



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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December 2019

BMC Club Meeting

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

Tuesday, December 3rd - Greet & Eat @ 6-ish, Meeting @ 7-ish

2020 BMC Officer Nominations

BMC & BCCD Holiday Dinner Party - see flyer

Friday, December 20th - University & Whist Club - Wilmington, DE

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



Thanks again for another great year. We had to adjust the autocross program after lot rent made our old site out of reach. Thanks to Duke for all the hard work to turn a profit with fewer events. Plans for next season are for four events also. We were able to run

two rallies combined with social events. If anyone has other local destinations we can combine with a rally, let us know. Thanks to Richard Wortmann and Anita Spinelli for all the work they put into the club. We will miss having them on the e-board.

We will be finalizing the nominations for the 2020 officers at the December meeting, and will be voting for officers before the Holiday party on the 20th. If you haven't signed up yet, see the enclosed flyer. We will be having a gift exchange with the BCCD members, if you would like to participate. We will have the Lofland engraved for this year's winner Alden Axford Sr. and the revived PAX trophy for the driver of the year.

Hope to see you at our next event. Thanks for being part of the club.

Paul

Rally Chair – George Alderman



There will not be any Rally activity until 2020, but our Holiday Dinner Party is coming up on Friday December 20th, so lets have a good time and end the year with a good turnout of members. **Please send me a reply before**

December 12th, we need a count by then, see the flyer in this Gasline.

George



Autocross Chair – Duke Wilford



Happy Thanksgiving to all BMC members and friends out there! We've got a lot to be thankful here in the Autocross program.

Autocrossers – it's maybe a little obvious to say it, but we're thankful for all the drivers and spectators who came out to our events this year. Drivers are the reason we do all this! 2019 was a challenging year, coming back from 2018's storm and moving to a new venue in a very different location. Although we stepped down from 6 to 4 events, we had our highest per-event turnout of my tenure as autocross Chair. So to all of our regulars who followed us to our new home, thank you! And thanks to all of our new drivers who took a chance on a small, regional club and liked what they found.

My family – I may be the spearhead of the Autocross program, but by no means is it a solo effort. First and foremost, I want to thank my wife **Maryanne** and daughters **Lizzy** and **Allegheny**. Maryanne puts in hours of effort between events wrangling the registrations and data with me, and she puts forth a friendly, bantering face under the registration tent. Without her help, I couldn't drive in the events! Al helps keep everybody in line and troubleshoot timing problems during the event. And Lizzy is everywhere, from assigning jobs to leading the novice walk to instructing in her off groups.

Volunteers – the culture of autocross means every driver is expected to pitch in and help run each event. Some are good about that, some are reluctant, and some go above and beyond, doing whatever is asked. First off, thanks to **George Alderman** for making special effort to deliver and retrieve the trailer for each event. Thanks to **Dave Spain**, who came down early for each event this year to learn the ropes and help with setup and tech, even though he doesn't autocross (yet!). **Alex Brooke** makes a very long drive to get on site early, and is always first in line to help out wherever needed. Thanks also go to our volunteer instructors, always willing to walk novices through the course or jump in for ridealongs: **Elias Roman, Jason Simon, Alex Cabinian, Jason Fetchko, Ken Houseal, Yingda Ye, Paul Alderman**, and many others.

Officers – the Autocross program doesn't exist in a vacuum; there is a whole infrastructure of Club management that makes BMC an effective organization. Two of those officers are moving on this year: **Richard Wortman** has tried his best to keep BMC on sound financial footing as Treasurer, and **Anita Spinelli** has welcomed new and returning members as Membership Chair. Thanks to both of you for your efforts!

Which brings me to my last point:

YOU – you can get involved, and we'd be thankful if you would! Every one of our Executive Board positions is open for election every year. We tend to have a very stable roster, but those names are *not* permanent fixtures. Although most of us are willing and able to continue in our roles, many of the board would be happy to let someone else have a turn. 2019 was my 7th year as Autocross Chair, and while I continue to enjoy it, the program could certainly benefit from a different person's vision. So if you are interested in joining the executive committee and playing a leading role in the Club and its programs, **now is the time!**

Nominations are currently open for ALL Executive Committee seats: President, Treasurer, Secretary, Editor, Membership, Property, Autocross, Rally, and Drift. You can nominate yourself or others by emailing the current Club chair, Paul Alderman, at tranam68@aol.com. Nominations close at our Tuesday general club meeting on December 3rd.

To nominate, vote, or serve, you must be a current Club member. There is still time to join BMC online at <http://msreg.com/BMCMembership2020>. We will provide details on how to vote after the nominations are announced.

I hope everyone has a happy Thanksgiving, and considers becoming more active in managing the Club and our events. I'm looking forward to next year!

*-Duke "Step Right Up" Wilford
Autocross Chair*

BMC Executive Committee Officers

Club Chair	Paul Alderman
Secretary	Mike Trzonkowski
Treasurer	Open (Nominee Jim Martin)
Rally	George Alderman
Autocross	Duke Wilford
Drift	Jimmy Brown/Justin Sieminski
Membership	Open
Property	Dave Mitchell
Editor	Jim Irons

Nominations are open for BMC Executive Committee (Board) officers for 2020. Nominations can be made by any BMC member for ANY position on the Board.

While most 2019 officers plan to retain their jobs if unchallenged, the positions of 2020 Treasurer and Membership Chair are open. However, Jim Martin was nominated for Treasurer at the November 5 general club meeting.

BMC needs its members to get more involved in club operation. We keep “recycling” the same people year after year because too few members step up.

To nominate someone or yourself, please contact Paul Alderman @ tranam68@aol.com

Just Had An Idea For A Pickup Truck



November Meeting Highlights

The November 5, 2019 meeting was held at Michael’s Restaurant Newark, DE. The turnout was 22 members and guests. The meeting was called to order 7:11pm by the Club Chair, Paul Alderman. Paul began the meeting by discussing the highlights of the Rally to Valley Forge Park, and thanked all who joined in and helped.

Membership Report

We have members. Chair member finishing term.

Treasurers Report

We have money. Chair member finishing term.

Rally Report (George Alderman)

Rally to Valley Forge Park October 19th had 45 mailboxes along the way. Thanks went out to Paul, Heather, Hanna, Jozeph and Wayne for their role in creating a fun event.

AutoX Report (Duke Wilford)

We had four events at the Ripken’s venue with large turnouts for each event. Each event cleared \$1k per event. Had one tiny bump this season, but nothing detrimental.

Drift Report (Jimmy Brown & Justin Sieminski)

August event was a good turnout. Sold shirts, stickers, enjoyed music and one tiny fire. Event made money. December 21st event at Dover Speedway. Email blast notifications going out.

Property Report (Dave Mitchell)

Nothing to report.

New Business

Motion was made for funds to be used for our Brandywine Motorsport Club / British Car Club of Delaware combined Holiday Dinner Party: Friday December 20th. Motion carried by a majority vote. Sharon K. spoke about the fun BCCD members have had, and can have with a \$20-\$25 Pollyanna gift exchange.

Motion to charge all members and non-members a flat rate of \$30 per person for the Holiday party. Motion carried by a majority vote.

Motion for BMC to hold a December Meeting Tuesday Dec 3rd. Motion carried by a majority vote.

Motion to open nominations for new chair and re-new chair Exec Committee positions. Motion carried by a majority vote. Email blast going out to solicit nominations. All positions open for nominations.

Thanks went out to those who made this club what it is today.

Meeting adjourned 8:07pm.

Michael Trzonkowski



You are Cordially invited to
The Brandywine Motorsport Club and
The British Car Club of Delaware's combined
Holiday Dinner Party

The Tilton Mansion Home to the University & Whist Club of
Wilmington, 805 N. Broom St., Wilmington, DE 19806

December 20, 2019

6:00 PM Meet and Greet plus Cash Bar

7:00 PM, A \$55.00 Buffet Dinner for only \$30.00 per person

Thanks to BMC's contribution from the Coatesville Grand Prix

Menu

Soup

Vegetable Beef

Salads

Caesar or

Mixed Greens

White Balsamic Vinaigrette or Creamy Blue Cheese

Buffet

Chicken Breast Provençale with Herbs, Olives, Garlic, Shallots and Tomato Ragout

Roast Top Round of Beef, Shallot & Mushroom Sauce

Broiled Salmon with Pineapple-Chili Glaze

An Appropriate Starch and Vegetable

Desserts

Miniature Pastries, Gourmet Cookies, Fresh Berries, & Whipped Cream

French Roast Coffee & Harney & Sons Select Teas

RSVP: December 12, 2019

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Pay on-line - <https://www.msreg.com/BMCBuffet2019>