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Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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BMC Club Meeting

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

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

Club Chair – Duke Wilford

Happy New Year to all BMC members and friends out there! Hard to believe it's 2020 already (*insert flying cars reference here*). Another year marks another exciting season for BMC – our 68th year as a regional car club; 66th as Brandywine Motorsport Club.

As you know if you attended our Holiday party, or may have heard elsewhere, the BMC Executive Committee has had a few changes. That's mostly a matter of finding people willing to do the jobs, rather than political intrigue or lengthy campaigns... This year, a few new folks have stepped up to replace some retiring members, and some of us have changed positions within the Board. Since there was just a single nomination for each position, Club protocol indicates that the sitting Secretary casts a symbolic vote for each candidate, and there is no election among the general membership.

Our 2020 slate of BMC Officers is as follows:

Club Chair – Duke Wilford*

Secretary – Mike Trzonkowski

Treasurer – Jim Martin*

Membership – Beto Castelo*

Property – Dave Mitchell

Editor – Jim Irons

Autocross – Liz Wilford*

Rally – Hannah Alderman*

Drift – Jimmy Brown / Justin Sieminski

Member At Large – Paul Alderman*

*New for 2020

Big thanks to Jim Martin and Beto Castelo for volunteering to replace our retiring Treasurer and Membership Chair, respectively. Also, thanks to Liz Wilford for taking over my position as Autocross Chair so I could move to the Club Chair seat, and we could finally let Paul Alderman off the hook! Paul now becomes Member At Large, a free-floating board position traditionally occupied by the previous Club Chair. Last but not least, thanks to Hannah Alderman for allowing herself to be drafted as Rally Chair after running her successful *Rally To The Valley* last fall.

Secretary, Property, Newsletter Editor, and Drift leadership remains unchanged from 2020 – many thanks to each of you for agreeing to continue service!

We're looking for all our new Board members to bring fresh initiatives to their programs, but we also welcome ideas and participation from everyone! Any club always needs volunteers to keep it fresh and active. If you have suggestions, please come to our open meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. We will also be rolling out new role-specific email addresses in the new year, so please stay tuned. We're all looking forward to an exciting new season!

*-Duke "New Things" Wilford
BMC Club Chair*

Autocross Chair - Liz Wilford

First things first, happy holidays and a warm new year's greeting to all!

2020 brings some big changes to BMC. Most relevant to this column: with **Duke Wilford** stepping into the Club Chair position, I will be replacing him as this year's Autocross Chair!

My name is **Liz Wilford**; I'm Duke's daughter, and I've been with BMC for over 12 years now. My dad began attending autocross events on a regular basis right before I started driver's ed, so at first I tagged along as a one-teen pit crew and general volunteer. In November 2009, I ran my first autox at the ripe age of 17, basically as soon as I got my license - well, and a car! I also enjoyed the distinction of being the youngest member of the club for a season or so.

You may recognize me as the person who gives out run group and work assignments. Maybe you've taken one of my novice course walks, or I've hopped in the car to instruct you through a few runs. Maybe you've just seen me wandering around Ripken looking for something to do and wondered if perhaps I've gotten lost on site. Wonder no longer! I do mean to be here on purpose, and I'm looking forward to hosting the autocross events you all know and love.

I've got a few ideas to keep things fresh and interesting, including some changes to the way events are run and an increased social media presence. However, I'd also like to create a more interactive member experience - **I want to hear from YOU!** I'll be asking for feedback on some specific topics in the coming months, but I'm ALWAYS looking for any suggestions you come up with. Email me at BMCAutox@gmail.com or even message me on Facebook (shoot me a friend request if you haven't yet).

While we're on the subject, you still have plenty of time to renew or register your BMC membership for this season at <http://msreg.com/BMCMembership2020>. Pricing is **\$20 per individual** or **\$30 per family**, and with the \$5 member discount on every autocross it practically pays for itself! Membership also comes with other perks like full access to our website, a year-long reservation on your driver number, and easier registration for events. We're hoping to offer even more reasons to become a member in 2020, so let us know what would get you onboard!

Finally, dates have not yet been set for the 2020 autocross season, but now that I've officially stepped into my role I'll be getting started on that ASAP. Our 4-race 2019 season at Ripken Stadium was hugely successful, with an average of 86 drivers per event. Site staff were extremely pleasant to work with, and I'm hoping to schedule another 4 races there this year as well. Look for updates in the next couple months as I nail things down.

Well, I think that's about it for now. Signing off, but this won't be the last you hear from me!

Liz Wilford
Autocross Chair

December Meeting Highlights

The December 3, 2019 meeting was held at Michael's Restaurant Newark, DE. The turnout was 18 members and guests. The meeting was called to order 7:15pm by the Club Chair, Paul Alderman. Paul began the meeting by welcoming members and guests to today's meeting which will contain voting for nominated BMC Executive Committee (Board) officers for 2020.

Rally Report (George Alderman)

We plan to restore old rally events. Fun to see if some roads are still in existence, or how they have changed. Thirty members signed up for Holiday dinner so far, seats are still open. Event date is Dec 20.

AutoX Report (Duke Wilford)

Ripken venue asking for what dates we want for 2020 events. We may need walkie-talkies and new cones.

Drift Report (Jimmy Brown & Justin Sieminski)

December 21st event at Dover Speedway will have a porta-potty due to on-site bathrooms being winterized.

Property Report (Dave Mitchell)

Nothing to report.

New Business

Solicitation of nominations for officers was sent to the membership via email. Nominations were closed at the meeting.

Paul announced the nominations for BMC Executive Committee (Board) officers. All positions were unchallenged, therefore, Secretary Mike cast one vote for each of the nominees.

(Editor's note: 2020 BMC Board positions listed on page one.)

Thanks went out to Paul Alderman for his many years as serving as Club Chair.

Meeting adjourned 8:35pm.

Holiday Dinner

Many members and guests of Brandywine Motorsport Club and the British Car Club of Delaware enjoyed the combined Holiday Dinner Party held at the Tilton Mansion December 20th. Paul and Duke recapped our year of events, and passed out awards and trophies.

Michael Trzonkowski.