THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org

March 2023

Club Meeting – Tuesday, March 7th. Greet & Eat @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7
Deerhead Hot Dogs, 1233 Churchmans Rd.   https://www.dhhotdogs.com

BMC Shamrock Showdown Rally, March 18 - See flyer

BMC Autocross I, March 25 - See flyer

Club Chair

Last month it was noted that BMC is not as social as it used to be. I asked the group to give me ideas on improving that, but none appeared. So the question is still open – should we make getting together socially more often a priority? I'd like to hear your thoughts, so please email me at BMCchair@gmail.com

The Shamrock Showdown rally is a little over 2 weeks away and preregistration is still open. We have about 10 cars registered so far, with room for more. Hanna always hosts fun rallies and I'm sure this one will be no exception. Don't forget our twofer deal – **run in both the Shamrock Showdown and Autocross I, and I will refund your rally entry fee.**

Speaking of autocross, **AxI** is already sold out at our 100-car cap, and is on waitlist status. Liz usually does a good job of accommodating the oversubscribed folks, so we'll almost certainly have a full field for our season opener.

The **Coatesville Vintage Grand Prix** has 11 cars and 5 motorcycles entered already. This year's event features vehicles from 1983 and older, so if you have a historic race car or bike (or can make it look like one), you can submit your entry at www.msreg.com/CVGP2023. Of course, we will need volunteer marshals, and I'd like to thank **Chris Pippin** for being our first to step up. If you don't have a vintage racer but still want to get in on the action, please sign up here: www.msreg.com/CVGP2023-volunteer. We appreciate your help and couldn't manage this fun event without you!

Our next general club meeting on Tuesday, 07 March at Deerhead Hot Dogs in Christiana. See you Tuesday, and in 2023!

Duke "Whoops it's spring already" Wilford

Rally

Happy first of March!

You know what that means, right?? It's rally month!!

Shamrock Showdown! I am happy to say that we have close to 10 cars signed up already, and I'm hopeful that number will keep growing. One way that it will is to invite your friends! Check the info flyer in this Gasline.

I am also pleased to announce that we were able to reserve the banquet room at MadMac's for the official after-rally dining option!! I am in contact with them to figure out the dining plan (buffet vs off the menu, etc). As stated on MSR, we will collect payment for that the day of the event, as I am sure it will depend on what plan we chose.

I am excited to see you all soon!

- Hanna Alderman, BMC Rally Chair

Membership

Hello all from the membership desk! It looks like we are starting to ramp up for the season! We currently stand at 84 active members for 2023, but we still have 91 members from 2022 that have yet to renew. So I suspect our growth will continue.

I will be paying close attention to membership renewals as I know many people will be renewing and looking to quickly signup for events with their updated membership status. With that said, if I happen to miss your renewal, or there is a delay, please feel free to contact me at BMCmemberchair@gmail.com and I'll update your renewed account right away.

Only a few weeks before the Shamrock Showdown and our Auto-X season opener, so be sure that your 2023 membership is in order!

-- Alex Brooke, BMC Membership Chair

Autocross

In case you missed it, BMC recently released our 2023 autocross schedule. Here's the lineup:

March 25 - AX I

May 7 (SUNDAY) - AX II

June 24 - AX III

August 12 - AX IV

October 8 (SUNDAY) - rain date/AX V

Registration for AX I has only been open for a few weeks and it's already filled up! WOW! I'm super pumped about everyone's enthusiasm! If you missed signing up, you can still get on the waitlist in case of cancellations - you don't have to pay until you're approved to race.
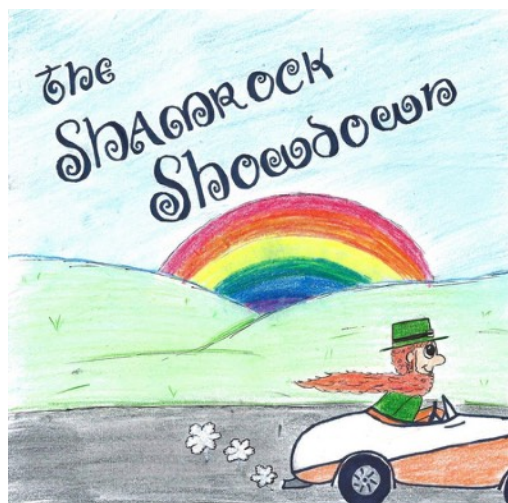
Snag your spot here: http://msreg.com/BMCAXI2023

As a special offer, if you sign up for both the Shamrock Showdown and AX I, we'll refund your rally fee! Come kick off your year with a double hit of BMC!

I'm also looking for volunteer course designers! Newbies totally welcome - I'll provide a starter kit with some basic lot layouts and tips, then work together on feedback with you. If interested, please email me with the subject line "2023 Course Design".

Looking forward to another great year on track with everyone!

Liz Wilford, BMC AutoX Chair
bmcautox@gmail.com

Shamrock Showdown IV Tour Rally
Saturday, March 18th

Newark Park-and-Ride, Rt 896 & Rt 4, Newark, DE 19711
(adjacent to Bob Carpenter Center)

On-site Registration/Check-in: 1:30p

Driver/Navigator Meeting: 1:45p

First Car Off: 2:00p + Car Number

Finish Location: Mad Mac's Restaurant
(around the corner from the Park-and-Ride)

Join us as we try to find the mischievous Paddy O'Flannel on *The 4th Annual Dave Teter Memorial Shamrock Showdown*! Our tricky leprechaun found some old rally notes from Jim Irons and has left an approx. 55 mile trail through farms and forests for us to attempt to find him. It should take about 2 to 2-1/2 hours to complete. All roads are paved although some may be bumpy and narrow in places. (Due to the time of year and potential for bad weather and/or not repaired potholes we recommend not bringing your nicest car)

Classes:

Tour: This rally is a Tour format with optional TSD (time-speed-distance) requirements. Drive the rally route at your leisure and enjoy the scenic roads. Optional TSD requirements will include DIY checkpoints.

Teams will be broken into Novice or Expert classes based on whether they have participated in more or less than 5 TSD rallies. Please denote during registration which class you think you should be in based on past rallying experience (or lack there of). If unsure what "TSD" is, mark yourself as Novice.

Cost:

BMC members: $5 per person   *Non-members*: $10 per person

Registration & Full Info:
https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/bmc-road-rally-4th-ann-shamrock-showdown-newark-park-ride-brandywine-048733?fbclid=IwAR2P4i0nVCzM3lq84XyFq3B3atkLzHnRGX5K2ljsHHcDVwvqHZBNH10MexI

Brandywine Motorsport Club
2023 Autocross I
Saturday, March 25

Ripken Stadium
873 Long Dr, Aberdeen, MD 21001

Come Autocross in a Friendly, Competitive Environment!

Setup: 8:30 AM
Registration: 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM   First Car Off: 10:30 AM

There is a 100 Car Entry Limit - **Preregistration is strongly encouraged!**

Preregister online at: www.motorsportreg.com
Preregistration closes Monday before the event at 6:00p.
No Walkups allowed.

Autocross Preregistration Fees:
Entry – BMC 2020 Member - $50
Entry – Non-BMC member - $55 *(includes 1-day BMC membership)*

Classes – In addition to typical area autocross classes, we offer:
   Classic Street Car class – mostly-stock street cars 1978 and older.
   Classic American Muscle (CAM) class – mostly-stock American Muscle, 1948 up.

Common Solo Rules and Classifications will generally be followed.
We reserve the right to modify/interpret these rules to suit the spirit of the competition and safety.
Please take time to research what class your car will be in prior to registration.

- **NO OPEN EXHAUST – Effective muffler required.**
     We reserve the right to disqualify a car from competition if it is judged to be too loud.

- **Approved helmet (M or SA 2010 or newer) and seatbelts are required.**

- **Drivers and Passengers must be at least 16 years old*. Drivers must have a valid driver's license.**
     *Parent / Guardian must sign waiver of liability and be in attendance for drivers under 18.

- **Parent / Guardian signatures required for workers and guests under 18.**

- **All contestants, workers, and guests must sign a release and waiver of liability.**

- **Vehicles must pass safety and technical inspection.**

- **No loose or unsecured items in any area. Remove floor mats from cabin.**

- **All cars are welcome to compete except SUVs and other vehicles that present a rollover risk.**

If you have any questions, please contact the event administrator:
Liz Wilford @ BMCautox@gmail.com or 302-353-7254