



# THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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February 2020

## BMC Club Meeting

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

Tuesday, February 4th - Greet & Eat @ 6-ish, Meeting @ 7-ish

## BMC Shamrock Showdown Cruise

Saturday, March 14th

### Club Chair

Well, our newest program Chairs are off to a flying start, with both Rally and Autocross on the schedule with March events. Road Rally will kick us off with a tour rally on 14 March, followed 2 weeks later with our season opener autocross at Ripken Stadium on 28 March. Preregistration will open soon for both events at [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com), so check the details elsewhere in this newsletter.

As mentioned last month, we are rolling out new role-specific email addresses. If you need to contact a specific Board member, please use the following email addresses:

[BMCchair@gmail.com](mailto:BMCchair@gmail.com) (Duke Wilford)

[BMCmembershp@gmail.com](mailto:BMCmembershp@gmail.com) (Beto)

[BMCtreasure@gmail.com](mailto:BMCtreasure@gmail.com) (Jim Martin)

[BMCsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:BMCsecretary@gmail.com) (Mike Trzonkowski)

[BMCpropert@gmail.com](mailto:BMCpropert@gmail.com) (Dave Mitchell)

[BMCgasline@gmail.com](mailto:BMCgasline@gmail.com) (Jim Irons)

[BMCautox@gmail.com](mailto:BMCautox@gmail.com) Liz Wilford

[BMCrallymaster@gmail.com](mailto:BMCrallymaster@gmail.com) (Hanna Alderman)

[BMCatlarge@gmail.com](mailto:BMCatlarge@gmail.com) (Paul Alderman)

These are pretty self-explanatory. I apologize for some of the oddball spellings, but apparently we're not the only "BMC" organization with access to Gmail.

Our new Board members have already brought a bunch of new ideas to their programs, with increased opportunity for input from our members and participants – in other words, YOU. This is your chance to help keep our events fun and interesting, and to explore new options!

If you have suggestions, please come to our open meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, currently at Michael's Restaurant in Christiana. Of course, you can always contact the program chairs directly at their new emails.



-Duke "Groundhog Day" Wilford  
BMC Club Chair

### Rally Chair



Join us on **Saturday, March 14th** as we follow the mischievous Paddy O'Flannel on **The Shamrock Showdown!** The cunning leprechaun has laid out an approx. 65 mile trek through farms and forests!

We will be meeting at the New Castle Conservation District Building on Old County Rd in Glasgow, DE and cruise down to Mission BBQ in Dover, DE <https://mission-bbq.com>. On-site reg./check-in @ 1:30, meeting @ 1:45, rally starts @ 2.

We will have a private meeting room for our meal, and thus registration is limited to 50 people. Rally + Food is per person and is \$25/member and \$30/non-member.

A detailed flyer will be coming soon. MSR Registration will open this Saturday, February 1st!

Hope to see you there!

- Hanna Alderman, BMC Rally Chair

## Autocross Chair



I'm pleased to share BMC's autocross event dates for the 2020 season! We will hold four events this year at **Ripken Stadium** in Aberdeen, MD:

**March 28,**  
**May 30,**  
**July 18,**  
**August 29.**

We've also locked in a rain/heat date for **October 10**, just in case.

Preregistration for Autox I will open **February 3** at <http://msreg.com/BMCAXI2020>.

But that's not the only big news - we're trying something a little different this year! Have you ever wanted to design an autocross course? Well, now's your chance! We got so much thoughtful feedback on our courses at Ripken that we'd like to invite YOU to create a layout to be used in one of our 2020 events.

If you're interested, here's how it will work:

1. Send an email to [BMCAutox@gmail.com](mailto:BMCAutox@gmail.com) ASAP with the subject "2020 Course Design".
2. I will reply with a design packet, including:
  - High-resolution satellite imagery of the Ripken parking lot, with paddock, grid, timing tent, start, and finish marked.
  - SCCA standards and safety guidelines for course layout, which BMC also follows.
  - Additional tips specific to Ripken to keep in mind.
3. Return your layout(s) to me **by March 20** to be considered for Autox I - anything turned in after that date will still be eligible for Autox II, III, or IV.
4. I will review and modify as needed for safety or other concerns.
5. If your submission is selected, **you must arrive on-site by 7:00A the day of the event** to supervise and assist with setup - watch your design come to life!
6. On the other hand, **once the course is set up, you will be excused from work duties** for the rest of the day - as a thank you, I want you to be able to kick back and snap plenty of photos of cars running your design so you can show off a job well done!

Course designers will also get an extremely grateful shoutout during the driver meeting, as well as me talking you up anytime someone says anything nice to me about the layout. Bragging rights, a whole day to just relax and spectate, AND me singing your praises every chance I get? What's not to love?!

I can't wait to see what you guys come up with, and I definitely can't wait to see everyone in just a couple months for Autox I!

*Talk soon,*

*Liz Wilford, BMC Autocross Chair*



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*2020 Membership Renewals Are Due!*  
*Renew yours at MSR or at the Club Meeting*

## Secretary's Report

The January 7, 2020 meeting was held at Michael's Restaurant Newark, DE. The turnout was 16 members and guests. The meeting was called to order 7:01pm by the newly elected Club Chair, Duke Wilford. Duke began the meeting by welcoming members and guests to today's meeting, and thanked Paul, Anita, and Richard for all that they have added to the club in their past positions.

### Treasurers Report (Jim Martin)

Financially we are starting the year off very well. Jim said he is considering using QuickBooks or other software to enhance the financial upkeep.

### Property Report (Dave Mitchell)

Making inventory.

### Membership Report (Beto Castelo)

We are using different mailing lists, and considering the best to use for easy file maintenance, up-keep, organization, and email blasting. Data hygiene is very important for the club. Our plan is to continue using membership feedback for statistics on participation of events.

### AutoX Report (Liz Wilford)

Four preliminary dates have been scheduled at Ripken Stadium for the 2020 season, plus a rain date. A motion was made to hold dates for 2020. Motion carried by a majority vote. Discussions are in the works with the Susquehanna Region SCCA for a joint venture on a fifth event. We are posting information to the public using AutoX4U for the second year. Course designs are open for submissions. Designer must commit to being on site for the entire event if their course is being used. Cards will continue to be used for car information. Options for placement of course, admin tent, and other features were discussed. In order to get more involvement we are looking to find motivated members to be taxi drivers for interested spectators during each event and develop an instructor program.

**Rally Report (Hanna Alderman)** – presented by Paul Alderman)

We dug into the rally archives dating back to the 50's. We are pleased to announce there are several courses that are complete enough to make new events. Historical vs Hilarious. Hanna is working with John L. from SCCA in building event turnout. It is rewarding to see a large turnout for all the effort put into creating fun and exciting events.

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

While drift members were not in attendance of this meeting, they informed the board that they profited from the two events they hosted in 2019.

### Editor (Jim Irons)

Submit articles and photos for the Gasline.

### New Business

- Jim M., in reference to Coatesville Grand Prix, brought up the idea to give away small items with BMC logo like window stickers or t-shirts as incentives to volunteer. Also discussed possibility of hosting series of events leading up to Coatesville showcasing BMC and what we can offer to the car community.
- BMC members encouraged to advertise club and what we offer while attending other events.
- An inquiry was made to have new E-board officials name badges made.
- Duke brought up the need for buying a larger replacement trailer for the club.
- Our P.O. Box expires and needs to be renewed February 2020.
- BMC Grandtourismo results have been posted via Elias R.
- As a club effort, let us coordinate participating in other outside events that brings members together building closer relationships.
- Generate instruction manuals to assist in managing data.
- We are posting event schedules early in the year in the hopes to boost turnout.

Meeting adjourned 8:22pm.

*Michael Trzonkowski, BMC Secretary*

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## Needful Gasline Editor

Been to a car event or have event info you'd like to share with other BMC members? Or you have some great car photos to share? Send in your motorsport related items to be put in the monthly Gasline!

Send your article or photos to the BMC Editor at: [bmcgasline@gmail.com](mailto:bmcgasline@gmail.com) anytime before the last Tuesday of each month to make it into the next month's Gasline.

*Jim Irons, BMC Editor*

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