



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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May 2023

Club Meeting Tuesday, May 2nd. Greet & Eat @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7
MadMacs 801 S. College Ave., Newark DE 19713 <https://www.mad-macs.com>

BMC Autocross I, SUNDAY, May 7 - See flyer

Club Chair



Our April meeting was held at Fiesta Maya, just south of Newark. We saw some faces we hadn't seen in a while, and new members

Bruce and Carol Gezon came to socialize.

Bruce and Carol were friends with longtime BMC member/Rallymaster Dave Teter. Bruce ran the Shamrock Showdown solo, and did very well.

(See Bruce's Rally comments, Ed.)

For the next meeting on **02 May**, we will get together at **MadMac's**, near the intersection of Rts 4 and 896 just south of Newark. We would definitely like feedback on which venue you prefer, or if we should continue to alternate so there is some variety in our menu options. Please let us know either on the Facebook group page, or by emailing me: BMCchair@gmail.com.

Since the postponement of AxI last month, there is little other news to report. Our AX season opener is now **07 May**. Please note that this is a **SUNDAY**! Liz has been in contact with everyone, and most preregistrations have rolled over to the new date. The event remains sold out, with a long wait list. Details are elsewhere in this newsletter.

Entries for the **Coatesville Vintage Grand Prix** have slowed a bit, but continue to come in. We've got some interesting vehicles this year, both new and returning. For race cars and bikes from 1900-1983 (or good replicas, like a certain Daytona Coupe I could mention), preregistration is open at www.msreg.com/CVGP2023.

We also need volunteer marshals again! It really is a fun day, and an important event for the Club. Plus there are perks like free membership! If you can, please sign up here: www.msreg.com/CVGP2023-volunteer.

We're looking forward to keeping the season rolling!

Duke "Actual Spring This Year" Wilford
BMC Club Chair

Autocross

After a disappointing postponement from March rain, we're finally gearing up for the first autocross of the 2023 season! I can't wait to see you all back out on course.

May 7 AX I is our first **Sunday** event in years, so make sure you show up on the correct day. I'm definitely looking forward to a lazy Saturday beforehand instead of the usual post-work scramble to finish prepping!

We've got a jam-packed roster, but I'll be pulling as many people from the waitlist as I can. I sent out a round of acceptance emails this week and I expect to send more on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday before the event.

If you've registered for an event recently, you may have noticed that MSR has added a \$2 fee on top of our pricing. This is not from BMC - it goes straight to MSR for site maintenance and administration. The work they do to make motorsports accessible to everyone and simple for organizers to manage is really second to none in my opinion, so I hope you will be understanding about what it takes to keep growing their services. BMC ourselves do not have plans to adjust our own pricing structure at this time.

On the other hand, we're always looking for ways to give you more bang for your buck. The annual tech inspection program was a hit last year, so consider it a new staple feature of BMC membership. Active members can get inspected at your first event and skip the line for the rest of the season! *(Note that any car or helmet modifications will require a new inspection.)*

I've also received several great suggestions for additional membership perks. I'm still thinking about how they could be implemented. I'll be soliciting feedback in the coming months on what you all most like to see. Keep your eyes peeled for a survey soon!

As usual, if you've got ideas or a question I haven't covered, drop me a line at bmcautox@gmail.com. Our fantastic membership and community are what keeps me doing this year after year, and it's always good to hear from you. See ya soon!

Liz Wilford, BMC Autocross Chair

Rally

Shamrock Showdown Notes

Little did we know how mischievous Paddy was going to be!

Unbeknownst to Hanna and Dante, Paddy was unable to control the leprechaunian instinct he inherited. He turned some black equines blue and then decided to mix-and-match a couple of instructions, just to create more mischief before the rally reached Fair Hill Park.

The roads were scenic as expected and traveled through our great rally country. Paddy observations and queries made for an enjoyable tale as all sought to reach the lighthouse at the end of the quest. If the Schmidt's Tree Farm hadn't decided to bow to Paddy's wishes and removed their tree sign, the questions posed by Paddy would have been fairly simple, except for that elusive yellow slide that disappeared as quickly as the gold at the end of the rainbow. It was a timely journey as the clock kept everyone moving along to Matilda's place (*MadMacs, Ed.*) where friends were waiting to discuss Mr. O'Flannel's wanderings and misdeeds.

Best put a leash on that Paddy fella next year.

Bruce Gezon

David Teter Touring Rally of the Year



Dave Teter was a long-time BMC member and Club Rally Chairman who was very successful in SCCA National & Regional rallies as well as the Great American Race. Sadly, Dave passed away in 2014, but SCCA keeps his memory alive with the

"David Teter Touring Rally of the Year Award."

The following is a news article copied from SCCA's 2023 Road Rally News:

*"W. David Teter was the editor of the modernized and comprehensive RoadRally Rule Book, Rallymaster of 17 consecutive **March Lamb Regional** rallies, and an outstanding competitor on the National Tour rally circuit. This award is presented annually to recognize the outstanding National Tour Rally from the previous year. The selection is made by vote of the top 20 competitors in each class who have competed in at least three National Tour rallies that year."*

The David Teter Touring Rally of the Year award goes to Great Canyon by the Arizona Border Region, with Karl Broberg as Rallymaster."

BMC Meeting Highlights

The April 4, 2023, meeting was held at the Fiesta Maya Mexican Grill, Newark DE. The turnout was 16 members, and guests. The meeting was called to order 7:15pm by Club Chair, Duke Wilford. Duke began the meeting by welcoming all to another in-person meeting at a new location. Thanks to all who turned out this month and enjoyed the gathering which included two new members.

Treasurers Report (Heather & Sandy - by Duke)

Costs for K&K Insurance has gone up this year. The events we are hosting covers the increase in cost. Payment has been made to Ripken Stadium.

Property Report (George Alderman – by Duke)

We ordered tripods and a 1gal gas can. We now own a 10x20 EurMax canopy, new wheels on a cart, and a used laptop for Treasurers' use.

Membership Report (Alex Brooke – by Duke)

We currently have approximately 137 active members; new members continue to sign up.

Rally Report (Hanna Alderman – by Paul)

Discussion about the recent March Rally covering its ups and downs, and any bumps or bruises that made it a fun event. Everyone who participated made it to the final location held at MadMacs. We are opening the ability for members to plan a Rally Route and enter it as an option for a future event.

AutoX Report (Liz Wilford)

AutoX-1 scheduled for March 25 experienced heavy rain which canceled the event. Those who signed up have been credited for the next event held in May. October 8th rain date has been converted to regular event date. A 5th event is under discussion. We are considering opening "preferred member advantages" to give preferred members the opportunity to register early, season tickets, and other perks. We are keying on inviting novice drivers to the sport. We will have a poll on options, so look for it to arrive by mail.

Coatesville Grand Prix

Meeting will be held tomorrow in town. Possible agreement signed. Pre-registration is open and we currently have 16 cars and 6 motorcycles registered. Half the registered drivers are first timers. The town is reviving funds to pave roads used for event. Volunteer signup is open.

New Business

New member Bruce Gezon promoted a few SCCA Rally events in the upcoming months.

We look forward to seeing you all and more at our next new venue at MadMacs next month. We will gather opinions from members on where we will be holding meetings.

Meeting adjourned 7:49pm

Membership

Hello again from the membership desk! We currently have a total of 133 active members, but also have 65 members from 2022 who have not yet renewed for the new season. New members and renewals have both slowed, which is to be expected, but remember to renew your membership!

Enjoy BMC membership benefits and continue to help our club grow! Also, if you are already a member for 2023, be sure to spread the good word of BMC around at other events you may attend during the season. There are a lot of fun events already planned for the year!

-- Alex Brooke, BMC Membership Chair





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:

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