



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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June 2023

**Club Meeting, Tuesday, June 6th. Greet & Eat @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7
Fiesta Maya Mexican Grill, Pencader Plaza, Newark DE
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BMC Autocross II, SATURDAY, June 24th - See flyer

Club Chair



Greetings! As I write this, the BMC home area is enjoying one of the nicest actual springs in recent memory. If only we could get our whole season in during this run of gorgeous weather! Hopefully we won't pay for it later in the year.

May's meeting was held at Mad Mac's, with slightly smaller turnout and slightly more background noise. **For June's meeting, we will return to Fiesta Maya** in Pencader Plaza, where we can have a separate room. If you have a preference on which place you'd like to keep meeting, please let me know via email or on our Facebook page. Remember, meetings are open to non-members as well.

The postponed AxI went off relatively smoothly for a first-of-season event, with a full grid and lots of enthusiasm. Good work by **Liz** in managing the event and the extensive waitlist! Unfortunately, a new bank of apartments is nearing completion immediately adjacent to the course area. We plan to be proactive in enforcing sound limits – please make sure **your car is equipped with a functioning muffler**, and in the case of loud exhausts, that a turndown is fitted to direct noise down rather than out. We are looking for a **maximum of 95 dBA**, measured under heavy throttle, 50 feet away from and perpendicular to the path of travel.

Entries for the **Coatesville Vintage Grand Prix** continue to roll in, including a lot of interesting cars and bikes. [Click here to see the current entry list.](#)



The CVGP is on 16 September, and **we need many volunteers to make it happen safely**. Please sign up here: www.msreg.com/CVGP2023-volunteer. Perks include the best seats in the house, lunch, a souvenir T-shirt, and free 2024 membership in BMC. This event goes a long way toward covering our yearly operating expenses, and is important in keeping our membership and entry fees low in the face of rising insurance costs. **Please note that we are shifting the event time an hour later in the day**, so you won't need to be on site quite as early as previous years. Thanks to those who have volunteered already!

See you next Tuesday, I hope!

Duke "Don't Jinx It" Wilford, BMC Club Chair

Autocross



Happy summer to all who celebrate!

BMC Autocross finally got the engine turning over with our May 7 AXI event. The weather held out beautiful and sunny most of the day, capped off with an unexpected drizzle just as we wrapped up. You know our luck with sudden storms!

Total turnout was 98 drivers, with an unusual but welcome near-even split between members and non-members. Annual tech inspection made a popular comeback and all but two attending members participated (yours truly realizing I'm one of the truants as I type this...). If you're a member who didn't attend AXI, annual tech will also be available at our remaining races to cover you through the year.

Alex Meramo and Ken Roller teamed up to design a course that was deceptively tricky on first pass. A repeater circuit right out of the gate led into some twisty turny action in the

back half of the lot, including a clever transition across the drainage ditch that made it barely perceptible. And the Miata owner in me will always shout loud for a course with multiple slaloms!

The rain chased a lot of people away early, but I can't say thank you enough to those who stayed to help clean up. Hopefully you felt the love with our impromptu trophy meeting as well. Of course, a hearty thanks to all who pitched-in throughout the day, from cone shaggers to the timing tent and out to the very edge of the lot with our gatekeeper stopping baseball traffic from running rampant through paddock. We truly have some of the most helpful and generous folks on the motorsports scene!

AXII will be on June 24, back to our regular Saturday schedule. Registration opened the day after AXI and it's already 80% full - don't wait too much longer to sign up or you might miss out. We had a 50-person waitlist for AXI and I just wasn't able to fit everyone in. Register here: <http://msreg.com/BMCAXII2023>

There's also still time to sign up for BMC membership and get the benefits of annual tech and discounted event registration! If you start or renew a BMC membership in anticipation of signing up for AXII, please note that your membership requires manual activation to apply the discount. When you get your membership, shoot me or our membership chair an email (bmcautox@gmail.com, bmcmemberchair@gmail.com) so we can get you activated promptly. Membership link here: <http://msreg.com/BMCMembership2023>

We've had some proposals for new membership perks such as early event registration or season passes. I'll be running a poll in our Facebook group soon to get everyone's top pick and see if we can implement it this season, so watch out for that and join the group if you haven't yet! It's a fun community active with all kinds of tips, tricks, and info about motorsports in the region. Join here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/brandywinemotorsportclub>

That's about it for me, but as always, my inbox is open for questions, feedback, and tips. See you in a few weeks!

Liz Wilford, BMC AutoX Chair

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Membership

Hello again from the membership desk everyone! Membership renewals have slowed, which is to be expected as we roll into the event season.

Our first autocross is in the books; I hope all our members took advantage of our annual tech inspection, and our trust in you as an "automotive mechanic". We had a great turnout, but club members were certainly outnumbered out there. So if you've forgotten to renew, make sure you do it to enjoy the event discounts! We also look forward to welcoming the new event attendees as club members as well!

Alex Brooke, BMC Membership Chair



BMC Meeting Highlights

The May 2, 2023, meeting was held at the Mad Macs Restaurant, Newark DE. The turnout was 11 members, and guests. The meeting was called to order 7:04pm by the Club Chair, Duke Wilford. Duke began the meeting by welcoming all to another in-person meeting at a new location. We will be returning to Fiesta Maya Mexican Grill venue next month. Thanks to all who turned out this month and enjoyed the gathering.

Treasurers Report (Heather & Sandy - by Duke)

Costs for K&K Insurance has gone up this year. We have approximately 40k in the bank.

Property Report (George Alderman – by Duke)

We ordered tripods and 1-gal gas can. We now own a new 10x20 EurMax canopy, new wheels on a cart (repaired by George), and a used laptop for Treasurer.

Editor (Jim Irons)

Submit articles by last Wednesday of the month.

Membership Report (Alex Brooke – by Duke)

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

Rally Report (Hanna Alderman – by Duke)

There is a June event held by the Delaware Valley Classic MG Chapter. You are encouraged to attend and enjoy the fun.

AutoX Report (Liz Wilford)

We are anticipating sun for our next event. Due to heavy rain during our first event we have rollover from March. Some rolled over to another event date. We have a full list of drivers and several on the wait list. Ken R. will be setting the course for this event.

Coatesville Grand Prix

Pre-registration is open and we currently have 21 cars, 7 motorcycles, and 4 volunteers registered. Event will be September 16th, third Saturday of the month. Come join.

New Business - No New business.

Meeting adjourned 7:19pm

Mopar Mike Trzonkowski, BMC Secretary



Brandywine Motorsport Club

2023 Autocross II

SATURDAY, June 24

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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