



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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July 2016



THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

Cafe Napoli, 4931 Kirkwood Highway (Rte 2), Wilmington, Dela. 19808
Tuesday, July 5th– Meet, Greet, & Eat @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.



BMC Forts 'n Ports Rally

Saturday, July 16th, New Castle, DE (see flyer)

BMC Autocross IV

Saturday, July 23rd. Glasgow High School, (see flyer)

Autocross Report – Duke Wilford



The buzz was apparently strong in the weeks leading up to Autocross III because pre-registration sold out and went to waitlist at least 5 days before the event. Although a few cancellations allowed us to confirm some of the waitlisters ahead of time, a number of folks took their chances and came down to see if we could find space for them. Between preregisters, waitlist folks, and walkups, we had a whopping 94 drivers take the flag.

With the weather cooperating this time, and no major glitches, each driver got 6 passes for a total of 545 competition runs. Even with good conditions, the turnout meant that we finished up too late for fun runs.

Part of the increase in turnout was thanks to the Reisentöter Region of the PCA, who made us the third stop on their autocross season tour. They brought 6 drivers in beautiful Porsches ranging through 40+ years of automotive history. All of their drivers did well in their various classes!

Classic Street Car attracted Scott Sarver's blue 1968 Mustang, but this time Paul Alderman left his white '66 at home in favor of a red Caterham Super 7 customer car in DM. Street category ran the gamut from a number of Civics in HS, through the F-body pair of Matthew Harreld ('86 Trans Am) and Joe Shelton ('85 Z28), numerous 3 Series BMWs at all levels of performance, Subaru a in varying trims, and a solid showing for NA-NC Miatas. We're still waiting for the first ND to show up! The Porsche density increased as the classes got higher – SS was all 911s of varying chassis codes. ST remains popular, from the Ford Fiesta STF battle between Ken Houseal Jr. and regular Greg Kulp up through the Miata-vs-MR2 rivalry in STR. We're seeing an increasing number of the Toyota Spyders showing up, including the debut of the McGowans' mostly-green 2001. Now Nuri just has to get Snappy back out to an event.

With the weather so fine, we were able to use a little more of the lot, though the finish was moved up a little to avoid excessive exit speeds. Times ranged from the mid-30s to the mid-40s. The Top 10 were all under 36 seconds, with a spread of just about 2.5 seconds!

The course was fast and fun, with one slower, technical element in the middle. Thanks again to Nuri and David for the layout. Paul Alderman got to demonstrate the Caterham's speed and agility to his customer, nailing down a smooth 34.510 on his second run that stood as FTD for the rest of the day. Top PAX driver was Kenny Houseal in his BRZ, with an indexed 28.808 (34.667 raw) on his last run.

More people are starting to get trained in operating the T&S system, which is great. Paul Alderman did an excellent job in the driver's seat of the main T&S computer when he wasn't on course, and we had a number of other folks helping out with queuing, penalties, and on-the-fly corrections. We'd like to see even more people get practice under the tent, so if you want to help, please contact me. Our goal is to have solid redundancy in the T&S team so that event management doesn't depend on a particular group being there. With the larger attendances, we are investigating adding a Grid Manager and a Safety Steward to the regular work assignments as well.

As always, we love to see your photos and videos, so please feel free to post links at our Facebook page. We can also link YouTube videos on BMC's channel.

On a final note, thanks to our successful events to date, we have committed to hosting our autocross 2016 season finale at Dover International Speedway on 17 September. Running at Dover is a substantial investment for the Club, but we see it as a way to celebrate a successful season with all of you who come out to run with us and help at the events. You are the ones who make this program possible.

Feedback is appreciated (positive and negative), so please feel free to contact me at BMCautox@gmail.com with any questions or comments. Thanks!

-Duke "Halfway there" Wilford
Autocross Chair

BMC Autocross Results & Standings:

<http://www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org>

Secretary's Report - Jim Martin

The 7th of June, 2016 meeting was held at Café Napoli. The turnout was 18 members & guests. We had a quorum of the Executive Committee. The meeting was called to order by Club Chair Paul Alderman at 7:13 PM

Treasurer's Report (Richard Wortmann) - At the end of May our finances were \$11,890. We grossed \$1,735 at our last AutoX and netted \$1,262.

Membership Report (Anita Steward) – We currently have 117 members. You will find a copy of the application on our web site.

AutoX Report (Duke Wilford) – Our 2nd AutoX for the season saw 66 cars in attendance. Even with the threat of rain we managed to get 5 runs in.

Duke and family are documenting the timing equipment set-up procedures and will circulate results to the Board before the next meeting. The Dover AutoX is set for Saturday, 9/17. We purchased a back-up router.

We need volunteers with software/programming experience to help support Duke and family in the operation of our timing equipment.

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.

Rally Report (George Alderman) – Our 1st Rally of the season, Observational Tour was a success, thanks to Willis Weldin for setting it up. We had 3 registrants from outside the area (NJ and Baltimore); they were also winners. Our next Rally, DE Forts & Ports Rally, is set for July 16th; Jim Martin is the Rally Master. Details will be found on our website and Facebook page. The 3rd Rally of the season is being set up by Jim Irons and scheduled for Sunday, 8/28.

Property Report (Dave Mitchell) –No report.

Club Store: Richard Wortmann is investigating another vendor and will report back to the Club.

Editor (Jim Irons) – Reminded everyone that all articles for the next newsletter need to be forwarded to him no later than Tuesday, June 28th (the Tuesday previous to our Monthly Meeting).

Drifting (Allen Buckley) – Would like our help in getting a local Drift Club started. We talked about sharing space at our Dover AutoX. More information will be forthcoming.

Chair (Paul Alderman) – On Saturday, September 24th, the City of Coatesville, PA is hosting the **1st Coatesville Vintage Car Grand Prix**. We have a speaker coming to our July 5th meeting to present to us and answer questions about the event. We may also be asked to help anyway we can. Please plan on attending this meeting. Future meetings will continue at Napoli's, the times will remain the same, 1st Tuesday of the month, 6-7 PM Drinks & dinner, 7 PM Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Rally Chair - George Alderman



"Forts 'n Ports" our second rally this year, will be on Saturday July 16th, look for the flyer in this newsletter. It will be an enjoyable afternoon with stops in Odessa, Port Penn, and Delaware City where Jim Martin has been doing research to come up with questions for you to answer. The boat ride to see Fort Delaware is worth the trip, so if you can't run the whole rally plan to meet us at Delaware City to see the Fort and then dine with BMC members at Crabby Dick's.

Send me an email or phone call so we can give Crabby Dick's a head count.

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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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I had 2 Justin Beiber tickets on my front seat and some jackass smashed my window and left 4 more





AUTOCROSS IV

Brandywine Motorsport Club

Saturday, July 23, 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



Brandywine Motorsport Club's
Forts 'n Ports Rally

Saturday, July 16th, 2016

***This is a fun historical tour of Delaware area Forts and Ports.
No time-speed-distance timing or average speeds to be concerned with.***

The rally route will visit 3 historically significant River Ports and 2 of the 4 historically significant Forts in Delaware. Along the route, you will stop and read Historical Markers and answer a questionnaire about them. We will finish up by taking the ferry to Pea Patch island and take a tour of Fort Delaware.

Start Location:

Sheraton Wilmington South Hotel, 365 Airport Rd., New Castle DE 19720 (Next to I-95)

Registration opens at 12:30 P.M.

First car off @ 1:00 PM

Finish: *Crabby Dick's Restaurant, 30 Clinton St., Delaware City, DE 19706*

Cost: *The rally is Free to all; the Ferry cost is \$12 Adults, \$11 Seniors, \$7 Kids*

Rallymaster: *Jim Martin @ jjpmartymar@gmail.com*