



# THE GASLINE

**Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.**

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**October 2019**

## ***BMC Club Meeting***

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

***Tuesday, October 1st - Greet & Eat @ 6-ish, Meeting @ 7-ish***

## ***BMC Autocross IV***

***Saturday, October 12th - Ripken Stadium, Aberdeen, MD – see flyer***

## ***BMC Rally & Picnic***

***Saturday, October 19th - Valley Forge Park – see flyer***

### ***Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman***



The importance of help...

Thanks to all who helped make the Coatesville GP a success. While we have a few areas that can be improved, for the most part there were many that were happy with our club's involvement. I will be

reaching out to the drivers to get their feedback and see what we did well and need to improve. My question to the members is what they think about being part of the event in 2020. Let me know what you think.

The Lofland Memorial Autocross was quite a success, congrats to Alden Axford Sr. for finally getting his name engraved on the cup after finishing second a few years ago. I helped warm up and or wear out Scott Bowers tires on his SV0tye (SVO with Coyote engine). It was fun to drive and easy to overdrive. I killed a few cones during a couple runs, and Scott was able to best me by a little over a second at the end of the day. I handed the car back without any cone damage also. I may be running my Mustang for the final event of the year on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Please sign up for the Rally to Valley the following weekend on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. The club will be supplying some burgers and dogs, for the club grills. We need to hear from you so we can plan. Please bring your favorite picnic food and some to share. We will have a canopy and tables. If anyone would like to come and just be a part of the picnic we would be glad for some help. The entry fee will cover the insurance for the event. Let me know if you are available to help.

The last item for this month is the need for help on the executive board. Anita and Richard agreed to continue last year and we now need someone to fill the Treasurer role and Membership Chair for the following year. If anyone would like to expand their club involvement for the next year let me know also.

See you at the next meeting on Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup>. Dave Back will be bringing a slide show of photos from Coatesville. Come on out and enjoy some shots of the action.

*Paul*

### ***Rally Chair – George Alderman***



Don't forget the next BMC rally to Valley Forge Park on Saturday October 19th, see the flyer in this Gasline, and let's have a big turnout for this picnic/rally.

## Autocross Chair – Duke Wilford



BMC's third autocross was held on 14 September at Ripken Stadium. Because a makeup date had not been finalized, AxIII was our annual Lofland Memorial Cup event. The Cup is named in honor of Jack Lofland, a BMC member and sportscar enthusiast from the '70s who passed away at an early age. The Cup is inscribed with the name of the driver posting the fastest raw time of the day at the Club's last regularly-scheduled event each year.

Preregistrations ramped up in the preceding week, and the event was well attended, with 85 drivers taking to the course. Non-members outnumbered members by about 2:1. Although it might not seem like it, weather was ideal, with light overcast skies, low winds, and temperatures in the low 80s.

The course was short and straightforward, with a mix of high- and low-speed sections. Knowing which was which was very important! Some parts of the course required patience to navigate cleanly. There were no slaloms, but a long, off-camber sweeper at the finish caught a number of drivers out, including yours truly on one disastrous run.

Competition was strong throughout the day. Defending Lofland champ **Ken Houseal** switched from 2017's SSM ringer car to C Street, limiting his chances at the raw time FTD. Ken gave it his best shot anyway, coming in 6<sup>th</sup> overall and 3<sup>rd</sup> in PAX.

Oddly enough, the Top Ten drivers all came from either Street or Street Modified, with no ST or SP cars making that list. Nine of the Top Ten drivers posted 34-second runs – **Jason Simon** squeaked it in with a 34.999 in his STi and **Robert Myers**'s TT roadster was close behind at 35.429. BMC regulars **Ken Houseal**, **Elias Roman**, and **Carlton Griggs** rounded out the high 34s. Only 0.2 seconds separated the Top Five, which comprised two C5 Corvettes (**Alden Axford**'s Z51 and **Nathan Atkins**'s Z06) and two Porsches (**Richard Newman**'s aircooled 911 and **Michael Tavenner**'s Cayman S). The one thing that was not like the others in the Top Five was **William Cruz**'s Tesla 3 Performance, which could be seen (but barely heard) rocketing out of the start gate and up the hill.

William Cruz in his D Street Tesla started out quick, and consistently whittled away the tenths pass after pass, ending the day with a **34.371** on his last run. Richard Newman and his green SSM 911 gusted around the mid-34s all day. Richard unfortunately coned on his last run, putting his smoking 34.249 out of contention and leaving him to stand on his 5<sup>th</sup> run with a **34.340**. Alden Axford, Sr. started in the high 34s and his times actually climbed slightly during the day. Alden dug deep on his last run and drove his yellow Vette to a clean **34.310**, just 0.030" ahead of 2<sup>nd</sup> place and 0.061" over 3<sup>rd</sup>.

So, hearty congratulations to BMC member and regular **Alden Axford, Sr.**, our 2019 **Lofland Memorial Cup champion!** Full results and points standings are available at the Club's website.

Since we will have 4 events this season, our **2019 Driver Of The Year** champion will be determined by each driver's 3 best scores, with their lowest showing dropped. Lofland Driver Of The Year is the top PAX-indexed driver of the season, and competition is stiff here too. Current points are determined based on the 3 completed events, with no drops. AxIV could shake the standings up a little. The final winner will also have their name inscribed on the newly-rediscovered Lofland PAX cup, which has not been awarded in at least 10 years.

Turnout has been good, and we were able to secure a makeup date from Ripken Stadium management. We will make up our cancelled autocross event on Saturday, 12 October. Thanks to everybody who came out for AxIII and let me know that hosting another event would be popular. Preregistration for Autocross IV is open at <http://msreg.com/BMCAxIV2019> and will close Thursday, 10 October, at 6:00p.

Thanks for everyone's support and participation so far in 2019. Lets bring the season to a strong close in October.

*-Duke "October Surprise" Wilford  
Autocross Chair*



## Coatesville Vintage GP Volunteer Appreciation Notes

I want to thank everyone for helping this past Saturday with the 4th annual Coatesville Grand Prix. When I started down this road a lifetime ago, I was asked to find 18 volunteers from BMC to man the Flagging Stations and in return, the City would make a major donation to the Club. After many months and meetings the number needed kept growing, and I could not see how it would be possible to get enough volunteers, especially given that the Event had always been short of workers.

Special thanks go out to George Alderman, Bob Turner, Duke Wilford, et al, for bailing me out.

I realize there are a number of things needed to improve the Event and only hope that you will be there again next year. If you are available on 10/01, please come to BMC's monthly meeting to talk about next year's improvements.

*Thank you,  
Jim Martin*

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Thank you to everyone that helped out this past weekend. We wouldn't have been able to do it without each of you. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

*- Heather Alderman*

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I want to thank all those kind people who helped make the 4th Coatesville VGP a successful and memorable event. Special thanks to George Alderman, Jim Martin, Heather and Hanna Alderman, Duke and Liz Wilford for their efforts above and beyond.

I've taken some time to reflect and review the outcome of our participation and the impact on our Club and on the event organizers. The feedback has been, for the most part, positive and well founded. The City of Coatesville, through Mike Trio, extended their thanks and appreciation of our efforts. Mike said they had the best event ever, as measured by their experience and expectations. We did, however, receive some feedback that concerns us and requires some further discussion on seeking solutions and remedial action.

In some areas, we were not as responsive to Club members in terms of their expected responsibilities and comfort. For that I offer my sincere apologies. I can promise that if this event, with our participation, moves forward, we will work diligently to formulate positive solutions to remedy what we can to make this a club event we all can be proud of.

We have a regular Club meeting scheduled on Oct. 1st. We would like to invite all of our volunteers to attend and contribute to the positive growth we think this event will achieve.

*Thanks again,  
Bob Turner*

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## September Meeting Highlights

The September 3, 2019 meeting was held at Michael's Restaurant Newark, DE. The turnout was 22 members and guests, including guest speaker Brett Lunger. The meeting was called to order 7:04pm by the Club Chair, Paul Alderman. George Alderman opened the floor to Brett, who shared fascinating stories about his life in Formula One racing and the road getting there.

### **Membership Report (Anita Spinelli)**

We have a few new members. Welcome.

### **Treasurers Report (Richard Wortmann)**

Recent Drift event broke even.

### **Rally Report (George Alderman)**

George shared floor with Brett Lunger. All who attended were captivated and interacting with questions.

Rally to Valley Forge Park October 19<sup>th</sup>, is being test run by Paul, Hanna, and a few others. Looking for a fun run, and help setting up park.

### **AutoX Report (Duke Wilford)**

Lofland Memorial Cup event September 14<sup>th</sup> at Ripken Stadium. Receiving positive feedback for make-up race October 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Drift Report (Jimmy Brown & Justin Sieminski)**

Nothing to report post August 24<sup>th</sup> event at Dover Speedway.

### **Property Report (Dave Mitchell)**

Nothing to report.

### **New Business**

Coatesville Grand Prix event September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Nick & Bob from RS-Werks will be attending Coatesville event, if you want to talk more about cars.

BCCD regional events. Cool Cars Cruise Night Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, Delaware City.

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm.

*Michael Trzonkowski*

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## ***BMC Rally II - Rally To The Valley October 19, 2019***

*A Tour Rally to Valley Forge National Park*

*The rally route is set on fun / twisty roads in northern Delaware and southeastern Pennsylvania. The course is approximately 60 miles long and will take about 2 to 2-1/2 hours to complete. All roads are paved although some may be bumpy in places.*

**Start Location:** Greenville Center, Wilmington, Delaware, 19807 - intersection of Kennett Pike (Rt 52) and Buck Road. Meet at the "Greenville Center" sign for check-in.

**On-site Check-in:** 11:30a - PLEASE NOTE MORNING START

**First Car Off:** 12:00p + Car Number thereafter

**Finish Location:** The rally ends at Wayne's Woods Picnic Area in the Valley Forge National Park. BMC has reserved a picnic area with a nice view of the Washington Memorial Arch.

BMC will provide the grills, charcoal, and some hot dogs/hamburgers, and drinks. If you want to bring something else to grill, you can and we will grill it. However, we ask that you please bring a picnicky side to share. You may also want to bring lawn chairs

BMC will also provide some lawn games, but feel free to bring your own. .

BMC has a sizeable canopy in case of light rain. If weather is poor, there is a tentative backup plan to eat at Infinito's Pizza in Phoenixville.

**Classes: *Tour:*** This rally is a Tour format with no TSD requirements, just clues and questions. Drive the rally route at your leisure and enjoy the scenic roads.

**Cost:** *BMC members:* \$10 per car / *Non-members:* \$15 per car

**RSVP:** Please RSVP so we can have enough route instructions at the event.

Preregister at <http://msreg.com/BMCRallyII2019> or RSVP directly with rallymaster Paul Alderman at [pjalderman68@gmail.com](mailto:pjalderman68@gmail.com), and pay on-site.

**NOTE: Registration ends on October 17, 2019 6:59 PM EDT**

All street legal cars are welcome to compete.

Each car has a 2-person team of Driver and Navigator, but other passengers are welcome.

General Instructions and Route Instructions will be provided at the event, or shortly before.

**If you have any questions, please contact the rallymaster Paul Alderman at [pjalderman68@gmail.com](mailto:pjalderman68@gmail.com). Thank you.**



**Brandywine Motorsport Club  
Autocross IV  
Saturday, October 12, 2019  
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 90 Car Entry Limit - Preregistration is strongly encouraged!**

**Preregister online at: [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com)**

**Preregistration closes Thursday before the event at 6:00p.**

**Walkups on the event day will incur a \$5 late registration fee.**

**Autocross Preregistration Fees:**

**Entry – BMC 2019 Member - \$50**

**Entry – Non-BMC member - \$55 (*includes 1-day BMC membership*)**

**Trophies awarded by class!**

**In addition to typical autocross classes, we offer a CLASSIC STREET CAR class for mostly-stock street cars 1978 and older. Let's give those older cars the exercise they deserve!**

- **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 2005 or newer) and seatbelts are required. Loaner helmets will be available.**
- **Drivers must be at least 16 years old and have a valid driver's license.**
- **Minor drivers must have a parent / guardian in attendance.**
- **All contestants, workers, and guests must sign a release and waiver of liability.**
- **Parent / guardian signatures required for those under 18.**
- **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.**
- **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 to promote safety. Please take time to research what class your car will be in prior to registration.**

***If you have any questions, please contact the event administrator:***

***Duke Wilford @ [BMCautox@gmail.com](mailto:BMCautox@gmail.com) or 302-528-0612***