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Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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November 2026

BMC Club Meeting, Wednesday, November 4

Fiesta Maya Mexican Grill, Greet & Eat @ 6:00, Meeting @ 7 PM

https://www.fiestamayamexicangrill.com

Club Chair Chatter



Our 2026 motorsport season came to a close in October with the BMC Picnic Rally and Autox VI bringing both the Lofland Memorial Cup at the pointy end of the field and the Daily Driver Shootout at the slower end. Write-ups on both of those events are available elsewhere in this newsletter.

At this time we are already looking ahead to next year! With that in mind, it's time for annual Board elections. **Nominations are open for all Club chair positions / Board of Directors**. All positions are available, whether currently filled or not:

- President / Club Chair
- Treasurer - **NEEDED**
- Secretary
- Autocross Chair
- Rally Chair
- Property Chair
- Newsletter Editor

Heather Alderman has recently stepped down after 7+ years of service as Treasurer, so we are actively seeking a new Treasurer. Thank you, Heather, for all your help over the years!

With **Hanna Alderman** currently busy in high-level martial arts, Secretary **Mike Trzonkowski** was also acting Rally Chair last year. Mike's first experience as rallymaster was at the Picnic Rally and it certainly seemed successful! Mike is still considering his role for next year, so I will tentatively say that **either Rally Chair or Secretary** are potentially open as well.

But don't forget, you can nominate yourself for *any* position, even if it is filled! Ability to attend our monthly meetings (preferably in person) is important but not strictly required. If anyone would like to nominate themselves for any of the Board leadership positions, please email me at BMCchair@gmail.com or Mike T, our Secretary, at BMCsecretry@gmail.com. Thanks!

Some other folks deserve mention for stepping up to help our events work. **Alex Meramo** was instrumental in getting the equipment trailer to and from site, with some assists from the **Alderman family**. Thanks also to **Tech Chief David Fulton-Howard** for managing the Club's timing and scoring system, and implementing some equipment upgrades. Thanks to all of you folks for keeping the Club moving forward.

Our next monthly club meeting will be **Wednesday, 04 November** at Fiesta Maya in Newark, DE. Social time and dinner start at 6:00p, followed by a brief official meeting at 7:00p. We hope to see you there!

Happy Fall,

Duke "Never Nothing" Wilford, BMC Club Chair

Autocross



We have ended the 2026 season with our 6th autocross event on 10/10. 93 drivers took 561 runs during the day. Class Champions and our Season Trophy Winners (Lofland Memorial Cup and PAX Drive of the Year) were determined after auditing the event's timing data.

The winner of the Lofland Memorial Cup for 2026 was **Michael Moran**, as he set FTD at Event #6, at 51.328 secs.

The Season PAX points after Event #6 were very, very close. After the single event drop, **William Cruz** is the 2026 PAX Driver of the Year with 332 PAX points. The top 3 in Season PAX rankings were only separated by 3 points!

The Event #6 final results and final Season Class and PAX points are available on the BMC web site. Additionally, the full list of Class Champions is available at this link. If a specific Class only had one driver for the entire Season, or if participants did not complete a minimum of 3 events, it was not eligible for a Championship.

Preparations for the 2027 Season are already underway. Communication is ongoing with Ripken Stadium management to secure our event dates next year. I am again targeting 6 events, going from May-October, like this year. I will inform everyone of pertinent information for next Season in due course.

Thank you to everyone for a successful 2026 Season, and especially to those who helped with the big and small tasks at each event. I look forward to 2027 and continuing to put on the high quality events you expect and deserve.



Alexander Cabinian, BMC Autocross Chair

Membership

Hello from the membership desk everyone! With 3 new members this past month, we now stand at a total of 274 active members. Our memberships are split pretty evenly with 150 Plus members and 124 basic members. As the year winds down for memberships, I'll be monitoring MSR for any issues and awaiting renewals. 2027 membership are available now so feel free to renew early and take one more thing off your season prep list! Especially since I missed so many events this season, I'll be hoping to make it to a club meeting as soon as I can get one of my lousy cars to cooperate! Enjoy the cooler cruising weather!

Alex Brooke, BMC Membership Chair

October Rally Highlights

Thanks to all who participated in our BMC Picnic Rally 2026! My daughters Adeline & Georgia were excited to take part in creating the route and questions, and see all the friendly people at the picnic who enjoyed their efforts. We had good weather, approximately 68 degrees with a few clouds, great for a drive and picnic.

We met at the Governor's Square Shopping Center and cruised down to Lums Pond State Park. Drivers & navigators enjoyed an approximate 43-mile trek through farmland, wetland, and residential surroundings. Trophies were awarded to the top three.

We had the honor of having Paul Alderman there to provide some closing statements and announce the winners, and Duke Wilford mastering the grill for this event with delicious sides brought by participants.

First place: Liz Wilford & Morgan
Second place: Frank Adkin & Kristin
Third place: Alan Hill & Theona
Honorable Mentions *(in no particular order):*
Jesse Carey & Ryan
Curtis Gregory & Alex
Ed Mengel & Carol
Carol Purdey & Bruce
Michael Salino & Lee
Gregory Sharpe & Elizabeth
Bob Wall & Carol
Wayne Elvin

Mopar Mike Trzonkowski, BMC Secretary
(Temporary Rally Master)



October Meeting Highlights

The October 07, 2026 meeting was held at the Fiesta Maya Mexican Grill Restaurant, Newark DE. The turnout was 5 members, and guests. The meeting was called to order 7:17pm by Club Chair, Duke Wilford. Duke began the meeting by welcoming all to another in-person meeting at this location. Thanks to all who turned out this month and enjoyed this gathering. We welcome any who wish to join the meetings.

Treasurers Report (Heather & Sandy)

K&K insurance received all payments for the year. We have approximately $49k with no further expenses. We have a feeler on Treasurer position.

Property Report (George Alderman)

Nothing new to report.

Editor (Jim Irons)

Hand in articles by last Wednesday of the month.

Membership Report (Alex Brooke)

Membership is steady. 2028 membership registration soon to open.

Rally Report (Hanna Alderman)

I/we held our first successful Picnic Rally 2026. We had ten (10) cars (driver & navigator) participate in this years' event with about twenty-five (25) people at the picnic. We had good weather for the entire day. The point spread was about 11.5-8.5 out of 12 total points. Winners of the event were awarded trophies, 1-Liz/Morgan, 2-Frank/Kristin, & 3-Alan/Theona. I received lots of positive feedback, and will be excited to generate another rally sometime in the near future. I hope to see you all there again, and more if possible. My daughters were excited to take part in creating the route and questions, and see all the friendly people at the picnic who enjoyed their efforts. Thanks for all who participated.

AutoX Report (Alex Cabinian)

Our last event was sold out, and our current event happening Oct-10 has approximately 97 signed up so far. This event will contain a Daily Driver Shootout. Awards will be distributed during the end of the event. We had a good turnout throughout the year with our six (6) total events. Thanks.

Old Business

Mike T. was happy to be temporary Rally Master for our Picnic Road Rally 2026. Thank you all.

New Business

• Free Event to spectate - Nicholson Speedway – Chestertown Maryland – October 31, 2026.

• Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum will be holding a kid-friendly events, check them out in December.

• Open discussion about potential event locations.

Mopar Mike Trzonkowski, BMC Secretary

For Sale



1992 BMW 325i accident-free 4-door sedan in very good condition. Garage kept. Five-speed manual transmission. 119K miles. 2.5 Liter I-6 engine.

Aftermarket computer power chip, and Borla free-flow stainless steel exhaust. Drives and sounds great. Never raced or autocrossed.

Heated front seats. BBS alloy wheels with good tires mounted, plus the original alloy wheels with snow tires mounted. Tool kit mounted in the trunk. All manuals and repair manual included. CD changer mounted in trunk with 5 disk-cassette. Car cover included.

Minor paint chips on hood from interstate driving. A couple of very minor dings on fenders from parking lots. No visible rust. Air conditioner needs to be recharged.

Asking $4.5K, local pickup only, Wilmington, DE.

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