



# ***THE GASLINE***

***Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.***

*[www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org](http://www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org)*

***August 2016***

## ***BMC Club Meeting***

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

***Tuesday, August 2nd – Meet, Greet, & Eat @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.***

## ***BMC Autocross V***

***Saturday, August 20th, Glasgow High School***

## ***BMC Georgetown Jaunt Rally***

***Sunday, August 28th, Glasgow, DE***

### ***Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman***



Boy, it's hot!

We had the DE Ports and Forts Rally with Jim Martin, thanks to Allie Wilford for braving the heat in the Mustang with me. I'm sure we finished an few pounds lighter than when we started. The route was shortened a bit, to avoid the traffic in Delaware City, but it was still an interesting drive. We also stopped back to the ice cream place after the finish.

We had another autocross in the blistering heat, and I was able to avoid any prolonged sun thanks to Will and Dan's umbrella. Thanks to all that helped after the wedding exodus. Everything went smoothly and we were able to get in four afternoon runs and still finish at a reasonable time. Thanks to Will, Dan, Greg, Charles and all the others that were helping with trophies and final loading.

Come on out next week August 2nd for a nice dinner in air conditioned comfort and club meeting. See you then.

*Keep cool,  
Paul*

### ***Rally Chair - George Alderman***



We thank Jim Martin for his work putting on a very interesting rally in July, with many questions to answer while stopping in Odessa, Port Penn, Augustine Beach and Delaware City. We now look forward to participating in Jim Irons' rally on August 28th with dinner at the Kitty Knight House in Georgetown MD.

*George Alderman*

### ***Georgetown Jaunt Rally***

The Georgetown Jaunt Rally on Sunday, August 28th is a fun, easy drive from the Glasgow, Dela. area to the Kitty Knight House on the Sassafras River in Georgetown, Md.

We have reserved the covered porch at the Kitty Knight House where we can dine and enjoy the view of the river and the harbor, rain or shine.

You can run the rally answering questions about things along the route, or choose the TSD class and try to come closest to the assigned average speeds.

See the flyer in this Gasline and contact me with any questions.

*Jim Irons*

### ***View From The Kitty Knight House***



## Secretary's Report - Jim Martin

The 5<sup>th</sup> of July, 2016 meeting was held at Café Napoli. The turnout was 24 members & guests (I guess we need to talk about the Drifting Community some more). The Executive Board had a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM by Yours Truly in the absence of Club Chair, Paul Alderman.

**Treasurer's Report** (Richard Wortmann) - At the end of May our finances were \$14,163. We grossed over \$2,000 at our last AutoX.

**Membership Report** (Anita Steward) - We now have 131 members, including three new members at tonight's meeting. She also noted that BMC now can accept credit card payments at our autocross events.

**Rally Report** (George Alderman) – Our next event will be the DE Forts & Ports Rally is set for July 16<sup>th</sup>. Rally Master Jim Martin discussed the rally details and promoted the event. Jim Irons announced his rally scheduled for Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> that will have an observational class and a TSD class. It will end at the Kitty Knight House in Georgetown, Md.; more details to follow.

**AutoX Report** (Duke Wilford) – Our 3<sup>rd</sup> AutoX for the season had 94 cars running. Even with the large turnout, we were able to get 6 runs in. Our events are now averaging over 50% BMC member participants, 10% more than 2015. With the successful 2016 autocross season so far, we can confirm that AutoX VI on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> will be run at Dover Downs Raceway. Due to the increased costs for that site, entry fees will be \$40 for BMC members and \$45 for non-members. Duke also presented a list of proposed equipment upgrades; no action was taken at this time.

**Property Report** (Dave Mitchell) – Even though Dave was not here, we managed to talk about how the trailer is overcrowded and needs to be cleaned out and organized. We are limited on our storage space.

**Editor** (Jim Irons) – Reminded everyone that all articles for the next newsletter need to be forwarded to him no later than the last Tuesday of each month.

**Coatesville Grand Prix** – Meeting guest Dick Miles & Bill O'Connell provided details on the invitational vintage automobile races that will be held on the streets of Coatesville, PA on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Experienced help is needed for flagging stations for the races. This maybe an opportunity to get our name out front in the car community..

**Drifting** - Meeting guest Matt Burris (stationed at Dover Airbase) addressed the meeting. His Drifting group would like BMC's help in getting a local Drift event, possibly at Dover Downs. We talked about sharing space at our Dover AutoX. Duke Wilford explained the problem of the high cost of the Dover site and volunteered to act as liaison with their group.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

## Forts & Ports Rally Report

Eight teams enjoyed this fun local history rally. The Winning Team was Liz Wilford & Andrew Welch. Thanks to all for participating and I know everyone had a great time. If you want copies of the questions, let me know.

Participants:

- #1 – Jim/Marie Irons
- #2 – Tim Martin/Allison Pool
- #3 – Liz Wilford/Andrew Welch
- #4 – Willis /Martha Weldin
- #5 – Duke/Maryanne Wilford
- #6 – Paul Alderman/Allegheny Wilford
- #7 – Wayne Elvin/Diane Levan
- #8 – Dave Mitchell/Andrea Cox

*Jim Martin - Rallymaster*

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## The History of Motorsports in Delaware

A well researched and written article on this subject, that may be of interest to our members, appeared in the ***Coastal Delaware*** publication July 3, 2016. Written by Rae Tyson, Correspondent for Delmarva Media Group, this publication is distributed in the news section of the ***Sunday News Journal***, part of the USA Today Network & Delmarva Media Group.

It includes some early race history in Delaware, progressing to dirt tracks, and the growth of stock car racing after WWII. A number of fairgrounds races and race tracks in the state are mentioned, but Jim Irons commented he was "surprised there was no mention of Wilmington Speedway on Rte. 13 where I enjoyed watching stock car races in the early 50s. I recall it being paved 1/3-mile track".

The URL for this Link (also posted on the BMC website for easy access) includes the stock car racing which is a majority of the later activity. Thanks to the Delmarva Media Group and Rae Tyson for permission to distribute this article:

<http://www.delmarvanow.com/story/life/outdoors/2016/06/28/history-stock-car-racing-delaware/86461900/>

*Wayne Elvin*

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## BMC Online

- **BMC Website:** [www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org](http://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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## Autocross Report – Duke Wilford



The big news from Autocross IV was Heat. Morning heat, afternoon heat, excessive heat. And to make matters worse, our friends at Glasgow High School saw fit to cut down the only real shade tree in the spectator area!

Preregistration filled up and there was a waitlist, but when the day of the event came, we ended up with 70 drivers. A more normal turnout, and a lack of major glitches, meant that drivers got an extra run in the afternoon heat (see what I did there?) for a total of 7 competition runs.

We had a number of interesting new cars show up, along with some other friends who run with us off and on. We hosted a couple Pro Touring-style classics in X Prepared, where Mike Duman's built 1985 El Camino and Nick Weber's also-built 1969 Chevelle battled it out with Nuri and David sharing Nuri's V8-swapped "600SX".

Mike DiMaio's beautiful Omni GLH made an appearance, fresh off a trophy-winning trip to the Chryslers At Carlisle show. Mike convinced his friend Steve Gray to bring out his pristine white 1957 Porsche Speedster wide-body to run in Classic Street Car.

Our 2016 course designers Nuri Heckrotte and David Hughes set up a short but fun and free-flowing series of sweepers that spread over most of the lot. Most times ranged from the upper 20s to the low 30s. It looked like fun and I wish I had been able to run it.

Top honors for FTD went to Wojtek Hajduczek in his bright copper STR 350Z. Wally set the bar under 27 seconds on his first run, and kept it there all day, ripping off a 26.377 on his 6<sup>th</sup> run, and backing it up with a 29.432 on his 7<sup>th</sup>. That's extremely consistent driving, and consistency is the key to speed. Great job, Wally!

Only the Top 4 drivers were in the 26s, but indexing bumped Michael Shea and his STS 1990 Miata to the top of PAX with an adjusted 22.256, just edging out Wojtek's adjusted 22.262. Now that's close!

As mentioned at the Drivers' Meeting, Saturday was the date of another a big event: autocrosser Joe Shelton (black mullet-mobile 1985 Z28) was married to my niece Paige Causey! Despite their busy day, the groom, the groom's father, and groomsman/brother of the bride Ross Causey (grey P71 Crown Vic) all found time to come out and run the morning session before zooming home to shower and change for the ceremony. There's some dedication for you.

Thanks to all the folks who helped out under the tent after the Wilfords left to attend the family wedding. Paul Alderman again did an excellent job at the main T&S computer when he wasn't on course. When Paul was on course, Will and Dan McGowan stepped up to keep things running smoothly after a fluid leak sidelined their MR-2 Spyder. The more people who become practiced at operating the system, the better!

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.

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

*-Duke "Over the hump" Wilford  
Autocross Chair*

### **BMC Autocross IV Results:**

<http://live.axti.me/results/NJCJs4guW>

### *A Man Of His Word*





# 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)**

***NOTE: We Can Now Accept All Major Credit and Debit Cards***

- **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. Trophies awarded by class.
- **Classic Street Car Class for generally stock pre-1978 cars.**

***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](http://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](mailto:BMCAutox@gmail.com) or 302-528-0612**





## Brandywine Motorsport Club's *Georgetown Jaunt*

*Sunday, August 28th, 2016*

*This is a fun road rally of about 40 miles from Glasgow DE area to Georgetown, Maryland. The rally will end at the historic Kitty Knight House, where we can eat, drink, celebrate the rally winners, and enjoy the great view from the porch and deck of the Inn overlooking Georgetown Harbor and the Sassafra River.*

*During the War of 1812, Miss Catherine "Kitty" Knight saved this house and others nearby from being burned by British naval forces. Check out the interesting history, as well as full information about the Inn and its menu, at: <http://www.kittyknight.com>.*

*Two separate rally classes are available. Both classes use very straightforward written instructions designed to keep you on course and enjoying the drive.*

### ***Choose Your Class:***

***Observational Tour:*** *An easy-to-follow course with a question and answer challenge about things you observe along the route. No average speed or timing concerns.*

***Classic TSD:*** *For more experienced rallyists. The same easy-to-follow course, but with time-speed-distance timing challenges. No observation questions to answer.*

***Start Location:*** *Conservation District Building, 2430 Old County Rd. Newark DE 19702, at the corner of Glasgow Ave. (Orig. Rte #896) and Old County Rd.*

***Registration:*** *Opens at 12 Noon  
First car off @ 1:00 PM plus car number*

***Finish:*** *The Kitty Knight House, Md. Rte 213, Georgetown, MD*

***Cost:*** *Free to all*

***Rallymaster:*** *Jim Irons @ [jimsz4@verizon.net](mailto:jimsz4@verizon.net)*