



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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April 2023

Club Meeting Tuesday, April 4th. Greet & Eat @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7
Fiesta Maya Mexican Grill, Pencader Plaza, Newark DE
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Club Chair



Well, as sometimes happens, the weather did us no favors for **AxI**. With the event preregistered at 130% capacity and everyone eager to play cars, the forecast remained resolutely terrible for the week leading up to the date. Liz made the prudent call to cancel the event, and the weather in fact proved to be awful all day. Our AX season opener is postponed until **07 May**. Please note that this is a **SUNDAY**, as the baseball team seems to be having more games in the post-pandemic world, with fewer available dates for the lot.

A week before that, this year's edition of the **Shamrock Showdown** rally did enjoy at least acceptable weather and went off successfully. More information in the Rallymaster's column.

Entries for the **Coatesville Vintage Grand Prix** continue to roll in. If you have a performance car or motorcycle from 1983 or earlier, you can submit your entry at www.msreg.com/CVGP2023.

Our insurance costs have risen significantly this year, and the revenue BMC gets from marshaling the CVGP on behalf of the City plays an important part in offsetting those costs. **By volunteering as a marshal, you can help keep BMC going into the future.** If you can, please sign up here: www.msreg.com/CVGP2023-volunteer. It's a truly fun event and a great chance to see lots of historic machinery in action.

After a long stand at Deerhead Hotdogs (*thanks, Rusty*), BMC is moving our club meetings to a new venue (or venues). Our **04 April meeting** will be held at **Fiesta Maya** in Pencader Plaza, near I-95 just south of Newark, DE. For **02 May** we will meet at **Mad Mac's**, also near I-95 just south of Newark, where the road rally ended. Following that, we may poll you folks about which location is preferred, or continue to alternate – the two locations are only about a mile apart.

Thanks to everyone who has renewed your membership or joined for the first time! We really do appreciate your support of our Club and we're glad you've decided to help us thrive.

Duke "WX" Wilford, BMC Club Chair

Autocross

Well, BMC AutoX season started not with a bang, but with a whimper when we had to postpone our first scheduled event due to an extreme weather forecast including thunderstorms and high winds. It was the right call, but still disappointing news to all including myself. We're just not ready to test the new timing tent like that!

Anyone already signed up and paid for the original March 25 AXI was automatically rolled over to the new May 7 date. Please note that this is a **SUNDAY**, unlike our usual Saturday events, per Ripken's availability.

If you were signed up for March 25 but are unable to make May 7, please let me know and I can issue you credit or a refund for your entry fee. If you were waitlisted for March 25 and had not paid, you were not rolled over to May 7 and will have to reserve your spot again. While the new date is already at cap, I'm filling spaces as quickly as I can process cancellations.

Hop in line here: <http://msreg.com/BMCAXI2023>

In one spot of good news, we did reserve a rain date to replace the canceled event. The revised 2023 BMC AutoX schedule is now:

AXI - May 7 (Sunday)

AXII - June 24 (Saturday)

AXIII - August 12 (Saturday)

AXIV - October 8 (Sunday)

Unfortunately we will not be able to run a 5th event this year. Since AXV is a non-competition event, it's often used to host our new Daily Driver Shootout tradition. While we can't run the DDS during AXIV because it's the final season qualifier, I'm open to other suggestions for something a little special!

All this to say: BMC AutoX is down but not out. We're still looking forward to a great season with everyone, and we hope you are too. As always, drop me a line any time at bmcautox@gmail.com!

Liz Wilford, BMC Autocross Chair

Rally Report – Shamrock Showdown Results

Hello all!

This year's Shamrock Showdown took place on March 18th. We were fortunate to have a gorgeous (yet a bit breezy) Saturday! Thank you to everyone that participated; we were only a few people away from making this the second largest Shamrock yet.

For those that didn't participate, this year's event was an introduction to TSD style rallies. Thus the scoring in the table below likely will look a bit different than past years.

Thankfully this year's event went off without too many bumps in the road. Thank you to everyone for sticking with it and persevering through my transposition errors!

I hope to do more TSD style rallies in the near future. Keep your eyes and ears open for more rallies hopefully to come in the summer/fall.

Congrats to all winners!!

Hanna C. Alderman, Rally Master

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FINISH	DRIVER/NAVIGATOR	TIMING	QA PTS	FINAL SCORE	FINISH	DRIVER/NAVIGATOR	TIMING	QA PTS	FINAL SCORE
1	Gezon	0:00:05	150	-145	1	Baist-Bliss/O'Cain	0:00:57	140	-83
2	R.Causey/M.Causey	0:00:15	150	-135	2	M.McGann/S.McGann	0:00:54	135	-81
3	P.Alderman/H.A.Alderman	0:00:27	140	-113	3	Sylvestri/Legg	0:02:25	150	25
4	Elvin/Levan	0:01:49	145	-36	4	M.Katsimbris/A.Katsimbris	0:02:57	120	57
5	M.Weldin/W.Weldin	0:02:49	140	29	5	M.Trzonkowski/L.Trzonkowski	0:04:41	150	131
6	Griggs/Wilford	0:08:44	150	450	6	R.Davis/K.Davis	0:06:17	140	460
7	W.Thompson/T.Thompson	0:58:45	130	470	7	A.Stewart-Martin/A.Stewart-Martin	0:14:41	115	485
8	G.Alderman/O'Leary	0:36:29	110	490	8	B.Zmyewski/M/Zmyewski	0:09:41	115	485

One point was given for every second over official timing, with a max score of 300 points per leg (5:00 minutes+). Every correct question gave a 10 point deduction from the final timing score.

Special Note: BMC member Bruce Gezon drove from Murrys ville, near Pittsburg PA, to run the rally! He showed his National Rally expertise by running solo and finishing First Overall!



Alfred Knystautas, 75, of The Villages, Florida, passed away at UF Health Leesburg Hospital on March 9, 2023 after an unexpected battle with an aggressive lymphatic cancer.

Before moving out of the BMC area several years ago, Al was a very active Club member in rallies and autocross. He is deeply missed by his BMC friends.

JTI

BMC Meeting Highlights

The March 7, 2023, meeting was held at Deerhead Hotdogs, Newark DE. The turnout was 7 members and guests. The meeting was called to order 7:01pm by the 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.

Treasurers Report (Heather & Sandy - by Duke)

We have approximately \$49.7K to date. Insurance is due, with a premium increase.

Property Report (George Alderman – by Duke)

We ordered tripods and a 1-gal gas can. Open discussion on need for a 10'x20' 'EasyUp' or 'EurMax' canopy, as well as Directors Chairs. Discussed purchasing a laptop for Treasurer-specific use.

Editor (Jim Irons)

Need Gasline articles by last Wednesday of month.

Membership Report (Alex Brooke – by Duke)

We have approximately 124 active members.

Rally Report (Hanna Alderman – by Duke)

Preparing for our first Rally of the year. Our season opener will be on March 18. Signup information can be found on our website and MotorsportReg. We currently have 37 people participating in the rally. The event ends at MadMacs, and we are open to dinner-only signups.

AutoX Report (Liz Wilford)

We are preparing for our season opener AutoX-1 on March 25. We have a full booking of entries with a few on the wait list. Tech inspection stickers are ordered.

Coatesville Grand Prix

No agreement with the town has been signed yet for 2023, but it was discussed to remain the same as last year. Pre-Registration is open; 18 vehicles currently signed up. We are looking for volunteers, same as before. Vehicles up to and including 1983 vintage can be entered.

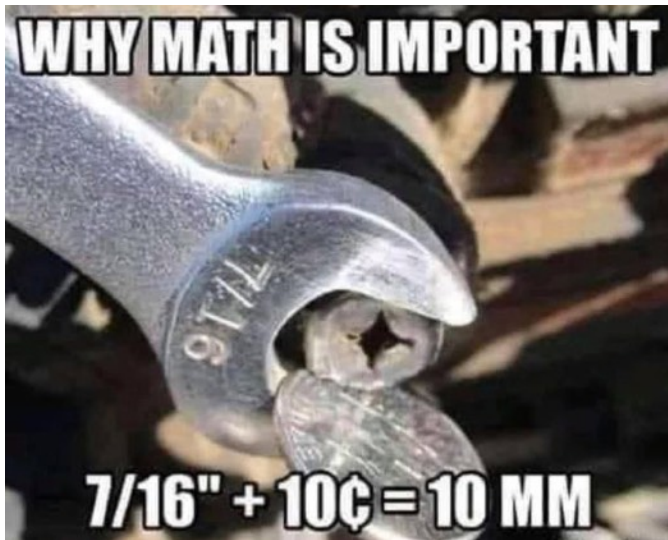
New Business

BMC looking for input on advertisement options and opinions. Hanna presented the ability for BMC to advertise in Studio Ad. Mike T. came up with the idea to advertise in Cruising Magazine to reach out to other car enthusiasts. Currently BMC advertises on Facebook and MotorsportReg.

Open discussion of changing meeting venues. Two to three locations have been presented over the past few months. News to follow after reservations have been arranged.

Meeting adjourned 7:39pm

Mopar Mike Trzonkowski, BMC Secretary





Brandywine Motorsport Club

2023 Autocross I

SUNDAY, May 7

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 100 Car Entry Limit - Preregistration is strongly encouraged!

Preregister online at: www.motorsportreg.com

Preregistration closes Monday before the event at 6:00p.

No Walkups allowed.

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