



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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September 2016

BMC Club Meeting

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

BMC Autocross VI & Drift Event

Saturday, September 17th, Dover Speedway

Coatesville Vintage Grand Prix

Saturday, September 24th, Coatesville, Pa.

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



Wow, another month gone by, what a busy few weeks. With Autocross V, I was able to have a better time with the Mustang with its new front sway bar. People said the car looked nice and smooth; I should video the drive. What a handful, the Super 7 is so much easier to drive, but the V8 has its advantages.

Heather and I were among the group who came out and ran Jim Irons' "Georgetown Jaunt" rally. Great job Jim, and thanks to all who came out. Those who didn't missed a fun drive.

This month we have the Lofland Trophy up for grabs for the Fastest Time of the Day at Autocross VI. So come on out and run the last 2016 Autocross in Dover along with a drifting demonstration.

We also need your help for the Coatesville Grand Prix. More details at the meeting.

I am also a sponsor for the Hagley car show on Sunday the 18th, if anyone needs some tickets see me at the meeting or give me a call.

Come out and join us for the club meeting on the 6th, hope to see you there.

Paul

Coatesville Vintage Grand Prix

Vintage automobile and motorcycle races will be held on the streets of Coatesville PA on Saturday, September 24th. Want to get a front row seat? - they need flaggers and other volunteers, please contact Jim Martin at jjpmartymar@aol.com for more information. For entry forms, schedule, and complete details, go to:

<http://www.coatesvillegrandprix.com/home.html>

Rally Chair - George Alderman



Jim Irons did a great job of laying out the Georgetown Jaunt to the Kitty Knight House, where we had a wonderful buffet dinner, and enjoyed the view of the Georgetown harbor and the Sassafra River from the deck of the restaurant. Most of entrants elected to run the rally that had them looking for answers to questions that Jim had found along the rally route, but three of us were brave enough to try the Time Speed Distance course where we had over 20 speed changes. I was using my GPS and it really kept us busy changing speeds so often. Dave Mitchell has agreed to put on the next rally sometime in November..

George

Georgetown Jaunt Rally

We had a bright sunny day and tolerable humidity for our Georgetown Jaunt Rally on Sunday, August 28th. There were 3 teams in the TSD class and 11 teams in the Observational Tour class. Dave Dabell drove solo and joined us at the end. Everyone seemed to enjoy the wandering route from Glasgow, Dela. to the Kitty Knight House on the Sassafras River in Georgetown, Md.

We had a great view of the river from the covered porch of the Kitty Knight House and, while this historic place will sadly be closing soon, the chef and crew provided an outstanding large buffet at a very reasonable cost to our group. We hope the Kitty Knight House owners will find a buyer soon and keep it operating.

I had some frustration with the computer program to calculate the TSD scores. This was aggravated by learning that I had missed correcting a TSD instruction in one leg after a speed limit sign went missing a couple days before the rally. That was one of two signs that disappeared the week before the rally. I finally got it all figured out the next morning and the results are shown below. Congrats to George Alderman and Barbara White for their First Place in the TSD class. Dave and Peggy Mitchell were less than 18 seconds behind for Second place. Paul and Heather had a computer problem far worse than mine.

The eleven teams that ran the Observational Tour did better than I expected, with most of them finding what I thought were some very hard-to-find references. Many entrants were first timers, but all of them made it through with the easy-to-follow route instructions. There were 25 Questions to answer. Eleven points were awarded for each correct answer, plus 25 points for finding the official 4 "Knight" names found along the route, 15 points for finding 3 Knight names. Somehow, the Clabaughs and the Wilfords found 5 "Knight" names, now I have to go out and find that fifth one.

Congrats go to Willis and Martha Weldin who managed a perfect 300 score in the Observation class. Willis puts on this type of rally himself, so they are hard to fool. Scott & Judie Clabaugh and Joe & Patty Malanga were tied for Second Place, both missing a hard to see stone lion. Their tie was broken by their total mileage for the rally.

There doesn't seem to be any real interest in TSD rallies in this area anymore; so it looks like the fun Observation rallies are the new way to go. Dave Mitchell is planning one for November, we're looking forward to it.

Many thanks go out to Wayne Elvin and Dutch Dryden for their help pre-checking this rally and working the TSD Checkpoints, and to Jim Martin who helped Wayne on Checkpoint 4. Thanks also to my wife Marie for helping with several pre-checks, keeping it all under control at registration, and her general support for the past few weeks.

Jim Irons

TSD CLASS

Pos.	Car#	Driver/Navigator	Ckpt 1	Ckpt 2	Ckpt 3	Ckpt 4	Total
1	2	George Alderman/Barbara White	8	43	62	53	166
2	3	Dave & Peggy Mitchell	13	138	13	31	195
3	1	Paul & Heather Alderman	200	200	200	200	800

OBSERVATIONAL TOUR CLASS

Pos.	Car#	Driver/Navigator	Questions =	Score +	Knights =	Total
1	16	Willis & Martha Weldin	25	275	25	300
2	21	Scott & Judie Clabaugh	24	264	25	289
3	11	Joe & Patty Malanga	24	264	25	289
4	12	Scott & Sheetal Enright	22	242	25	267
5	14	Derrick & Melinda Allen	22	242	15	257
6	20	Diane Levan/Ann Weinstein	22	242	15	257
7	15	Duke & Maryann Wilford	21	231	25	256
8	17	Liz Wilford & Matt Hamilton	21	231	25	256
9	19	Greg Kulp/Lori Wright	21	231	25	256
10	18	Phil & Kath Worrell	19	209	25	234
11	13	Kim Banta & Steve Eckman	15	165	0	165

Secretary's Report - Jim Martin

The 2nd of August, 2016 meeting was held at Café Napoli. The turnout was 17 members & guests. The Executive Board had a quorum. The meeting was called to order by the Club Chair, Paul Alderman.

Treasurer's Report (Richard Wortmann) - At the end of July our finances were \$15,839. We grossed over \$1,900 at our last AutoX.

Membership Report (Anita Steward) - We now have 134 members.

Rally Report (George Alderman) – Our next event will be the Georgetown Jaunt Rally on August 28th. Jim Irons is the Rallymaster. A flyer will be circulated with details. Dave Mitchell is working on a Thanksgiving Rally to be held around 11/12/16.

There will a tribute to Penske Racing at the Simeone Museum Saturday, 8/6/16, from 12 – 4 PM.

AutoX Report (Duke Wilford) – Drifting at Dover is moving forward, we are going to limit registration to 20 since this is a trial run. The inspection of the vehicles will be done jointly by both clubs. If we decide to go forward after viewing the results of this trial run, we are going to have to set this up as a separate Chair in the Club because of the amount of work involved.

Property Report (Dave Mitchell) – Dave is working on reorganizing the Club Trailer.

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 guests 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 24th. Experienced help is needed for flagging stations for the races. We passed around a sign up list for course flaggers (need 34). If anyone is interested, please let me know and I will add your name to the list (jjpmartymar@aol.com).

The BMC Club Store is now open. You can find links on our website, www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.



Membership - Anita Steward

Hi! Thanks to YOU and your friends, we have a record number of BMC members - 135! Looking forward to seeing some of you at our big Autocross season finale in Dover.

If you haven't heard yet, we now accept credit cards for payment at our events!!

Have any suggestions for our club? Send me an email at: neats1102@yahoo.com.

Anita

(Editor's Note: Anita is recovering from a recent surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her at the Dover autocross.)

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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Autocross Report – Duke Wilford



BMC hosted our last Glasgow HS event for 2016 on Saturday, 20 August. It was noted by many that no new trees magically grew back to replace the spectator area shade tree that was cut down in July.

Similar to July's event, we had 71 drivers take the flag, in 24 different classes. All told there were 411 passes through the course, for 6 competition runs each. This was largely due to the length and layout.

August's course design included the triumphant return of Cheese Head! Folks who have only been driving with us for a season or three may not be familiar with the BMC Autocross program's mascot. Cheese Head hasn't been seen on course since our last event at Keene Elementary School, where the tiny lot made multiple-lap courses a necessity. Cheese Head was on duty as a marker so drivers (theoretically) knew when to take another lap or exit the course.

In order to lengthen the course run at GHS, designers David Hughes and Nuri Heckrotte coaxed Cheese Head out of retirement. He served admirably marking the decision point between a loop repeating the middle third of the course and the exit chute. This meant that times ranged from the high 40s through the low 60s. With so little course overlap available, our run interval was fairly long, but drivers definitely enjoyed the longer runs. Fortunately, we had very few problems with people taking extra practice laps.

At opposite ends of the preparation spectrum, both Classic Street Car and X Prepared enjoyed strong turnout. CSC featured both larger iron and tiny sports cars. The Aldermans' '66 Mustang GT and Gary Hunter's '66 Chevy Nova waved the American flag while Phil Worrell's '71 MG Midget and Mark Cozine's '64 Alfa Giulia Spider represented the classic European sports car. In XP, Nuri's 600SX bomber was joined by the Weber family in their Pro Touring-style Chevelle and Corvette, as well as Mike Duman in his '85 El Camino.

Both the Webers' '69 Chevelle (XP) and Ray Davis's 2013 Camaro (A Street) are contenders in the Optima Batteries Ultimate Street Car competition. We wish them both luck!

Although he has not run many events with us, Michael Shea and his STS Miata has shown smooth, undramatic speed. Mike's Smurf Blue 1.6l car may seem like just one of many Miatas, but Mike and it set the bar low from their first run of the day. His fastest clean run was a 47.266 before a mechanical issue robbed him of his last 2 runs. In an uncharacteristic bit of drama, Mike's throttle stuck on course, which he handled professionally, bringing the car to a safe stop. Mike narrowly edged out course designer David Hughes in his STR NB Miata. The Top 5 drivers were all in the 47s, separated by just 0.6 seconds.

Top PAX time of the day when to Jason Fetchko in his E Street MR-2 Spyder, followed closely by Mike Shea. Jason pulled a 39.007 indexed time, giving him the current

points lead in our Driver Of The Year competition. It's worth mentioning that Jason moved to the Carolinas midseason and has been traveling back to Delaware to stay in the hunt with BMC!

September marks the end of BMC's 2016 autocross season, and we are sending it out in style with the Lofland Memorial Trophy Autocross VI at Dover Speedway on the 17th. This cup is awarded to the driver with the fastest raw time of the day, memorializing a former BMC member and car enthusiast.

In addition to the Lofland Cup autocross, BMC is experimenting with another type of motorsport event. In partnership with First State Drift, we are conducting a small drift event concurrently with the autocross. This is limited to 20 cars and is sold out. However, if reviews are good and the event is successful, BMC is considering adding more drift events to our 2017 calendar. If you're not worried about lap times and are a fan of going sideways, stay tuned to the Gasline and our online outlets for information as it develops.

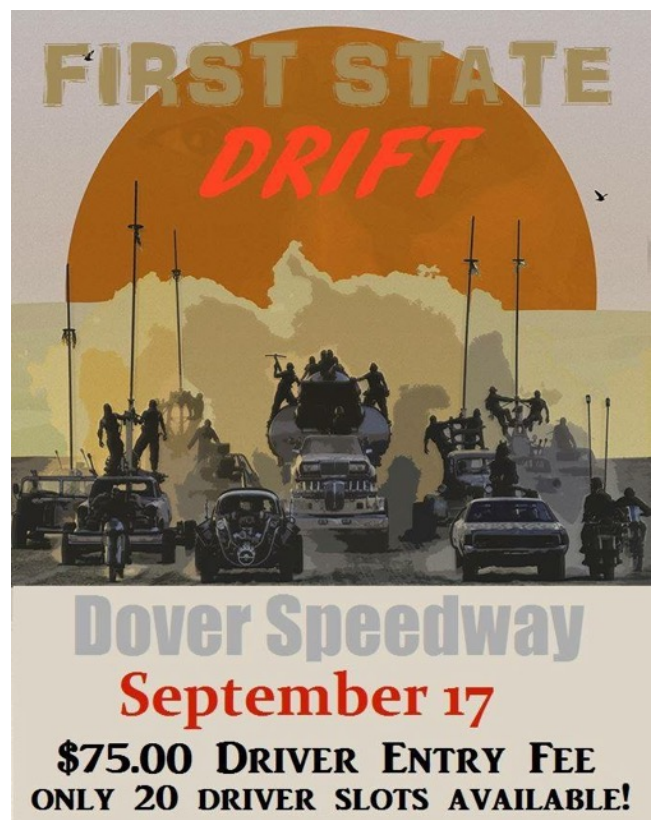
BMC wants to share your photos and videos, so please feel free to post links at our Facebook page. We can also link YouTube videos on BMC's channel.

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

*-Duke "Just 1 Left" Wilford
Autocross Chair*

BMC Autocross IV Results & Standings:

<http://www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org>



**FIRST STATE
DRIFT**

Dover Speedway
September 17
\$75.00 DRIVER ENTRY FEE
ONLY 20 DRIVER SLOTS AVAILABLE!



AUTOCROSS VI

The Lofland Memorial



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

Dover Speedway South Parking Area

Leipsic Road, Dover Delaware

From Route 13, turn east onto Leipsic Road (Rt 88) just south of the Speedway. Follow Leipsic Rd. approximately 1 mile to Finish Line Rd. Turn left onto the Speedway property near the Monster Mile statue and follow on-site directions to the paddock.

Setup 8:00 AM

Registration 9:00 to 10:00 AM

Entry Fee: \$45

(BMC Club Members: \$40)

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

**Trophies awarded by Class –
Special Lofland Trophy for FTD**

- **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.

There is no entry limit for this event, however, online preregistering is recommended.

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