



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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July 2019

BMC Club Meeting

Michaels Grille & Pizza Pub, 1000 Churchman's Rd., Newark, Dela. 19713

Tuesday, July 2nd - Greet & Eat @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.



Happy July 4th!



BMC Autocross III - July 20th

New Venue! Ripken Stadium, Aberdeen, MD

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



Summer time!

Thanks to all who helped make the 2nd Autocross of the season a success. Duke and Dave and the rest of the crew, your efforts making the events run smoothly is appreciated.

The event for me was just OK because the driver was having a hard time following the course correctly. I tried to skip a couple gates near the finish. I also tried a different route at the start around the cheese head and I was sure I could run across the hump with more speed only to look left at the cones that were supposed to be on my right. It was also a first time on slicks, at an Autocross, and it may take a little more adjustment to get the most out of the tire and get the proper balance in the car. I was still close to the top times and it was a fun and challenging course, but it would be even better if I got the gates correct each time. I'm looking forward to the next event on July 20th. Don't forget to sign up and bring your friends.

We also had a less competitive event last Saturday at the 3 Dog Garage in Boyertown, PA. Three Dog hosts club outings on an invite-only basis and we were given a spot on the 22nd. It was a small group that were able to make the event on short notice. I had wanted to go earlier in the year, but they had not finished the construction on the building. It was worth it, they now have two more floors in the original building that accommodate car storage. Thanks to Chris and Jamie for hosting the club. I hope to have another outing there with more advance notice to give more people a chance to attend.

Have a great day

Paul



Membership - Anita Spinelli

Welcome Summer! I hope you all are enjoying the new Autocross venue at Ripken Stadium!

Don't forget ~ you are welcome to join us at our monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month.

The next meeting is Tuesday, July 2nd starting at 6 PM for an informal meet and greet where you can order food/drinks. At 7 PM we kick off our meeting with updates from our board members. There is no cost to attend, you just purchase your meal or drinks.

Anita

Rally Chair – George Alderman



There are no Rallys planned at this time. I would welcome any ideas at our next meeting. Come prepared with suggestions.

George

Autocross Chair – Duke Wilford



Autocross II went off without a hitch on Saturday, 08 June at Ripken Stadium. Although there was a little breeze, it was nothing like the sandblasting we got at AxI. Temperatures and cloud cover were reasonable, and course conditions were great. Parking was a bit, umm, competitive as the facility was also hosting a youth baseball tournament, and will likely be for at least the August event as well. But we were able to minimize the course area lost to paddock, without compromising safety.

Though down a few cars from AxI's sellout, turnout was solid at 76. Non-members outnumbered drivers about 2 to 1. In total there were about 470 passes through the timing lights, with each driver getting 6 competition runs. Technical issues and on-course incidents were minimal.

The course was relatively open and fast, with a few technical spots such as a crossover near the start and an optional slalom in the last section. This element allowed drivers to pick their entry point. Going left allowed the car to carry more speed into the slalom at the cost of a more difficult exit. Going right required a slower entry speed but paid off at the far end.

Complete results and season championship points standings can be found at the Club's website at: www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org.

Many of our BMC first-timers from AxI returned for AxII, so it seems we are doing something right. Our procedural changes seemed to make the morning go a little more smoothly:

- Roving tech of ready cars (hood and trunk open; all preparations complete) seemed to make the task easier for both inspectors and drivers

- Between tech changes and pre-assigned run groups, eliminating a trip back to the tent for each driver reduced crowding at the registration desk

In addition to smoothing the check-in process, pre-assigned run groups ensure that every car in a given class runs under similar conditions. This is a plus that makes the results more fair for all. It also eliminates crowding in the later run groups...

AxII was **David Spain's** first day as Event Deputy, and he did a great job helping with course setup and several other tasks. We're looking forward to his help again, and to training him in a variety of roles throughout the event days. Thanks for coming out, Dave!

We're at the halfway mark of our season, and overall it seems to be a positive change for the autocross program. Our next event is Saturday, 20 July, at Ripken Stadium. Preregistration is open now at: <http://msreg.com/BMCAxIII2019>. Registration will close Thursday, 18 July, at 6:00p.

Thanks to everybody who has run with BMC this year. We hope to see you again in July and September, for our Lofland Memorial Cup(s) autocross.

-Duke "Half Full" Wilford

June Meeting Highlights

The June 4, 2019 meeting was held at Michaels Restaurant Newark, DE. The turnout was 24 members and guests. The meeting was called to order at 7:22pm by Club Chair Paul Alderman.

Membership Report (Anita Spinelli)

We have 111 members, plus 1 new recruit obtained outside restaurant just before meeting.

Treasurers Report (Richard Wortmann)

Cash plus \$300-400.

Rally Report (George Alderman)

Open to new and interesting ideas for next event's rally or tour destination.

AutoX Report (Duke Wilford)

We have 68 cars pre-registered for AxII event at Ripken Stadium. George Alderman developed a wind resistant timing light hold-down design utilizing 13" tires. New radios purchased for a Cone/Grid separation of channels. New window sticker developed for vehicle inspection instead of old card system. Event workers can arrive at venue 6:30 AM. Dave Spain has volunteered to assist with event setup and operation.

Drift Report (Jimmy Brown/Justin Sieminski)

Held open communication with all present board and members on past and present issues. Pre-registration open for August 24th event at Dover Speedway. We are at the make or break point for Dover registration. Event is set up for 3-car tandem drifting. Looking for help with running event.

Property Report (Dave Mitchell)

We obtained six new radios and weights to secure timing lights.

New Business

Jim Martin is looking to find 20 members to volunteer for Coatesville Grand Prix event September 21st. Workers can arrive 7-8am. Coatesville is offering BMC member parking, workers' lunch, and workers' t-shirts. They also want cars and bikes 1970 and older to participate.

New BMC trophies designed. AutoX needs Vice Chair. Drift pre-registering August event. Track night NJ Motorsports Park June 25.

Meeting adjourned 8:10pm.

Michael Trzonkowski



COATESVILLE INVITATIONAL VINTAGE GRAND PRIX

A Call to Arms. Well...we'll need your legs and feet too.

The City of Coatesville PA is hosting their 4th annual Invitational Vintage Grand Prix road racing event on Saturday September 21, 2019.

There are some within our membership ranks who can remember the early days of Club racing where the courses were set on public

roads or carved out of some farmer's field. Think Watkins Glenn NY, Marlboro MD, Hershey Hill climb. You get the picture. I'm old but not quite that old. I missed that era by ... just that much. The likelihood of that era being repeated is very slim; however, this unique event will happen.

BMC is actively involved in this year's Coatesville event and we're offering an experience and bragging rights that few car guys, and car ladies, ever get a shot at. The big clubs, read SCCA, always talk about workers. BMC wants you to think about participation and the experience of being a part of what may be a historic automotive event. (The Race of Gentlemen in Wildwood NJ started the same way!)

We are asking our fellow BMC members to participate in this event by helping with the "nuts and bolts" of running it. Our club has been asked to supply pit and paddock "wranglers", organizers and guides and corner control personnel. In addition, we will control 9 corner stations where you will be able to get "up close" to cars at speed. Remember, the car is not that close and not that fast. Each corner station will need 2 or 3 people to manage the car flow and handle the flagging. Last, but not least, we will supply starter service at the start/finish line. Talk about right in the middle of the action!

Think of all the cool events you'd like to attend. Now add the benefit of being an actual participant; without the expense and marital bliss of funding a vintage race car. We need your help. We are asking for a small commitment of your time and promise to give you a great experience in return. At some point before the event we'll organize a familiarization and training meeting.

Bob Turner

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Photos from Past Coatesville Grand Prix

