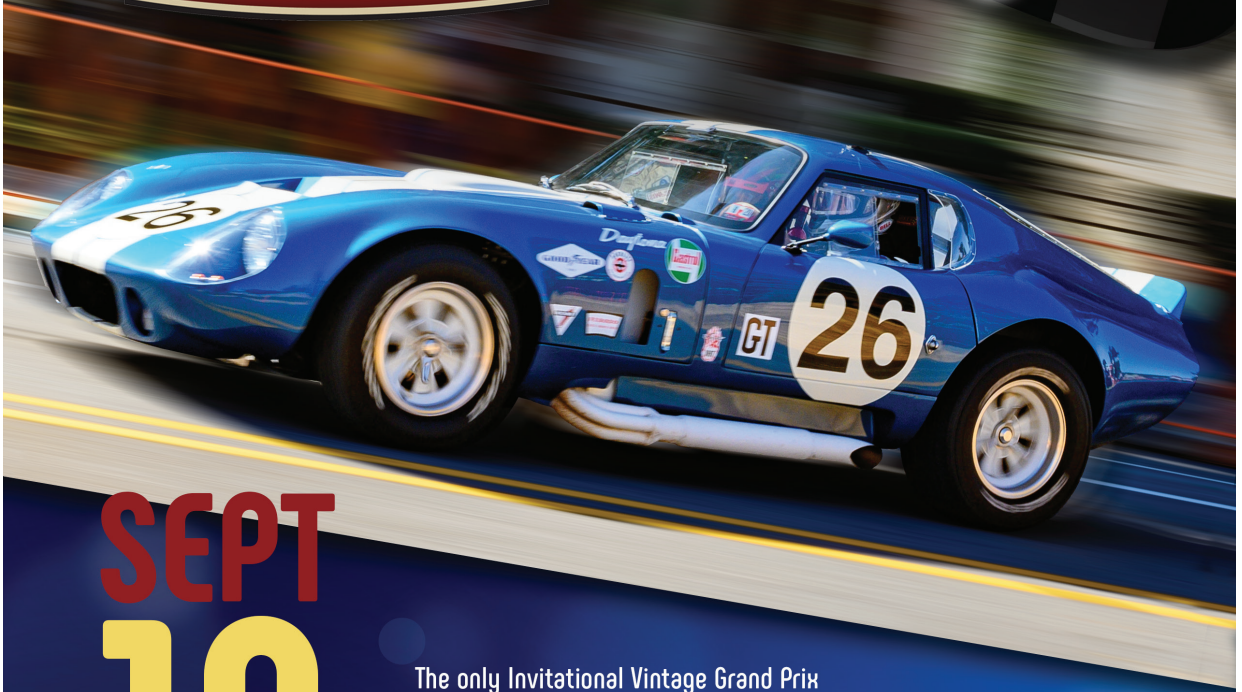
- **NO OPEN EXHAUST** – Effective muffler required.
We reserve the right to disqualify a car from competition if it is judged to be too loud.
- **Approved helmet (M or SA 2010 or newer) and seatbelts are required. Loaner helmets will be available.**
- **Drivers must be at least 16* years old and have 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*



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**COATESVILLE
INVITATIONAL VINTAGE
GRAND PRIX**

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18
2021**

The only Invitational Vintage Grand Prix
in North America to feature over 60 vintage vehicles and
motorcycles following a timed exhibition course within city limits!

FREE ADMISSION - Food, drink & entertainment for the whole family.

NEW Friday Night Cruise-In on September 17th

Event & Sponsorship Director: Lisa Thomas / info@coatesvillegrandprix.com

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