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February 2018

BMC Club Meeting Skipjack Dining Restaurant, 401 Louviers Drive, Newark, DE 19711 <u>http://skipjacknewark.com</u> Tuesday, February 6th – Greet & Eat @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.

Chair Chatter - Paul Alderman



Here's to the start of another season. We have the Autocross and Drift schedules on the calendar and are working on some rally dates. Things should be getting posted on the various schedules around the area very soon. I am going to contact the two Cruising related

magazines I advertise in and get our schedules included for the year, to reach out to other potential participants.

I also would like to put out a challenge to the membership. I would like to see someone come out and support an event you did not attend last year. Now that doesn't just mean to come and compete in a rally, autocross, or drift event. You can also come support the event by helping work and manage an event. Helping Jim Martin who stops cars and gets the signature of every person arriving at the autocross. Come and direct cars for the lines at the drift event or man a checkpoint at a rally. Even just come attend a meeting and enjoy the company of other members. Have an idea for a social event, cruise, place to visit, or someone that could speak at a meeting. Let's do it. This is everyone's club not just mine. I just have a cool title and get to chatter about various thing each month.

For the next few meetings I have a few videos about some F1 racing legends, (Jim Clark and Senna are the two I remember as I write this) So come early and I will start the video and we can finish after the club business is concluded. Come and hear about another challenge also. I heard the Porsche Club of Delaware is having a meeting at Mid Atlantic Grand Prix. I think we might need to go and see who the faster club is. I will have more details at the meeting next week. I hope to see you there at Skip Jack dining.

PJA

Advertising Help Needed!!!

We need someone with advertising experience to help promote the club and solicit advertisers for Gasline, trailer decals, event sponsorship, etc. Please contact me. *PJA*

It's Membership Renewal Time!

Hello. Just a friendly reminder that it's time to renew your membership and the dues have gone up this year.

If you are joining as a Single member it is \$20 and for a Family membership it is \$30. You can pay via the <u>MotorsportReg.com</u> website, by calling Anita Steward (302) 690-5457 or Richard Wortmann (302) 463-7315 or you may mail a check to: BMC, PO Box 5517, Newark, DE 19714.

Please join us at the February 6th club meeting at Skipjack Dining at 7PM. See you soon! *Anita Steward, Membership Chair*

Rally Report – George Alderman

There are no rallies planned for February, but thanks to Dave Mitchell, we will be having an event on Sunday, March 25th.

Dave has been working on his event that should be a lot of fun. So make sure you mark your calendar and join your BMC friends for an afternoon of driving on some great roads in New Castle and Cecil Counties. Look for Dave's info in this month's Gasline.

George

Property Chair Report – Dave Mitchell

The BMC Trailer will be receiving maintenance attention this season as well putting on new wheels and rubber and some housekeeping items. There is also the possibility of advertisements adorning it - see Paul's note. If any of you have some potential interested parties let us know. Looking forward to a great season of events!

Dave

Autocross – Duke Wilford

Greetings! In the post-New-Year world, when it's 33 degrees and snow-raining, it's a little difficult to put your mind on autocross and warm, sunny parking lots. Nonetheless, we're gearing up for the next BMC autocross season!

As you can see by the adjacent BMC event schedule, we're trying something slightly different this year, with a break in July to divide the season in 2 parts. The first half will feature cooperative events with our Drift program, while the second half will be autocross-only events, including our annual Lofland Memorial finale event.

These events will be posted on <u>motorsportreg.com</u> shortly, though preregistrations will not open until closer to the start of the season. Entry fees are unchanged from 2017, at \$40 member / \$45 non-member, with a \$5 late registration fee after preregistration closes 36 hours before the event.

All dates are tentatively scheduled at Dover Int'l Speedway. We continue to look for another venue in or around northern Delaware. If you have contacts or suggestions for sites, please forward them via our Facebook page or privately to <u>BMCautox@gmail.com</u>. We are in contact with the new owners of the old GM Boxwood location, but there are significant hurdles to holding events there. We will keep you informed if/when anything develops further on that front.

This begins my sixth year as Autocross Chair, and I am looking forward to another fun season. However, I am also interested in letting someone else take the driver's seat in the foreseeable future. If you would like the opportunity for a more formal responsibility position in the program, please contact me to discuss it.

If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at

BMCautox@gmail.com. Thanks!

-Duke "Here We Go Again" Wilford Autocross Chair

2018 BMC EVENT SCHEDULE

AUTOX – All events at Dover International Raceway on Saturdays with Sunday rain dates.

April 21st May 19th June 23rd August 11th September 8th October 13th. DRIFT March 24th April 21st* May 19th* June 23rd* August 18th September 15th November 3rd *Combined with Autocross RALLY March 25th

BE AWARE OF THE RIDES OF MARCH RALLY / TOUR

BMC is offering an alternative to MARCH MADNESS! Sunday, March 25th 2018 First vehicle off @ 2:01pm Approximately TWO hours Keeping within 50 to 55 miles (Or ?? to ?? km) Event will conclude at an Eatery (yet to be finalized) The details of this event will be forthcoming over the next few weeks to help with planning. Questions or concerns? Let me hear from you. Dave Mitchell 443/309/9303 drmfnao@aol.com

Meeting Highlights - Jim Martin

The 2nd of January, 2018 meeting was held at Skipjack's in Newark, DE. The turnout was16 members and guests; the Executive Committee had a quorum. The meeting was called to order by Club Chair, Paul Alderman at 7:18 PM

<u>Membership Report</u> (Anita Steward) – Our annual membership is now \$20/single and \$30/family.

Financial Report (Richard Wortmann) – For the year we were about breakeven with \$14,206 in the checking account. A motion was made and approved to pay our annual D&O Insurance in the amount of \$740.00. Paul also pointed out that we need new tires on the trailer which was discussed and approved.

<u>**Rally Report**</u> (George Alderman) – Dave Mitchell (Rally Master) is laying out a Rally for 3/25, Sunday. It will be a destination Rally/drive. <u>AutoX Report</u> (Duke Wilford) – Duke presented a tentative schedule for 2018.

Drift Report (Matt Burris) – Not present.

<u>**Property Report**</u> (Dave Mitchell) – Dave is going to get a Tow Package on one of his vehicles to assist in towing the trailer to events.

<u>Editor</u> (Jim Irons) – Articles for the next newsletter need to be forwarded to Jim no later than the last Tuesday of each month.

Paul led a discussion on getting more volunteer help at our events. Mac Morgan volunteered to help with the insurance waivers. We talked about inviting the BCCD club to merge with our Club; Jim Martin will explore the possibility.

Adjourned at 8:20 PM. *Jim Martin*

Patiently Waiting For Spring

