



# ***THE GASLINE***

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

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***October 2016***

## ***BMC Club Meeting***

***Cafe Napoli, 4931 Kirkwood Highway (Rte 2), Wilmington, Dela. 19808  
Tuesday, October 4th – Meet, Greet & Eat @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.***

## ***BMC Fall Foliage Map & Questions Rally***

***Sunday, October 16th, 1:00 P.M. - Greenville, Dela. (see flyer)***

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



Another season gone by...

It looks like summer is over and the autocross season is done for the year. Thanks to Duke and family for all the hard work, as well as David, Nuri and all the others that helped make the season a success.

My month started with a whirlwind trip up to Lime Rock Park in CT for a vintage race weekend where we saw some really neat vintage cars including one of Dan Gurney's AAR Eagle's that raced at Indy.



The next event was the Autocross in Dover followed by the Hagley Car Show on Sunday. So the canopies had to get transferred from the BMC trailer to our truck. The Mustang was displayed as raced, with a bit of brake dust on the wheels. Some BMC'ers came over and visited, but I was busy talking shop with potential customers.

The last event was the Coatesville Invitational Vintage Grand Prix. (See Dave Back's photos later in this Gasline.) Thanks go out to the members who signed up and helped make the event a success. Frank Adkins and I were both tearing around town, burning tires, ignoring stop signs while the police were cheering us on and taking videos. The event brought out quite a variety of cars. Dick Vermiel's Vintage Sprint car, and a V12 Ferrari that raced at LeMans. There were street cars, race cars and motorcycles, and every one had a blast. Hopefully this event will return next year.

This weekend I will be heading to Carlisle for the Fall Swap Meet so if anyone is coming up, stop by and see me. I will be back home for the meeting on Tuesday, so come on out and join us for some dinner and more stories about what we've been doing these last few weeks.

*Are we done yet?*

*Paul*

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



Willis Weldin has planned a BMC club event for Sunday October 16th. It will be a map rally with questions to answer while finding the roads on your map which we will supply. There will be no average speed to maintain or checkpoints to stop at, just an enjoyable drive through the back roads of Delaware and Pennsylvania. See the flyer in this Gasline.

*George*

## Autocross Report – Duke Wilford



The full Harvest Moon was still hanging in the sky over Dover Speedway as the ground crew was arriving on site and the trailer was working its way down from Wilmington for set up of our final autocross of the 2016 season. Saturday, 17 September was our fourth autocross at the Speedway, and our first where the weather cooperated fully. There were no monsoons, the temperature and breeze were mild, and the day mostly sunny.

All told, 77 drivers took the starter's flag, including several who ran both the autocross event and our inaugural drift event, going on concurrently. Thanks to the weather, the early start, and a fairly trouble-free day, drivers got 7 competition runs. By the time the afternoon heat was over, there had been 531 passes through the timing lights.

Our Classic Street Car class has shown increasing numbers throughout the season, and we are happy to see these historic cars getting some exercise. Paul Alderman's white Mustang and Frank Adkins's baby blue Valiant, both regulars, ran the cones with us, then headed up to Coatesville the following Saturday to race in their first annual vintage car grand prix street race. Gary Hunter brought his '66 Nova back for more, joined by Bruce Knight in his '66 GTO and Bob Leuckel in his '67 Corvette. Bill King's 1959 MGA was our oldest vehicle and sole sports car among the heavy American Iron. Keep coming back, Bill – we'll try to put you up against Phil Worrel's Midget and Mark Cozine's Giulia spyder.

In addition to Bob's classic beauty, we saw a large number of other Corvettes representing the badge well. At the other end of the spectrum, the Webers brought their X Prepared '67 and SSM '06 Corvettes. First-timer Anthony Carmen brought out his shiny new 2017 Gran Sport, Vette vets Scott Clapper and John Abdou both made appearances in their Street class 2006s, and the Axfords' bright yellow STU 2001 was piloted by both Sr and Jr to great effect.

The rest of the field was well covered with Miatae of various ages and prep levels, including our first ND model, driven by rookie Thomas Campbell. There were also MR2 spyders driven by Lou Montella, Jason Fetchko, and the McGowan brothers. Speaking of classics, Jim Irons made a rare appearance in his Z4, as well as Aaron Thorsgard in his own BMW roadster. But little sportsters are common at autocrosses. Less common are boxy Volvos, and we had 2 – Alex Kelleher's turbo 940 wagon did double duty, and was joined by Corry Hunter's 850 sedan. We also had not 1 but 2 police-duty Crown Vic P71s in F Street: Ross Causey's familiar grey manual-swapped patrol car was challenged by Ed Emmet's white cruiser.

Paving in the middle lot has deteriorated a bit, so the course was confined to the main lot. After opening with a hard right into a short slalom, the course snaked through a series of left and right sweepers. Following the big right, a straight peppered with a few offsets let drivers get up to speed a little, before a tricky decreasing-radius turn complex brought them to the end gate. Times were in the same range as Glasgow, but speeds were higher and the lack of light poles made for a smoother, more flowing course. The field ran from the mid-40s down to the mid-30s. The Top 10 were all in the 35s or below, with the Top 5 cracking the 34-second barrier and just 0.5 seconds separating P1 from P5.

When the last runs were finished and the cars all parked, the Lofland Memorial Trophy went to Dan McGowan with a quick 34.469. This cup is awarded to the driver with the fastest raw time of the day, and has a long and distinguished history with the Club. Dan's name will be inscribed for posterity as the 2016 winner! Congratulations to Dan and Will for overcoming some mechanical issues from previous events.

In addition to the Lofland Cup autocross, BMC hosted a drift event to test a new area of motorsport for the Club. The event went well, with many runs through the short drift course, many tires going up in smoke, and many wide smiles for drivers and passengers.

This column has already gotten a bit long, but I can't close out without thanking all the drivers, spectators, and volunteers who came out event after event. I'm especially grateful to those who put in the effort and don't even drive. We have a good team going and we strive to offer good value, a safe environment, and fun, competitive autocross events. Thanks to everybody who participated, helped, or even just watched.

2016 was our biggest season in recent history, and we're already looking forward to improving our program for 2017! Feedback is always welcomed, so please feel free to email me at [BMCautox@gmail.com](mailto:BMCautox@gmail.com) with any questions or comments. Thanks!

*-Duke "Is There Still Time To Run With Another Club?" Wilford*

**See BMC Autocross VI Results & Complete Year-End Standings at:**  
<http://www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org>

## Secretary's Report - Jim Martin

The 6<sup>th</sup> of September, 2016 meeting was held at Café Napoli. The turnout was 20 members & guests. The Executive Board had a quorum. The meeting was called to order by the Club Chair, Paul Alderman at 7:35 PM.

**Treasurer's Report** (Richard Wortmann) - At the end of August our finances were \$15,290. We netted over \$1,396 at our last AutoX.

**Membership Report** (Anita Steward) - We now have 135 members.

**Rally Report** (George Alderman) – Rally Master Jim Irons staged a great Rally “Georgetown Jaunt”. We had 15 cars participate. Willis Weldin is working on a Rally in October (TBA). Also, Dave Mitchell is working on a Rally for November 12<sup>th</sup>.

**AutoX Report** (Duke Wilford) – Everything is set for our last AutoX of the season, 9/17. The Drifting Club of DE is going to introduce us to Drifting and in the process help us break even on the Dover Downs costs.

**Property Report** (Dave Mitchell) – Dave will be organizing the Club Trailer over the winter months.

**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** – 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. We passed around a signup 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](mailto:jjpmartymar@aol.com)).

**The BMC Club Store is now open.** You can find links on our website, [www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org](http://www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM

## Membership - Anita Steward

I hope you are enjoying your Autocross and Road Rally season! We would like to hear from you and your friends. Your feedback is needed on how we can improve OUR club! Have an idea that may help us in the future? What didn't work so well this season? Do you have an outlet for free advertising; work, school or public bulletin board? If we don't know what needs improved, we can't change it.

Feel free to chat with me at a meeting or send me an email at: [neats1102@yahoo.com](mailto:neats1102@yahoo.com).

Anita

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## *BMC At Coatesville Vintage Grand Prix*

*Photos courtesy of Dave Back*



Paul Alderman leading Frank Adkins and Jim Martin in the parade of cars.



George Alderman, George Wintersteen, and Dave Baker sharing stories.



Frank Adkin's '65 Valiant during the race.



Paul Alderman's '66 Mustang during the race



Jim Martin's Austin-Healey 3000



Paul leading Frank into 'Gasoline Alley.'

*See more photos from the Coatesville GP on Brandywine Motorsport Club's Facebook page*



***BMC's  
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**Start:** The Greenville Center parking lot at Kennett Pike (RT 52) and Buck Rd. in Greenville, Delaware.

**Time:** Registration will open at 1:00 PM. Cars may leave at 1:30 PM.

**Finish:** Brandywine Brewing Company, 4019 Kennett Pike, Greenville for trophies and dining (approximately ½ mile from the start).

**Cost:** All 2016 BMC rallies are free of charge.

**Rallymaster:** Willis Weldin

**To Signup:** contact George Alderman at [galderman32@comcast.net](mailto:galderman32@comcast.net) or 302•373•2111