



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org

September 2021

BMC Club Meeting – Tuesday, October 5th. Greet & Eat @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7

***Location Change (Again!) – Deerhead Hot Dogs, 1233 Churchmans Rd.,
Center Pointe Plaza, Newark, DE 19713 - see notes below***

BMC Autocross IV, Saturday October 23rd - see attached flyer

Club Chair



Hello, all! September was a busy month for BMC, with AxIII and the Coatesville Vintage GP on back-to-back weekends. Thanks to everyone who participated in and volunteered to help with both successful events.

Autocross III played to an almost-sellout crowd, with fine weather, on 11 September. This was our first event incorporating paddock into the main Ripken lot, but it went well and seemed to simplify logistics without impacting course design too much. More details can be found in the AX column.

A week later, BMC showed up at the proverbial zero dark thirty to manage the 5th annual **Coatesville Vintage Grand Prix** on behalf of the City. Some of our intrepid volunteers even spent the night in the BMC command post in order to oversee course layout. This is not BMC's first involvement with the CVGP, but it is our first as official safety / race control managers for the driving event. The day was the culmination of months of planning and negotiation with the City, and it seems to have been a success by any measure. Big thanks to our Chief Steward Bob Turner and all the volunteers who made it possible. We're looking forward to developing this event further in cooperation with the City.

We currently have one event remaining on our calendar – **Autocross IV** on 23 October. This is our annual **Lofland Memorial Cup**, commemorating a young BMC enthusiast who passed away before their time. The driver with the fastest raw time of the day will have their name featured on the Cup along historic hotshoes throughout our decades of history.

Our next general Club meeting is **Tuesday, 05 October** – please see the masthead for details. Meetings are open to all – we'd love to see you there.

*-Duke "Still Don't Know Where The Time Goes" Wilford
BMC Club Chair*

Rally



Hi y'all! After a very busy summer, autumn is finally upon us! I know I am looking forward to the changing of the seasons and the cooler temperatures.

At the present I do not have a rally planned due to the aforementioned very busy summer. However, our friends with *Triumphs Around the Chesapeake* should be having their annual Poker Run in the next few weeks. I will be in contact with them this week to get our hands on the signup forms and will have our lovely editor pass them along to you.

Hope everyone is doing well

- Hanna Alderman, BMC Rally Master

OCTOBER MEETING CHANGE

***Deerhead Hot Dogs
Center Pointe Plaza Shipping Center
302-266-9333***

<https://www.dhhotdogs.com>

Soft drinks available

BYOB - Bring your own beer, wine, etc.

Coatesville Vintage Gran Prix Report

On Saturday, 18 September, over 50 BMC volunteers turned out before dawn to serve as marshals for the 5th annual running of the Coatesville Vintage Grand Prix. For 2021, BMC managed registration, race control, and safety on behalf of the City. The CVGP is a driving event showcasing classic racing cars and motorcycles from 1900 to 1975. This year, the City and BMC hosted 30 vintage race cars and 15 historic (or at least nostalgic) racing motorcycles.

Not really wheel-to-wheel racing, this “demonstration of speed” consists of lapping sessions around the Streets Of Coatesville road course. The 2.2-mile closed course circles the downtown area, giving residents a grandstand view. Vehicles were grouped by age and performance. Each entrant was timed, but lap time results were not shared until after the event. Nonetheless, passing was permitted in designated safe areas, and drivers / riders had fun chasing each other around the course.

The main goal of this event is to raise funds for the City’s Parks and Recreation program, and to provide a spectacular show for the citizens. Many of the residents have no knowledge of historic motorsports, and their response was overwhelmingly positive despite the inconveniences. From trackside, it was fun to see and hear the crowd’s reactions as racers negotiated the course and demonstrated bursts of acceleration and (safe) speed.

Many pictures from the event can be found on the Club’s Facebook group, members’ individual pages, and the CVGP website at www.coatesvillegrandprix.com.

Many thanks to all members and non-members who volunteered to help us run this event. BMC is already looking forward to being involved for 2022.

-Duke “Still Don’t Know Where The Time Goes” Wilford, BMC Club Chair

Chester County Daily Local News’ Report

<https://www.dailylocal.com/2021/09/19/city-soars-with-triumphant-return-of-coatesville-invitational-vintage-grand-prix/>

Gotham City Mini’s Report

<https://gothamcitymini.com/coatesville-invitational-vintage-grand-prix/>

Scenes from the Coatesville Vintage Gran Prix



More Scenes from the Coatesville Vintage Gran Prix



Coatesville Vintage Gran Prix Cont'd.



September BMC Meeting Highlights

The September 7, 2021 meeting was held at the Buffalo Wild Wings Restaurant, Christiana DE. The turnout was 19 members and guests. The meeting was called to order 7:02pm 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. Finding a good location for meetings post Covid pandemic can be a challenge, please hang in there as we may shuffle meeting locations a lot. Along with meeting locations, we are working on Autocross, Rally, and Coatesville events this year which is September 18. CGP is turning out to be larger than past events.

Rally Report (George Alderman for Hanna Alderman)

Check your newsletter for up-to-date information.

Membership Report (Duke for Beto)

2022 membership registration begins this month.

Treasurers Report (Jim Martin)

Current check book \$31,449.

Coatesville International Vintage Grand Prix Report

The event's big day is September 18th. Information package handed out to all at meeting for discussion. Event opens at 5:30AM Saturday for workers and drivers. Bob Turner discussed several details pertaining to event preparation and day of event activities/duties. He thanked all who have volunteered and those who are soon to be. Bob had personal conversations with every person who signed up as drivers, and has done everything he could to make this a safe and enjoyable event for all. Friday night will start the activities with a Cruise Night. George Alderman will be first car off to start the event on Saturday. There will be no awards for speed, but there will be some awards handed out.

AutoX Report (Liz Wilford)

AutoX-3 has eighty (80) drivers signed up which is our second highest turnout. Paddock will be at same location for event. We saw news that Philly SCCA timing truck might be up for sale soon. Details will follow.

New Business

British Car Club Saturday Sept 11th, Bellanca Airport

Hagley Car Show Saturday Sept 19th, Hagley Museum

Meeting adjourned 7:28pm

Mopar Mike Trzonkowski, BMC Secretary

*Coatesville Photos Courtesy of
Dave Back and Timothy Hanna*



**Brandywine Motorsport Club
Autocross IV
Saturday, October 23, 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*