



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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December 2021

BMC Club Meeting – Tuesday, December 7th. 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



Days are getting shorter and colder; everyone is busy winding up 2021 and not really thinking about the 2022 season yet. Therefore, I will (try to) keep this Chair Chatter short as well, then head out to the kitchen for another cup of coffee.

It's time for our annual election of Executive Board officers, which happens every year at our December general Club meeting. Although we will see one change on the Board, as in 2020 we only have a single candidate for each position. That means our Club Secretary will cast a single symbolic vote for each Board position, electing those who are willing to fill the roles that keep the Club functioning.

As 2021 winds to a close, I'd like to thank a few people in particular for their contributions to BMC's successful events this year:

- Outgoing Membership Chair **Beto Castello** – Beto was a new member and novice autocrosser when he volunteered to sit in the Membership Chair. Beto did a great job keeping membership information current, but has sadly declined to continue for 2021 due to other time commitments. Thanks for your help, Beto!

- Incoming Membership Chair **Alex Brooke** – Alex is a long-time BMC member and faithful autocrosser, always willing to pitch in wherever he's needed. Alex offered to take over the membership position, and we are happy to have him on the Board.

- George Alderman** and **Mac Morgan** – George is the Property Chair and puts in a lot of effort keeping the trailer organized and ready to go, while Mac helps out with delivery and maintenance. Although neither participates in the events, Mac and/or George make 2 trips to Aberdeen and back for every autocross, delivering and returning the equipment trailer so we can have fun. We couldn't do it without you, gentlemen! Thanks for your support.

- Bob Turner** and **Jim Martin** – over the past 6 years, Bob and Jim have put in countless hours developing and promoting BMC's involvement with the Coatesville Vintage Grand Prix. Thanks to the success of 2021's CVGP, BMC is poised to develop this event into a major part of our motorsports programs. Although Jim has opted not to continue his involvement with the CVGP, he will be remaining in the Treasurer's seat for 2022. Thank you for both your past and future efforts.

After discussion at November's general meeting, overwhelming opinion pointed towards having our annual **Holiday Party** sometime between mid-January and mid-February 2022. This would most likely occur on a Friday or Saturday evening.

We are open to recommendations for the party venue – somewhere in the northern Delaware / SEPA area that has good food, fine drinks, and a room for 50-75 people. We have some options in mind, but we welcome your input.

Our next general Club meeting is **Tuesday, 07 December** at Deerhead Hot Dogs in Christiana. Despite the name, they have a full menu of sandwiches, salads, and sides. We typically have this venue to ourselves, so discussion is much easier. Meetings are open to all, so come on out and join us!

*-Duke "Carbohydrate Loading" Wilford,
BMC Club Chair*

Autocross



With our last event of 2021 wrapped up back in October, there's not much new to report on the autocross front - just moving ahead with ending this season and beginning the next.

Thanksgiving prep put it on the back burner for a bit, but I'm still slogging through finalizing the AXIV and season standings. Results will be released in time for official announcements at our annual holiday dinner, date still TBD.

I'm also working with Ripken on dates and a contract for 2022. The Ironbirds moved to a more rigorous game schedule last year, so we're seeing those effects now on the stadium's availability, but things are still looking promising.

BMC plans to spend the off-season updating and upgrading our equipment, both hardware and software. And I don't want to give away too much just yet, but there may be something big in the works as far as our timing setup. If it goes through, we may be able to open up some exciting course options in future!

Don't forget that membership is open for 2022. In addition to the usual perks of reserving your car number and \$5 off all BMC events for the full year, this season we're looking to make some serious moves on offering annual tech inspection. More details forthcoming in the new year.

Update your membership here:

<http://msreg.com/BMCMembership2022>

As always, feedback is welcome in my inbox any time. bmcautox@gmail.com

Hope to see you out there next year!

Liz Wilford, BMC Autox Chair



Lofland Autocross History



Willis Weldin presenting Pete Schroeder with the Lofland Memorial Trophy for FTD at a 1964 BMC autosprint (autox). George Alderman standing left; Marilyn Alderman and Joe Malanga, background center.

Rally



Happy Holidays! No big update on my front. Next rally will most likely be Shamrock Showdown in March.

● I think we might try and use an old March Lamb Rally route and possibly make it two legs (where you could opt out of the second one)

- Hanna Alderman, BMC Rally Master

Treasurer Report

I am happy to report that our checking account balance is \$34,657.52 as of 11/29/2021. We are due one more statement from Motorsportreg, but I do not expect much of a change in the number. Currently all of our bills are paid for 2021.

For years, we normally had about \$7000 at year-end. This increase over the past few years is because of our move of AutoX events to Ripken Stadium. We are paying about \$1000/event less for a significantly better layout. Also, we've added the Coatesville Grand Prix to our event program. Yes we are a non-profit, but there is nothing wrong with having a strong checkbook. At the same time, are we maybe charging a bit much for our events?

I need to point out that members are not allowed to spend more than \$100 without Board approval. We can accomplish this by creating budgets for our bigger events; we have been negligent in the past and should not continue that.

Jim Martin, BMC Treasurer

Election of 2022 Officers

Election of Officers for the 2022 BMC Executive Committee will be held at the December club meeting.

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

November BMC Meeting Highlights

The November 2, 2021, meeting was held at the Deerhead Hotdogs, Newark DE. The turnout was 18 members and guests. The meeting was called to order 6:58pm by the Club Chair, Duke Wilford. Duke began the meeting by welcoming all to another in person meeting enjoying time together at our new location. Thanking our gracious host, Russell Applegate, for providing us a nice location to meet.

Treasurers Report (Jim Martin)

Big bills are paid, some small bills left to pay. Current check book \$34,600. Do not have all the final numbers for Coatesville but will have soon. Note to Coatesville volunteers; Credits for volunteer work will expire September 17, 2022.

Property Report (George Alderman)

Trailer needs some reorganization, and dried out from our last event.

Editor (Jim Irons)

We will need articles for newsletter by November 30.

Membership Report (Duke for Beto)

This officer spot is open. Alex Brooks volunteered to fill this position.

AutoX Report (Liz Wilford)

October 23 event got rained out at the end of the third run. We were just about finished but not all runs were in. Interesting enough, we had a person from the adjacent neighborhood decide to enjoy a 15 minute power walk around the hot course. We paused the event and allowed the person to exit before resuming event. We netted \$3k for this event. The question was raised if we need to change the course month to month. A collection of drivers enjoy a new and challenging course each month, while others would enjoy a course of the same to better themselves. Debate will continue next month. AutoX can use an assistance with some tasks if anyone is interested, remote work may be possible soon. Off-season we plan to have someone who may be able to upgrade our computers, more news to follow. There is a possibility of season inspection stickers, and truck options in the works.

Rally Report (Hanna Alderman)

We are looking for a disk which contains lots of event layouts from the past. Our next planned event will be in March 2022.

Dave Mitchell enlightened us of his recent Philanthropic Education Rally Event, and said there will be a Paws for People coming Spring 2022.

New Business

- Board elections will be held at December 7th meeting.
- Poll for Christmas Party: Meeting Day, or in January.
- BCCD Christmas Event December 11 at Skip Jacks. \$60 per person. Also gift exchange.

Meeting adjourned 7:39pm

Mopar Mike Trzonkowski, BMC Secretary

Why Mechanics Hate Engineers, Reason 3,298,659



What does it mean when this light comes on?

