



# THE GASLINE

**Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.**

[www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org](http://www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org)

**March 2020**

## **BMC Club Meeting**

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

**Tuesday, March 3rd - Greet & Eat @ 6, Meeting @ 7**



## **BMC Shamrock Showdown Tour Rally**

**Saturday, March 14th, Glasgow, DE - see flyer**

## **BMC Autocross I**

**Saturday, March 28th - Ripken Stadium, Aberdeen, MD – see flyer**

## **Club Chair**



It's been a mild winter and with spring just around the corner, BMC is preparing for our 2020 season already! We're just 2 weeks away from our Shamrock Showdown rally on 14 March, running from the Glasgow, DE area through about 60 miles of scenic roads to end at Mission

BBQ in Dover for a buffet in their banquet room. This is a trivia/tour rally with no TSD requirements, so it's ideal for getting the rust off those brake rotors.

Two weeks after the rally, our season's first autocross takes place at Ripken Stadium on Saturday, 28 March. As a new initiative this year, Ax Chair Liz Wilford is looking to our drivers for course designs! If you've always wanted to lay out your perfect course, now is your opportunity. Liz will provide a design information package to help you. Course designers must show up first thing to direct course setup, but this will count as your day's work assignment. Email Liz at [BMCAutox@gmail.com](mailto:BMCAutox@gmail.com) for your chance to challenge your fellow autocrossers.

Preregistration for both events is open now at [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com), so sign up soon! Both the rally and autocross are filling up already and both have participation caps. Don't forget to renew your BMC membership before signing up to receive the discounted members' rates.

Drift has 4 dates proposed for Dover Speedway this year. As soon as these are confirmed with Speedway management, we'll get the schedule published and preregistration open.

As always, everyone is invited to our open meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next date is Tuesday, 03 March. Meetings are currently held at Michael's Restaurant in Christiana, near the Rt 7 / Rt 1 / I-95 junction. You can also contact our program chairs via the Club's Facebook group or the email addresses published in this Gasline.

*-Duke "Vote BMC 2020" Wilford  
BMC Club Chair*

## **2020 BMC Officers**

<b>Club Chair</b>	Duke Wilford <a href="mailto:BMCchair@gmail.com">BMCchair@gmail.com</a>
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**2020 Membership Renewals Are Due.  
Renew yours at MSR or at the next  
Club Meeting.**

## Autocross Report



BMC has officially signed our 2020 contract with Ripken, and we are ready to kick off autocross season with a bang (then a pop-pop-pop, if you're in our Classic Street Car class).

There's about a month left to register for Autox I on March 28, and we've got nearly 30 preregistrations. That means we're already almost a third of the way to our event cap of 90 drivers - register now before it fills up!

As a heads up, preregistration for every 2020 autocross will close at 6:00P on the Wednesday before the event. This is one day earlier than our 2019 preregistration deadlines of Thursdays - since I'm new to the process, I need the extra time to prepare everything before Saturday morning. For Autox I, preregistration ends at **6:00P on Wednesday, March 25**.

You also still have time to submit course designs! If you're interested, more information and instructions for submitting a design can be found in February's Gasline. To have your course considered for Autox I, please turn it in by **March 20**. Anything sent in after that date may be considered for one of our other events later in the year.

Finally, BMC is currently soliciting donations for loaner helmets. Snell safety ratings update every 5 years, and 2020 is the most recent cycle. We have to double check our stock, but this may put some of our older helmets out of commission. Having a good selection of loaner helmets is part of what makes us such a great club for novices - it reduces startup costs for people who are dipping their toes into motorsports but aren't sure about investing in a pricy helmet, and it lets us offer ride-alongs for spectators who may end up driving at our next event!

If you haven't updated your helmet in the past 10 years or so, now is a good time to check that it still meets our requirements for safety ratings. We accept the current and past 2 cycles of ratings, meaning any M-rated motorcycle helmet or SA-rated automotive helmet with a 2010, 2015, or 2020 rating. And if you've recently purchased an upgrade but your old helmet still qualifies for our standards, consider donating it to the club! You can shoot me an email at [BMCautox@gmail.com](mailto:BMCautox@gmail.com) to arrange drop-off - or I'm happy to come pick it up.



See you in a few weeks at Autox I!

*Liz Wilford, Autocross Chair*

## Rally Report



March 14th and the Shamrock Showdown are swiftly approaching! Registration closes at 11:59 on Saturday, March 6th! Currently there are 6 teams registered (as of 2/26). I would really love to see at least 10 teams, so that this rally can be profitable, rather than BMC losing money.

For full details, including the buffet menu at the end, see the **updated** rally flyer in this Gasline!

*Hanna C. Alderman, BMC Rally Master*

### Jim's Two Cents

Scott Clabaugh and I had the pleasure of pre-checking the Shamrock Showdown rally route for Hanna and can assure you that it has easy-to-follow instructions, mileages at each instruction, and no speed calculations. It uses good, lightly traveled roads in rural Delaware that most of us never see, far from busy northern Delaware traffic. Clear your Saturday afternoon and take an easy 60 mile ride "downstate" with BMC friends.

*Jim Irons, BMC Editor and Ancient Rallyist*

## Oh, The Irony...

### A Diesel Van with a Gasoline Generator Charging an Electric Car



## February Club Meeting Highlights

The February 4, 2020 meeting was held at Michael's Restaurant Newark, DE. The turnout was 21 members and guests. The meeting was called to order 7:01pm by the Club Chair, Duke Wilford. Duke began the meeting by welcoming members and guests.

### Rally Report (Paul Alderman for Hanna)

We made preliminary runs for upcoming Rally. Registration is open for March 14 event. There is a no-dinner option with a reduced entry fee for those who wish only to run the rally. Course covers about 60 miles.

### Membership Report (Duke Wilford for Beto)

To date we are at 52 members with an additional three renewals today. Club events usually boost membership, so we should see revised numbers then. MSR updates are important for keeping an accurate list.

### AutoX Report (Liz Wilford)

Registration ends March 25<sup>th</sup> for the March 28<sup>th</sup> Autox-1 event. MSR requires regular updates for events. Five members reached out and offered assistance with course design. A few offered more than one potential design, so we should have plenty of options this year. The event course designer is obligated to be there for setup, but can relax and enjoy the event the rest of the day. Contracts with Ripken's venue are being handled with Ripken's event coordinator. Twelve are preregistered as of this meeting. We have links to motorsportreg webpage registration through BMC calendar as well.

### Treasurers Report (Jim Martin)

Access to account via phone is being setup for instant access of information. Currently have \$19,089 in account. Insurance coverage expires soon, and will be renewed on due date. Treasurer is comfortable where we are financially to date.

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

We are working with Dover International Speedway to coordinate a schedule of events. We also plan to keep event clean as usual, and take pictures to show a maintained event location for potential future at Ripken venue. Duke brought up the need for more drift group participation in club meetings, and events. Also finding a creative way to boost new and renewed membership.

### Old Business

BMC board position-specific email addresses are listed and being utilized. We will add Drift to the list of emails, per today's meeting discussion.

Duke made a request for new board name badges.

George A. discussed options for upgrading the existing BMC 12-foot utility trailer.

### New Business

We submitted club insurance.

Certificates were sent to Ripken for each event.

Cruising Magazine inter-club meeting is being held February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Christiana Hilton, 9am-12pm. \$20 per person. Paul A. has decided to at least attend the Meet-n-greet.

Meeting adjourned 7:50pm.

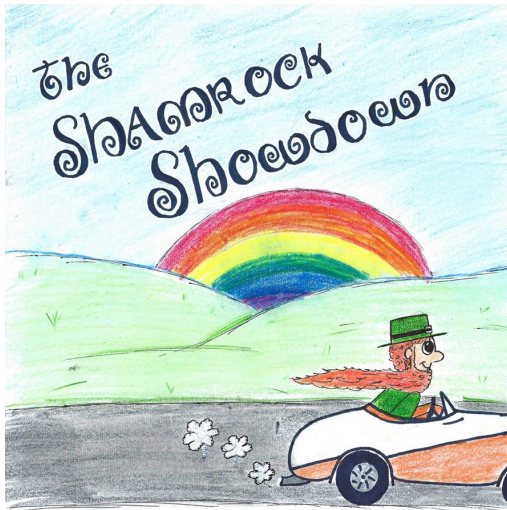
*Michael Trzonkowski, BMC Secretary*

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## Some of the Many Classic Race Cars at the Simeone Museum, Philadelphia, PA.



*Photos courtesy of Simeone Museum*



# Brandywine Motorsport Club **Shamrock Showdown Tour Rally**

**Saturday, March 14th, 2020**



*This is a fun Tour rally from Glasgow, Dela. to Dover, Dela. with good roads and easy to follow instructions (and no timing). Follow the mischievous Paddy O'Flannel and answer questions about things you see along your route. This cunning leprechaun has laid out a 60 mile trek through Delaware farms and forests, loop around the State House, and end at Mission BBQ where we can enjoy a buffet in a private room and rehash the day's fun.*

*The buffet features pulled pork, pulled chicken, mac&cheese, green beans with bacon, coleslaw, sliders/cornbread, and an assortment of BBQ sauces.*

**Start Location:** Conservation District Building, 2430 Old County Rd. Newark DE 19702, at the corner of Glasgow Ave. (Orig. Rte #896) and Old County Rd.

**On-Site Registration/Check-in:** 1:30 P.M.

**Rally Meeting:** 1:45 P.M.

**First Car Off:** 2:00 PM

**Finish:** Mission BBQ, 365 N Dupont Highway, Dover DE 19901 <https://mission-bbq.com>  
*We have a private room; thus registration is limited to 50 people for dining.*

**Cost:** BMC Members - \$25 per Person for Rally & Food (Drinks are separate)  
Non-BMC members - \$30 per Person for Rally & Food  
Rally Only - \$15 per car

**Register at:** <https://www.motorsportreg.com> or at the BMC Meeting on March 3rd.

**Registration Deadline for Rally & Food entries is March 6.**

**For Rally only, please RSVP early so we have enough route instructions.**

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



**Brandywine Motorsport Club**  
**Autocross I**  
**Saturday, March 28, 2020**  
**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 Wednesday before the event at 6:00p.

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

**Autocross Preregistration Fees:**

Entry – BMC 2020 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 2010 or newer) and seatbelts are required. Loaner helmets will be available.
- Drivers must be at least 18 years old and have a valid driver's license.
- All contestants, workers, and guests must sign a release and waiver of liability.
- Parent / guardian signatures required for workers and guests 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:  
Liz Wilford @ BMCautox@gmail.com*