



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org

July 2023

Club Meeting Tuesday, July 11th. Greet & Eat @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7

Note Meeting Date Change!

Fiesta Maya Mexican Grill, Newark DE <https://www.fiestamayamexicangrill.com>

BMC Autocross II *Rain Date*: Saturday, July 8 - See flyer

Club Chair



Last month I wrote: "If only we could get our whole season in during this run of gorgeous weather!" Turns out, we didn't even get our second autocross in before things turned stormy. After lots of monitoring the forecasts, **Liz** made the prudent call to

postpone AxII until 08 July. Details on registration status will be found in the AX column.

Speaking of postponements: **Due to the 4th of July holiday, the club meeting will be held on 11 July** at Fiesta Maya in Pencader Plaza. This location seems to have positive feedback, so we will continue to meet there for the near future.

At June's meeting, Property Chair **George Alderman** proposed replacing the aged and undersized BMC equipment trailer. We had previously been considering buying a truck, but that purchase... didn't pan out, because reasons. After discussion, the Board voted to acquire a **new 16x7 tandem axle trailer**. George had BMC logos installed, and he and Liz moved the equipment from the old trailer. The new setup will debut at AxII in July, and should make set-up and pack-up a lot easier.

One of the reasons we are able to make such a purchase of needed equipment is the revenue we receive from managing the Coatesville Vintage Grand Prix. More volunteers have begun signing up, but we still need more marshals to make it happen smoothly and safely. We got high marks from the City and the drivers and riders last year, and we hope to do the same again!

If you can, please sign up here: www.msreg.com/CVGP2023-volunteer. For your time, you'll enjoy a great view of the action. BMC will provide lunch, a CVGP MARSHAL shirt, and free BMC membership through 2024. The run schedule has been pushed back an hour, so there should be a little more time in the morning. There will also be a hotel special for those who want to stay over Friday night. We appreciate everyone who has volunteered already!

See you on course!

Duke "Guess I Jinxed It" Wilford
BMC Club Chair

Rally



Greetings all!

Hard to believe that we're in the second month of summer! I don't know about you, but for my family, the summer can sometimes be more busy than the rest of the year.

While we have a fair number of old routes within the BMC archives, many roads and signs change and it's more difficult to quickly convert old rallies than I would expected. That said, I figure it's worth putting feelers out again for people willing to step up and help put together a Summer rally route.

Contact me at BMCRallyMaster@Gmail.com if you're interested and/or have a route you'd like me to turn into a rally course.

Fingers crossed, we can have another rally this year but the timing might be tight with the CVGP and Hagley in September on top of everyone's busy schedules.

Hoping to hear from you soon!

- Hanna Alderman, BMC Rally Master

Happy Independence Day!



Autocross

Boy, it has certainly been a topsy turvy season so far! By now you likely know that our AXII, originally scheduled for June 24, has been postponed until July 8 due to weather. I'm almost thankful that it DID in fact end up storming all weekend - if we had to cancel, at least the forecast made good on its promise.

The predictions for the rescheduled date also include scattered showers and a chance of thunderstorms later in the day, but I'm holding out hope that they'll clear up by the time the day arrives. And if they stay light, we can still run in mild weather. Cross all your fingers and toes for us.

I believe I've handled all requests for credits, refunds, and transfers from the reschedule, but let me know if I missed yours. There's also still time to get on the waitlist in case of additional cancellations. You won't be charged until you're moved to an official registration. If you're interested, snag a spot here:

msreg.com/BMCAXII2023

We had several questions at the last event about passengers, the answers to which I didn't realize would come as a surprise. When we renewed our insurance a couple years ago, they added a provision requiring passengers to be 16 years of age or older. While we've tried multiple times since then to request an exception, we haven't made much headway. Our underwriter changed again this year, so I'm trying again to make inroads, but the chaos of the changeover has made it difficult to nail anyone down. Until further notice, the minimum age requirement will stand. I know this is unfortunate news to many parents who drive with us, and I promise we are working to see if anything can be done.

In better news, we recently purchased and kitted out a new trailer! It's larger than the old one in every dimension, with much less wear and tear, and it's got a RAMP! I'm looking forward to debuting it in a couple weeks.

Besides the trailer, we've made some other small equipment upgrades. I'd like to thank the members who generously donated these items: Wayne Thompson, for a backup PA that has already been a lifesaver; Sean Hurt, who is replacing our microphone setup; and David Fulton-Howard, who arranged with his employer to hand us down three decommissioned iPads to replace our tablets that are beginning to show their age. The community spirit of this club is truly what sustains us.

Just to get you prepped, our next event after this will be AXIII on August 12. Registration was briefly opened by accident earlier this month, but is now closed until the day after AXII (July 9). We've been selling out quickly - bookmark this link to grab your seat as soon as it opens: msreg.com/BMCAXIII2023

As always, I welcome your feedback, suggestions, and questions. We've received a few already this year that I'm looking to implement, if not this season, then certainly next. My favorite part of this role is hearing the ways that BMC makes it fun and accessible to be an autocrosser, and I'm always looking for more. Thank you to anyone who has ever taken time to share your thoughts with me before, during, or after an event. You make it worth it!

Send us your best thoughts for a clear day on the 8th, and I look forward to seeing everyone out!

Liz Wilford, BMC Autocross Chair

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Membership

Hello all from the membership desk! We happily welcome a few new members this month, bringing the club's total active membership to 140 members! As we approach July, memberships may see a continued slowdown, but don't forget to continue spreading the word about the club and our events. Showcasing ourselves through our events to new enthusiasts is the best way to increase membership and continue to grow our club!

Everyone should also keep in mind the Coatesville Grand Prix, as a 2024 BMC membership is one of the many benefits of volunteering for the event. Hard to beat a day of vintage cars and bikes racing around a street course as a way to secure your membership, right? Everyone keep doing your anti-rain dance and we'll see you at the next event!

-- Alex Brooke, BMC Membership Chair

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Brandywine Motorsport Club
2023 Autocross II
Saturday, July 8
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!

Pre-register 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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