



# THE GASLINE

**Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.**

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

**November 2016**

## **BMC Club Meeting**

**Cafe Napoli, 4931 Kirkwood Highway (Rte 2), Wilmington, Dela. 19808**  
**Tuesday, November 1st – Meet, Greet & Eat @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.**

## **BMC Turkey Trot II Tour**

**Saturday, November 12th (see flyer)**

## **BMC Holiday Party**

**Tuesday, December 6th, University & Whist Club**

### **Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman**



Another month has flown by, and now is time to get out the sweaters and jackets for the cooler weather. We had great weather and a nice turnout for the October 16<sup>th</sup> Fall Foliage Question rally.

Thanks to Willis Weldin for another fun drive around the countryside. While some of us have run the roads before for other rallies, the harder clues made for an interesting time. It looks like precise answers are the key to winning. Some of my answers were very good and others did not have enough information. The final result was just a 5 point spread from 1st to 4th. Congrats to all who came out and made it a successful event.

We will have another rally on the 12<sup>th</sup> starting in Newark and ending with a meal. Check the flyer in this Gasline and come on out to the meeting to find out more details.

I will also be heading down to Bridgeville DE on the 4<sup>th</sup> for the return of the Punkin Chunkin World Championship after a 2 year hiatus. If you have never been to Punkin Chunkin, come on down and cheer us on.

Our December 6th meeting will be our annual Holiday Party at the University and Whist Club in Wilmington. Sign up and come out and have a nice time with other club members. There was also some discussion about organizing another GoCart meeting night, or even a separate event for the winter months. More details to follow. See you on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> for the meeting at Café Napoli.

*Paul*

### **Membership – Anita Steward**

**Who's excited for our Holiday Party???**



**When: Tuesday, December 6, 2016**

**Where: University of Whist Club**

**805 N Broom Street**

**Wilmington, DE 19806**

**Time: 6 PM ~ 9 PM**

Detailed information to follow soon!

*Anita*

### **Rally Chair – George Alderman**



At press time, George was on his way back from Austin Texas after attending the F1 race at COTA. Tough life, George.

The results of Willis Weldin's fun "Fall Foliage Tour" are on the next page in this issue.

Dave Mitchell and Jim Martin are laying out a fun "Turkey Trot II" Tour event on November 12th. See the flyer in this issue.

*Jim Irons, Editor*

### **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)

## Autocross Report – Duke Wilford



With the 2106 autocross season over and the results in the can, I thought it would be interesting to go through some statistics for the year:

Number of events:	6
Total number of entries:	461
Member entries:	277 (60.1%)
Non-member entries:	184 (39.9%)
Number of individual drivers:	208
Smallest event:	66 drivers, Autox II
Largest event:	94 drivers, Autox III
Average event:	77 drivers
Growth since 2015:	+5%
Growth since 2013:	+83%
Total number of runs:	2783
Fewest runs:	337, Autox II
Most runs:	544, Autox III
Average number of runs:	463.8 per event
Smallest margin (Class):	0.023 secs, Davis / Buckley, A Street, Autox II
Smallest margin (PAX):	0.006 secs, Shea / Hajduczek, Autox IV
Class winners:	108, average 18 per event
Class runners-up:	152, average 25 per event
Oldest car:	1959 MGA, Bill King
Newest car:	2017 Corvette Gran Sport, Anthony Carmen
Most popular car:	Mazda MX-5 / Miata (38 cars)
Most popular class:	F Street (17 cars)
Most popular category:	Street (98 cars)

Like last year, we will have Awards of Awe-Inspiring Autocross Accomplishment™ for all class champions and our PAX driver of the year. These will be given out at our BMC Holiday Party in December, so please make plans to attend! Details are elsewhere in this newsletter.

Members and nonmembers are welcome. See you there.

2016 was a great year, and we're looking forward to an even bigger season in 2017. If you have comments, questions, or would like to be more involved, please feel free to email me at [BMCautox@gmail.com](mailto:BMCautox@gmail.com) with any questions or comments. Thanks!

-Duke "By The Numbers" Wilford  
Autocross Chair

## BMC Fall Foliage Tour Report

The BMC Fall Foliage Tour was held on Sunday, October 16th. Fourteen cars participated in the event and we had a beautiful day for a tour along Brandywine Valley roads. Annie and Peter Renzetti turned out in their vintage 1954 MG-TD, with the top down no less. This was more of a tour event as there were no average speeds to maintain.

There were 44 questions for people to answer as they followed the tour route. As you can see from the results, no one got all of the answers. Most of the questions were easy, but there were a few tricky ones. A couple of the questions involved counting Black Horse and Rider signs. The obvious signs were the normal diamond-shaped caution signs erected by the State Highway Dept. However, there was one oval sign at Cloverleaf Stables that everyone missed.

The finish was at Brandywine Brewing Company in Greenville, Delaware. Everyone enjoyed the food and comparing notes. This was one of the larger turnouts we have had for a rally in quite a while. I am inclined to think that the future of BMC rallies are more along this type of Tour event rather than the traditional TSD events.

*Willis Weldin*

<u>Car #</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Score</u>
9	Heather & Paul Alderman	410
8	Marie & Jim Irons	408
13	Kelly Fortune/John Allen	406
10	Lori Wright/Greg Kulp	405
12	Karen & David Ameen	404
2	Anita Steward/Lou Spinelli	395
1	Annie & Pete Renzetti	390
6	Patty & Joe Malanga	390
7	Dave Mitchell, et al	390
4	Wayne Given	380
5	Jim Martin/Wayne Elvin	380
11	Chris & Sam Dali	355
14	Kathe & Phil Worrell	345
3	Mac Morgan/Torin Morgan	250

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Complete BMC Autocross  
Year-End Standings At:

<http://www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org>

## Club Meeting Report

The 4<sup>th</sup> of October, 2016 meeting was held at Café Napoli. The turnout was 16 members & 3 guests; the Executive Committee had a quorum. The meeting was called to order by Club Chair, Paul Alderman at 7:02 PM.

**Membership Report** (Anita Steward) - We now have 138 members, a new record. The BMC Christmas Party was discussed. The group agreed to return to the University & Whist Club this year. The date will be Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>. George Alderman will coordinate details with that club.

**Treasurer's Report** (Richard Wortman) – Richard stated that the club is in good financial shape. He noted that sharing the Dover Autocross with the Drift Club prevented BMC from losing money on the event. Due to other customers present in the room, the BMC financial report was passed around the table.

**Rally Report** (George Alderman) – Willis Weldin's Map & Question Rally is October 16<sup>th</sup>. It will be run in the Brandywine Valley area as in Willis' previous rallies. Dave Mitchell discussed his rally for Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. It will be a 2 hour, 45-mile rally in the Cecil County/ Chester County area, ending in Fair Hill Md. It will have a Veterans theme and he suggested that BMC match entrants' donations, which would be given to a suitable military support organization. The USO and Wounded Veterans were suggested. Details to follow.

**AutoX Report** Paul reported for Duke Wilford on Autocross VI. The Drift Club of DE members discussed the success of their Dover Speedway Drift event. They would like to be an associate club with BMC, and have more events in conjunction with our autocrosses. They could draw up to 40 cars and would like to have 2 to 3 events per year. Richard Wortman pointed out that income/cost sharing events like the recent one would financially enable BMC to run more events at Dover Speedway.

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

**Editor** (Jim Irons) – Did not remind 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** – Paul and the group discussed the many happenings at the recent Coatesville races. It seemed to be a success and it is hoped that they can run the races again next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

*Jim Irons reporting for Jim Martin*

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## BMC "Back In The Day"

Some scenes from the BMC Yorklyn Hillclimb in the early 1960s. The hillclimb was just off Yorklyn Road, near the old NVF plant.





**BMC**  
***Turkey Trot II Tour***  
**Saturday, November 12th, 2016**

This is a Tri-State Tour with a lot to offer. The route includes rolling hills and sweeping farmland vistas, with opportunities to marvel at the Amish way of farming, Equine operations, grandiose estates, secluded spots along the way, and three covered bridges to offer a view of yesteryear.

In keeping with our recent trend of Observation style competition, there are just a few questions to answer, should you wish to include them in your Tour.

The Tour concludes at The Fair Hill Inn, in their new Biergarten facility, which is best described as a greenhouse with a brick pizza oven and an a la carte menu full of tasty offerings and craft Beers, etc.

The Tour is just under 50 miles, and will take about 1-1/2 hours, finishing at just the right time for an early dinner.

**Start Location:**

Fairfield Shopping Center, Rte 896 & Country Club Drive, Newark DE

**Registration** opens at 2 P.M.

First car off @ 2:30 P.M.

**Finish:** Fair Hill Inn Biergarten, Rte 273, Fair Hill, MD

**Cost:** Free!

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