



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org

November 2022

**Club Meeting – Tuesday, November 1st. 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.**

BMC Autocross V, November 12th!! - see flyer

Club Chair



Hard to believe it's November already, but BMC is not ready for hibernation yet. We still have a few tasks left in '22 before the Silly Season starts:

- Post-season autocross action is on, with AxV – yes, five – coming up on 12

November. Details are elsewhere in this newsletter, and as always, on www.motorsportreg.com.

- Nominations are open now for the full slate of Club officers. Any member is welcome to nominate themselves or any other member for one of the roles on our Board, even if currently filled:

Club Chair	Autocross Chair
Treasurer	Rally Chair
Secretary	Membership Chair
Newsletter Editor	Property Chair

Member-At-Large is traditionally the previous Club Chair

- Elections are traditionally held at the December meeting. Please email your nominations to Club Secretary **Mopar Mike Trzonkowski** at BMCsecretry@gmail.com by 30 November so that they can be published to the Club at large for voting.

- This year we're planning to have a holiday party for the December club meeting. It's been a successful year for BMC and we want to celebrate, now that in-person socializing is returning ever closer to normal. It's been quite a while since our last party! Rather than the traditional first Tuesday in December, we will likely schedule the party on a Friday or Saturday evening early in the month. Please let me know if you have a date preference or venue suggestion via email at BMCchair@gmail.com.

Our next general club meeting is on Tuesday, 01 November at Deerhead Hot Dogs in Christiana. We hope to see everybody on Tuesday!

Duke "SMTD - SLT" Wilford, BMC Club Chair

Celebs at Simeone Museum Spirit of Competition Award Ceremony



Photo credit: Jim Martin

L to R: BMC's George Alderman; Bill Warner, Founder and Chairman Emeritus, Amelia Island Concours; Richard "The King" Petty, NASCAR notable.

Membership

After a little technical difficulty here at the membership desk, all Coatesville volunteers have had their membership status validated through the end of 2023; so another big thank you to all volunteers!

We are happy to see some long-standing members renew their status and we welcome a handful of new members as well. We have already been receiving standard renewals for the 2023 season and currently stand at 58 members for 2023, which is an awesome start!

2023 Membership registration is active on MSR and we invite everyone to renew as soon as possible. Wouldn't want to forget, right?

Alex Brooke, Membership Chair

BMC Meeting Highlights

The October 4, 2022, meeting was held at the Deerhead Hotdogs, Newark DE. The turnout was 10 members, and guests. The meeting was called to order 7:07pm by Club Chair, Duke Wilford. Duke began the meeting by welcoming all to another in-person meeting. Thanks to all who turned out this month and enjoyed the gathering.

Treasurer (Heather & Sandy - by Duke)

We have approximately \$44.9K to date. We owe another insurance payment; AutoX 4 will require insurance.

We are considering new 10x20 tents for events.

A 2022 BMC Christmas party will be subsidized.

Property (George Alderman)

We will need trailer to remain at Ripken Stadium Saturday overnight for the Sunday Hero Fest Event.

We have three (3) new orange helmets; other donated helmets are in trailer for drivers to borrow for events. Helmet socks will be purchased in the coming weeks.

Editor (Jim Irons – by Duke)

Hand in articles by last Wednesday of the month.

Membership (Alex Brooke – by Duke)

We have a steady 140 people registered to the club.

AutoX (Liz Wilford)

We have 96 drivers preregistered for AutoX 4. We are expecting decent weather per the news forecast. Great news since this will be our season closure event.

We are planning on turning our November 12 rain date into a fun-run event.

We are also excited to participate in the Hero Fest Sunday Oct. 9 (Street Heroes Frontline Charity Event/Festival). Event will be for beginners and have raw times, fun loop, mandatory instructors, and trophies. We need thirteen volunteers at a minimum. T-shirts, lunch, and \$30 will go to volunteers of event. Labor costs, driver costs, and other misc. funds will be donated to Hero Fest.

Rally (Hanna Alderman – by Duke)

No news to report at this time.

New Business

Coatesville 2022 update: 29 cars and 13 motorcycles participated in event. BMC profited \$4,300 and the Town profited ~100k. We had strong corner captains. Event went smoother than past events, and we had good remarks from all. Thanks to all who helped make this event possible. There are a few things (like more leaf blowers and cat litter) that we will improve upon for next years event.

Meeting adjourned 7:58pm

Mopar Mike Trzonkowski, BMC Secretary

For The Old-timers

“One hell of a guy”

Niki Lauda Remembers James Hunt.

MotorSport Magazine archive article:

[https://www.motorsportmagazine.com/archive/article/january-1998/25/one-hell-guy?](https://www.motorsportmagazine.com/archive/article/january-1998/25/one-hell-guy?fbclid=IwAR0S42sixAoc4aDzA7ci-)

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2022 BMC Officers

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Working on your car is:

55% looking for the tool you just had

25% breaking things

15% making a list of new parts you need

5% actually working on your car

Autocross

October was a busy month for BMC AutoX! We ran our 2022 season closer on the 8th, a super-novice HPDE at HeroFest on the 9th, AND announced the last-minute addition of AX V to the year's schedule!

AX IV was bright, windy, and CHILLY. As the last qualifying event for the competitive season this year, I was excited to see so many of our top drivers show out. Course designer Craig Marhefka and assistant designer Eric Simmons laid down a line that was challenging, yet clean and smooth if you could get it just right.

Thank you as always to our volunteers both on- and off-course, especially those of you who helped hold the tent down. Normally I just mean that in a timing/scoring sense, but this time some of you had to physically hold the tent back from flying away in the strongest gusts!

This was the first event in quite some time that we were able to hold a real trophy ceremony - an extra-huge THANK YOU to everyone who stayed to help clean up, and a hearty CONGRATULATIONS to all winners! Fully audited results are linked at the end of this piece.

The last competitive event of the season is traditionally the qualifier for one of our two Lofland Memorial Cups, awarded to the fastest raw time of the day. The other cup is awarded to the top PAX driver of the season. This year, our 2022 Lofland Cups BOTH go to Craig Marhefka. Always one of our fastest drivers, over the past couple years Craig has also been building his portfolio as one of our most prolific course designers. These awards are truly well deserved.

Despite our chronic shaky luck with weather, I think 2022 will finish out as the biggest year thus far for the autocross program under my chairmanship. COVID having prevented us from holding a holiday party for the last couple years, we're pushing very hard to host one this time. I'm extra eager at finally getting a chance to hand out season champ honors.

And we're not even done yet! The day after AX IV, we partnered with StreetHeroes Frontline to present an introductory high performance driving experience at their annual HeroFest. This mini autocross was tailored for super-novices, with white-glove instruction and a simple yet fun course design featuring all the classic race elements. Think of it like AX 101.

Our dedicated team of amazing volunteers brought the love of autocross to 30 drivers ranging from first-year novices to folks who had never set a tire outside a car show setting. Thank you, thank you, thank you so very much to everyone who made this possible - we absolutely could not have done it without your passion and knowledge.

Feedback for the HeroFest partnership was positively glowing all around, and with your help BMC raised over \$300 for the event's beneficiary, Mission 22. We're grateful for the opportunity to support this important cause, and excited to see some new faces at future events!

And finally, speaking of the (near) future, I'm very pleased to announce that we have been able to add a **fifth** race to the calendar this year! AX V will take place on November 12 - just TWO WEEKS AWAY!

Because this event won't count for 2022 season leaderboards, several contenders asked to bring back the Daily Driver Shootout. Last hosted by BMC in 2019, the DDS is always ripe for shenanigans and hilarity - bring out your household hatchbacks, your shopping schleppers, your comfy commuters! The only requirement is they must qualify for standard Street classes - no sub-200 treadwear tires, and as always no minivans or anything whose height exceeds its track width.

If you're interested in joining the fun, just choose the DDS car class when registering. For those who already signed up but want to participate, you should still be able to modify your car and class on MSR - let me know if you have any issues.

Registration for AXIV closes SOON on Monday November 7 at 6:00P - don't miss out! Sign up on MSR here: <http://msreg.com/BMCAXV2022>

Other links:

Facebook event for the DDS @ AXV: <https://www.facebook.com/events/519855756158824>

BMC AX IV results and 2022 season leaderboards: <http://www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org/2022/10/28/autocross-iv-08-october-2022-results-2022-season-champs/>

HeroFest AX 101 results: <http://live.axti.me/results/KNpxMmWI3>

As always, my inbox is open for questions, feedback, and cool 3D printing videos. Hope to see you all super soon!

Liz Wilford, BMC Autocross Chair

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Brandywine Motorsport Club
2022 Autocross V
Plus Daily Driver Shootout!
November 12 at 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.**
- **Drivers and Passengers must be at least 16 years old*. Drivers must 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