



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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November 2021

BMC Club Meeting – Tuesday, November 2nd. Greet & Eat @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7

Deerhead Hot Dogs, 1233 Churchmans Rd.,

<https://www.dhhotdogs.com>

Soft drinks available – BYOB - Bring your own beer, wine, etc.

Club Chair



So... it's the off-season already. 2021 has been a challenging year, but BMC and our event staff MADE IT HAPPEN.

The challenges started with the 11th-hour commandeering of our only **Autocross** venue for use as a vaccination site, after our event dates

had been set and published. Fortunately, that ended on schedule, and Ax Chair **Liz Wilford** was able to work with Ripken management to rearrange dates and still get 4 autocrosses in this season. In the process, she sold out nearly every event and set a participation record at Ax IV. More on the challenges faced during *this* event in the Autocross column.

Although we don't have an official program chair for this type of event, Chief Steward **Bob Turner**, Treasurer **Jim Martin**, your humble narrator, and a host of **willing volunteers** got together with the City of Coatesville in order to plan and execute the 5th Annual Coatesville **Vintage Grand Prix**. Bob, Jim, and I put in a lot of hours negotiating with the City and promoting the event far and wide. All the hard work paid off, as the new Cruise Night was a great success, the VGP was well attended and went off without a hitch, and the event was profitable for both BMC and the City. This was BMC's first year managing all aspects of the driving portion of the popular event, and we look forward to continuing and expanded our involvement.

The **Rally** program was active in 2021 as well, hosting three BMC rallies and participating in some 'away games' too. The 2nd Annual Shamrock Showdown also set an attendance record not seen since the heyday of BMC rallies – good work by Rally Chair **Hanna Alderman**.

There are still two BMC events left to go – annual elections for the Executive Board, and the Holiday Party. Nominations for all positions (listed elsewhere in this newsletter) are open until midnight on **Tuesday, 02 November**. After that, candidates will be announced for voting by current members. You may nominate yourself or someone else, for both open and currently filled positions. We do have a Board opening for Membership Chair, as **Beto Castelo** is stepping down from that position. Thanks for all your help, Beto!

For 2020 we opted to cancel our annual Holiday Party, but we want to bring it back for 2021. This is usually held during the first week in December, with a fun social gathering for drinks, a meal, Board elections, and short awards ceremony. We'd like your input on when the party should happen:

- Tuesday, 07 December (normal meeting date)
- A Friday or Saturday evening in early December
- Tuesday, 04 January (normal meeting date)
- A Friday or Saturday evening in January
- Some other time – please suggest one

We are also open to suggestions for the party venue – somewhere in northern Delaware / SEPA area that has good food and a room for 50-75 people.

Our next general Club meeting is **Tuesday, 02 November** – see the masthead for details. Meetings are open to everyone, member or not. Come on out and reminisce about 2021!

*-Duke "Best Laid Plans" Wilford,
BMC Club Chair*

October BMC Meeting Highlights

The October 5, 2021, meeting was held at the Deerhead Hotdogs, Newark DE. The turnout was 15 members and guests. The meeting was called to order 7:10pm by the Club Chair, Duke Wilford. Duke began the meeting by welcoming all to another in-person meeting enjoying time together at a new location. Thanking our gracious host for providing us a nice open quiet location to meet and hold a conversation. An added plus is the tasty food. We have an upcoming AutoX event and Fall Foliage Rally in Hartford Co.

Treasurers Report (Jim Martin)

Current check book \$34,000. Coatesville event netted \$5,000, great compared to our typical net of \$1,000 each AutoX event, but lots of extra work, volunteers, and teamwork for the reward. We still need and love our AutoX events throughout the year.

Coatesville Vintage Grand Prix Report

The 2021 Coatesville Grand Prix has received recognition throughout the Delaware County Region. Gentleman from New York came with his Mini Cooper said nothing but positives for event and wants to spread the word for next year. The turnout for Friday's Cruise -In was a huge. 60-plus cars filled three large parking lots and drivers were able to enjoy two laps around the course.

Members held an open discussion on how to improve the event for next year, and positive things we did this year over the last. Thanks went out to Jim Martin and Bob Turner for their efforts managing event. Wayne Elvin said that he is proud to be a member and gave thanks to all.

AutoX Report (Liz Wilford)

Our September event had 77 drivers, which consisted of 18 members and 59 nonmembers. Course was designed by Duke W. We have 30 drivers already registered for our October event. No new news on the timing truck, we may have more of a potential this winter. We may look into opening a position to assist with data entry, auditing, and more in the near future. A member brought up a potential at Sikorski Airfield since it is shutting down. We plan to remain at Ripken. It has a larger reach of auto club members.

Rally (George Alderman for Hanna Alderman)

Course layout help is wanted. Anyone willing to try to provide a fun and exciting course is encouraged, and all courses can and will be test run. Check out the latest Triumphs & MGs of Baltimore for their next event.

New Business

Dave Beck has great photos of the Coatesville Event and is willing to share them.

Open discussion on Christmas Dinner Party and potential locations like Columbus Inn.

Meeting adjourned 8:10pm

Mopar Mike Trzonkowski, BMC Secretary

Rally



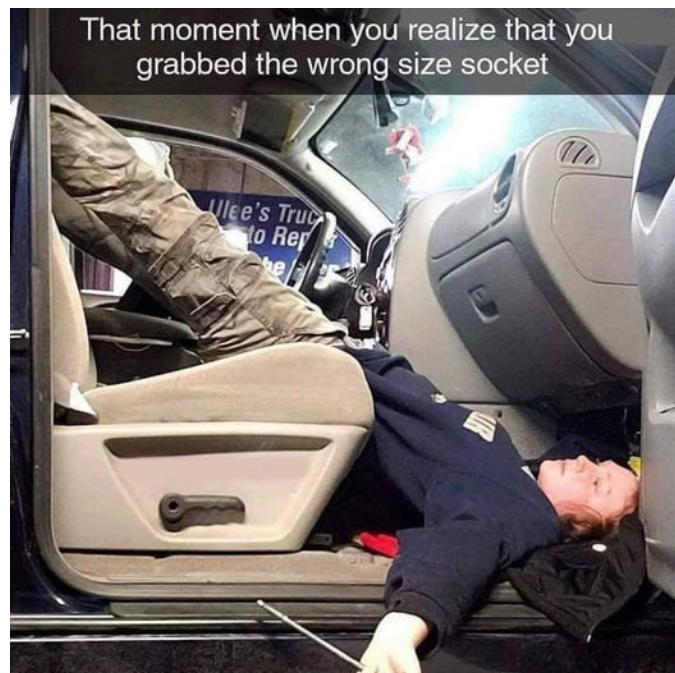
Happy Fall! Have been out of town and very busy, so we have no rally plans at the moment. As always, we are open to rally suggestions and help. Hope everyone is doing well.

- Hanna Alderman, BMC Rally Master

Election of 2022 Officers

Election of Officers for the 2022 BMC Executive Committee will be held at the December club meeting. Nominations for any position must be received before or at the BMC General club meeting on November 2nd.

Club Chair	Duke Wilford
Autocross	Liz Wilford
Rally	Hanna Alderman
Membership	OPEN
Treasurer	Jim Martin
Secretary	Mike Trzonkowski
Property	George Alderman
Gasline	Jim Irons



Autocross



Well, autocross had a whirlwind season finale! Autocross IV was our biggest event of the year with 98 drivers, each getting 6 competition runs...or that was the plan, anyway. Several unexpected delays throughout the day, including a recalcitrant power walker who refused to leave the course until stadium management was called, unfortunately prevented group C from getting all their laps in before the event was ultimately rained out by a surprise storm shortly after 4:00P.

Everyone was a huge help pitching in to bring all equipment under shelter and get it packed up as quickly as possible. While everything got a little damp, so far the club inventory does not seem to have sustained any major casualties. Thanks to all for jumping into action so quickly, and especially to those who stayed until cleanup was finished. Just as a heads up, since we have already used our rain date due to the stadium being tapped as a vaccination site earlier in the year, there will not be a makeup event.

The course was tricky even for experienced drivers, a constantly shifting line of sight and several unique elements, including a tight offset chute right before the finish line that required some forethought to set up a clean exit. This was designer Craig Marhefka's second submission to us – if you'd like to try your hand at a course as well, my inbox is always open and I can provide some helpful resources and satellite imagery of the site.

Due to the rain, we were not able to award any trophies at the event, and I am still looking into how the interruption to group C affected driver rankings. My initial audit looks to be tentatively optimistic – almost everyone in group C got two runs in, and because each car class generally runs all in the same group, the drivers affected by the rain are at least mostly on level ground.

Preliminary audited results are now published on AXTime. Keep in mind that these have only been reconciled for time and penalty discrepancies, and may not 100% reflect the final class winners if further analysis indicates that any drivers were in fact unfairly disadvantaged by the rain.

<http://live.axti.me/results/pb8zSWY-P>

Finalized results, class championships, and PAX championships will be posted on BMC's website once I have completed secondary auditing and determined how the interrupted runs impact everything. I will send another communication once ready.

However, at this time I can confidently and enthusiastically congratulate **Craig Marhefka** for winning the first 2021 Lofland Memorial Cup! This is awarded to the driver with the fastest raw time of the day at our final event of the season, which Craig managed on his second run, the only clean time to break into the 50-second mark. The second Lofland Memorial Cup, which is awarded to the top PAX driver of the year, will be announced along with the finalized PAX championships. Each Lofland Memorial Cup is permanently inscribed with the name of its respective winner, and BMC members can even take their cup home for 2022!

I believe we're still undecided on having a holiday party this year, but if so, all season champions can pick up their certificates there! I'll have backdated 2019 and 2020 certificates for any winners who happen to attend as well.

Finally, remember to renew your membership for 2022! BMC membership entitles you to several perks, including reserving your car number before the start of the autocross season and discounts on all BMC events. In 2022, I am working out the kinks to include annual tech inspection for members as well – non-members will still have to get teched at every event.

Get your membership here: <http://msreg.com/BMCMembership2022>

Thanks for a great season!

Liz Wilford, Autocross Chair

