



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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February 2016

BMC CLUB MEETING

**Hunters Den Restaurant, 3517 Old Capitol Trail, Wilmington, Dela.
Tuesday, February 2nd – Meet & Greet @ 6:30, Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.**

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



Brrr. Snow Rally anyone? Now that would be fun. Back in the 60's (I'm told) there were rallies that were laid out just waiting for the snow to fall. When it started snowing the rally was on. It would be nice to have that kind of interest, but with State of Emergencies and fines for being out on the road, maybe it can't be done anymore.

We are still waiting to hear from 3 Dog Garage on a potential date, and will keep everyone posted. The E-Board finally got together and we finalized some By-Laws changes and revisions. Thanks to the E-Board members for the help in getting that all finalized.

I hope to see you at the monthly meeting on the 2nd, bring your favorite groundhog. See you there. "Don't drive angry", (Bill Murray Groundhog Day)

Paul

Rally Chair - George Alderman

Still digging out from the recent blizzard. Not much happening on the rally scene yet. Should have some news next month.

BMC Online

- **BMC Website:** www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org
- **BMC Facebook Page:** Brandywine Motorsport Club
- **BMC YouTube Page:** Brandywine Motorsport Club (autocross videos submitted by members and friends)

Membership Renewal Time

Club membership renewals are due January 1st and must be renewed by March 1st. Dues are still just \$15 for a single memberships or \$25 for family memberships.

Note: If you joined BMC after October 1st 2015, your membership is good through 2016, no renewal is needed.

If none of your personal information has changed, simply mail a check made out to "BMC" to:

BMC, P.O. Box 474, Montchanin, DE 19710

If any of your personal information has changed, download the Application/Renewal form from the BMC website, fill-in your updated information, and mail it with your check to the above address.

Or, even better, bring your membership renewal to the next club meeting!

Ed Trahan Services Rescheduled

Funeral services for Ed Trahan have been rescheduled due to the blizzard. The new date is Tuesday Feb. 2nd. Visitation is 2-3 p.m., services 3-4 p.m.

Updated funeral arrangements are on the R.T. Foard & Jones website at: <http://rtfoard.tributes.com/obituary/show/Edward-F.-Trahan-103196636>

After the services, Susan Trahan is hosting an informal gathering for light refreshments at her home at 407 Country Club Drive, Newark, DE 19711.

Secretary's Reports - Jim Martin

Membership Meeting

The 5th of January, 2016 meeting was held at the Hunter's Den. The turnout was 14 members. The meeting was called to order by Paul Alderman at 7:15 PM

Treasurer's Report (Willis Weldin) - At the end of December our finances were \$10,052.90.

Membership Report (Anita Steward) – At the end of December our membership stands at 116 members.

Rally Report (George Alderman) – Hagley Museum has asked us to lay out a Rally to take place Saturday June 4th (Saturday). Willis Weldin is laying out a Rally for the May time frame, the exact time will be known next month. The South Jersey Region of the SCCA is laying out the Second Annual W. D. Teter Rally for the weekend of April 9th & 10th. This will be a Nationally Sanctioned Rally.

AutoX Report (Duke Wilford) – We need a Honda 1600 watt generator for the 2016 season and we need a new tent that is wind resistant. The tentative schedule for the 2016 season is:

- AutoX I - April 16th (Saturday)
- AutoX II - May 14th (Saturday)
- AutoX III - June 18th (Saturday)
- AutoX IV - July 23rd (Saturday)
- AutoX V - August 20th (Saturday)
- AutoX VI - September 17th (Saturday) Dover

Keep in mind that we are still looking for back up spaces where we can hold AutoX's. Please let Duke know of other options. At the moment, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to The Glasgow School District for the use of their parking lots.

Property Report (Dave Mitchell) – Nothing to report.

Editor (Jim Irons) – Reminded everyone that articles for the newsletter need to be forwarded to him no later than the Tuesday previous to our Monthly Meetings.

Chair (Paul Alderman) – Duke Wilford nominated Richard Wortmann for Treasurer and he accepted. A unanimous vote of all members present at the meeting elected Mr. Wortmann to be our new Treasurer. He and Willis Weldin will get together to transfer the numbers, and the bank account. Richard will probably need a letter on Club stationery, signed by Paul Alderman (Club Chair) to transfer the checking account.

It should be noted that Willis and his wife, Martha have worked hard on organizing and maintaining all things that are financial for the Club since 2008. As Club Secretary, I would like to thank them for their time and effort, THANK-YOU!

We will hold an Executive Committee meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, January 19th in The President's Conference Room of the University & Whist Club. The purpose of this meeting will be to come to an agreement on the proposed changes to the BMC's By-Laws.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Executive Committee Meeting

The 19th of January, 2016 Executive meeting was held at the University & Whist Club. In attendance:

Club Chairman – Paul Alderman
Member-At-Large & Rally Chair – George Alderman
Secretary – Jim Martin
Treasurer – Richard Wortmann
Autocross Chair – Duke Wilford
Property Chair – Dave Mitchell
Gasline Editor – Jim Irons

The meeting was called to order by Paul Alderman at 7:00 PM.

A motion was made & seconded to send flowers and make a gift in Ed Trahan's name in the amount of \$100. Duke Wilford volunteered to make it happen. This motion was passed unanimously.

A 2nd motion was made & seconded to retroactively approve all prior Club expenses. This motion was passed unanimously.

The Club Treasurer stated there would be no charges associated with his ordinary function as treasurer.

A 3rd motion was made to move forward with addressing the use of electronic means such as PayPal or similar means for payment of Club Dues and activity fees. This motion was passed unanimously.

A 4th motion was made to change the Club's P.O. Box to one that would meet the needs of the Treasurer & Membership Chair. Prior to the meeting the Membership Chair volunteered to make this happen. This motion was passed unanimously.

The greater part of the meeting was spent discussing and approving changes to the Club By-Laws. These will be circulated at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.



*"Does your car have any idea why
my car pulled it over?"*

Autocross Report – Duke Wilford



Unfortunately, we have some sad news to open with. Earlier this month, long-time BMC member Ed Trahan lost his battle with cancer. Although you may not have known his name, “Slow Eddie” was a fixture at our events in his grey supercharged NC Miata or his bright red Mazdaspeed 3. Ed was a genuine enthusiast who was always tinkering with his own cars, helping others to work on theirs, and generally doing anything possible to turn spectators into participants. Even after Ed stopped competing in our autocrosses, he would show up and cheer. Often he would offer a drive in his own car to encourage an interested stranger to give autocross a try. Ed was a tireless booster of BMC and amateur motorsports. He will be sorely missed.

We are still in the dark days of the off season, and I am looking out my window at large piles of snow. However, we’re not hibernating – preparations are well underway for the 2016 season.

BMC is shopping for our own generator, but that is our only major equipment expense planned for 2016. Our 2-year plan to modernize BMC’s timing, scoring, and communication systems is largely complete and operational. Our thanks go out to our new treasurer Richard Wortmann for recently donating 2 small tablets for use in queuing cars at autocross, and various other functions.

Our 2016 autocross schedule is as follows, pending final approvals for all sites:

- 16 April at Glasgow HS – Autocross I
- 14 May at Glasgow HS – Autocross II
- 18 June at Glasgow HS – Autocross III
- 23 July at Glasgow HS – Autocross IV
- 20 August at Glasgow HS – Autocross V
- 17 September at Dover Speedway – Autocross VI
(Lofland Memorial Cup event)

All dates are Saturdays. We are looking at several other venue options in the area, and should one of those pan out, some of the GHS events may be relocated for variety. Fingers crossed! Preregistration is not yet open, but we will announce when it is.

Unfortunately, Mini Meet East is being held in Kentucky this year, so they will not be joining us. However, we are always looking to host other enthusiast groups. If you are a member of another crew and would like to discuss bringing a group to one of our events, please contact me. We can even set up special classes for you.

Also, don’t overlook our road rallies! We’d like to return BMC’s rally program to its former levels of participation. So if you autocross with us or have never rallied before, entry to rallies is free! It’s a fun way to spend an afternoon driving some scenic roads with a friend. We usually end at a restaurant or brew pub for a meal and prizes. Come on out and give it a try!

As always, we’re looking for input on how to improve our program. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at **BMCautox@gmail.com**. You can also post on our Facebook group page or the Club’s website. Thanks!

*-Duke “Shopping For New Shoes” Wilford
Autocross Chair*

