



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org

April 2016

THIS MONTH'S MEETING LOCATION:



4931 Kirkwood Highway (Rte 2), Wilmington, Dela. 19808

<http://www.cafenapolidelaware.com/default.aspx>

Tuesday, April 5th– Meet, Greet, & Eat @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.

BMC AUTOCROSS I

**Saturday, April 16th. Glasgow High School,
Glasgow, Delaware (see flyer for directions)**

Autocross Chair – Duke Wilford



Happy spring to all! As of this writing, our autocross season opener is just under 3 weeks away. Where did the off-season go? Hopefully it didn't disappear completely while you were binge-watching *How It's Made* episodes...

even the car-related ones.

To date we have 29 intrepid folks preregistered for our first autocross. The more the merrier, since preregistration helps us get your information into the system quickly and easily. You can set up a free account at

www.motorsportreg.com if you haven't already.

Preregistration is open for all six 2016 BMC autocross events!

Our 2016 autocross schedule is as follows:

- 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)

We are definitely looking to increase the number of people who are trained to use the Club's timing system. Redundancy and backup are always important in having a smoothly-run event. If you are interested in helping out under the tent, please contact me. There are many jobs to coordinate, so it helps to have folks who can handle specific tasks on a regular basis. Thanks!

If you haven't already, please be prepared to renew your BMC membership at your first event (assuming you wish to renew – we hope so). Memberships expired on the first of March unless you joined after October 1st of last year. In addition to reduced entry fees, timely membership renewal guarantees that your car number will be reserved over the off-season. We release all non-members' competition numbers back into the wild at the end of each season.

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 "April's almost here" Wilford
Autocross Chair*

Rally Chair - George Alderman



Now that the weather is getting better, it is time to think about driving on a rally. Willis has revised a rally that we organized for the Rotary Clubs of New Castle County in November 2008. It was very well received by this group of non-car people that had no rally experience.

This "Observational Tour" rally will be on Sunday, May 22nd; see the flyer in this newsletter and send me an email if you can participate. The rally roads will be some of Willis's favorite roads from some of his other rallies, but there are 32 questions to answer with 20 full color photos to look for. Since there is ***no timing or average speed to maintain***, you may have to go back to look for the answer to a question you missed. Keep your speed down and look sharp.

*Best of luck,
George*

Membership Chair – Anita Steward

2015 memberships expired on March 1st, but you can still renew. Single memberships are \$15, and \$25 for a family membership. Please make checks payable to BMC and send to our NEW address:

P.O. Box 5517, Newark, DE 19714

Feel free to bring your membership renewal to a meeting or one of our events!

Anita

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)
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Property Chair – Dave Mitchell

The season is now upon us and should prove to be our most dynamic yet! With all of the electronic upgrades and equipment additions, there will be a need to come up with a few changes to our storage needs between events. My goal is to come up with a few things that will help simplify the set-up and tear-down with some storage ideas for our equipment. Any ideas, that any and all might have, would be welcomed.

*Thanks,
Dave M.*

Secretary's Report - Jim Martin

The 1st of March, 2016 meeting was held at the 2 Stone's Pub. The turnout was 8 members. The Executive Board was represented in full with the exception of the Property Chair, Treasurer, & Membership Chair; as a result there was a quorum. The meeting was called to order by the Club Chair, Paul Alderman at 7:07 PM

Treasurer's Report (Richard Wortmann) - At the end of February our finances were \$10,236.90. Our new Club address is: Brandywine Motorsport Club
PO Box 5517
Newark, DE 19714

Membership Report (Anita Steward) – Don't forget to renew your 2016 membership.

Rally Report (George Alderman) –Hagley Museum has CANCELLED the Antique Car Road Rally that was to take place June 4th (Saturday) from 9 AM to 2 PM. Willis Weldin is laying out a Rally for May 22nd (Sunday). 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) – As a Club, we contributed \$500 to Christiana High School in recognition of their support of our Autocross Program. We will need a Honda 1600 watt generator for the 2016 season and we need a new tent that is wind resistant.

Keep in mind that we are still looking for backup spaces where we can hold AutoX's. Please let Duke know of other options.

Property Report (Dave Mitchell) –No report.

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

Chair (Paul Alderman) – In our quest to encourage more involvement by our membership we are going to be moving our Monthly Meeting around to see which location works best for people. Our April Meeting will be held at: Cafe Napoli, 4391 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE 19808 (302) 999-7553

The times will remain the same, 1st Tuesday of the month, 6-7 PM Drinks & dinner, 7 PM Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.



Brandywine Motorsport Club Observational Tour

**Sunday, May 22nd
1:30 PM**



This event is unlike our traditional rallies. We've called it an Observational Tour because it will test your powers of observation rather than your timing and mathematical abilities. There are no average speeds, no set distances, no specific course to follow, and no timing calculations. The only time involved is the amount of time you have to complete the event. The suggested course to follow is approximately 45 miles and you will have 3 hours to complete.

Along the way you will be asked to answer a number of questions related to your travels. Some of the questions will be pictorial, others will involve filling in the blanks, and some counting certain items.

Scoring will be based on the answers you provide to the questions, plus there are several tie breaking questions that will only be used for ties.

The event will start at the large "Greenville Center" sign at the intersection of Kennett Pike (RT 52) and Buck Rd. in Greenville, Delaware.

Registration will open at 12:30 PM and the questions and suggested course documents will be handed out at 1:15 PM. Cars may leave at 1:30PM.

The finish will be at the Brandywine Brewing Company approximately ½ mile from the start.

This event is limited to 20 cars so please send an email to George Alderman at: galderman32@comcast.net if you plan to participate.

There will be a \$5.00 entry fee per car to cover the printing costs.

Please plan to come to this event as the suggested course is very easy to follow. Bring your family and everyone can help looking for the answers.

Willis Weldin



AUTOCROSS I

Brandywine Motorsport Club

Saturday, April 16, 2016



Glasgow High School • Route 896 • Glasgow, DE 19702

Right at 3rd traffic light north of Rte 40

Left at 2nd traffic light south of I-95

Setup begins @ 8:00 AM

Registration 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM



Entry Fee: \$30
(BMC Club Members: \$25)
Trophies awarded by Class



- **NO OPEN EXHAUST – Effective muffler required.**
- Approved helmet, seatbelts, and valid drivers license required.
- Loaner helmets will be available.
- Vehicles must pass safety and technical inspection.
- *All contestants, workers, and guests must sign a release and waiver of liability.*
Minimum age of 18 years for Drivers.
Parent/guardian signatures required for those in attendance under 18.
- **All cars are welcome to compete.** Common Autocross Rules and Classifications will generally be followed. We reserve the right to modify/interpret these rules to suit the spirit of the competition.
- **Classic Street Car Class** for generally stock pre-1978 cars.

Note: BMC events at Glasgow High School are limited to 75 drivers.

We recommend preregistering online to reserve your entry.

Walkup registrations may be available at the event, but are not guaranteed.

Preregister Online and Reserve your Car Number at:

www.motorsportreg.com

Free & easy online preregistration provides faster check-in at the event.

No online payment required.

You can also preregister by contacting:

Duke Wilford at BMCAutox@gmail.com or 302-528-0612