



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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April 2020

NO APRIL BMC CLUB MEETING!!

Club Chair



What a difference a month makes... As February turned to March we were making preparations for our season opening events, but the world apparently had other ideas.

BMC's 2020 Rally I – the Shamrock Showdown – went off as planned on

Saturday, 14 March. Despite that virus thing people had been hearing about, we enjoyed our largest rally turnout in years. Teams enjoyed a leprechaun-themed back roads route through central Delaware, as Paddy O'Flannel led us to a traditional Irish banquet of barbecued chicken and Memphis-style pulled pork. Rallymaster Hanna Alderman will give the full report and results.

Since then, however, "that virus thing" has hit the steep part of its upward curve. Federal and state mandates (plus common sense) mean that Autocross Chair Liz Wilford has elected to postpone Autocross I, previously scheduled for 28 March. In order to allow plenty of time to get the current issues behind us, the event will simply be moved to the original date of AxII on 30 May. Liz will provide the details in her column.

In keeping with best practices, we have also cancelled April's general meeting. Our tentative next date will be Tuesday, 5 May. Please note that club secretary 'Mopar Mike' has booked us a new host – The Greene Turtle at 425 Stanton Christiana Road (Rt 7), not far from our previous location. If isolation requirements are extended further, we will keep you posted.

While we all wait this out to the best of our abilities, if you have any topics to discuss, you can always contact our program chairs via the Club's Facebook group or the email addresses published at www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org.

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay away as much as you can! Best of luck and medical science to everybody.

-Duke "Cone-vid" Wilford
BMC Club Chair

Autocross Report



As you know, BMC made the call to cancel our first autocross event on March 28 due to the current COVID-19 health crisis. The safety of our drivers, workers, and spectators has always been our top priority on and off the course. Your health is part of this, so the best decision we could make was to minimize the potential for exposure to the virus until the worst has passed.

As it stands, Autox I is set to replace our original Autox II on May 30, putting us a month past the end of the social distancing guidelines in place until April 30. We'll continue to monitor for updates in case stay-at-home orders are extended, but as of now we are good to go for that date.

All preregistrations have automatically rolled over to the new date with no further action from you needed. If you had preregistered for March but can't make the May date, just cancel your registration and we will issue you credit toward a future BMC event.

The good news is that we had already secured a rain date with Ripken Stadium, so our autocross season won't be cut short - just pushed back a bit. The new schedule looks like this:

Autox I - May 30

Autox II - July 18

Autox III - August 29

Autox IV - October 10

These are tough and ever-changing times, but we are keeping an eye on the situation. We're taking into account both official guidelines from health and government agencies and the responses from other car clubs in the area, and we'll stay in touch regarding any changes to the schedule for the remainder of the season.

Stay safe, stay sane, and stay home if you can. And to all our members who can't because they are essential workers: you have my deepest gratitude for what you do. You are what keeps the world running. I know it can't be easy. Thank you.



Liz Wilford
Autocross Chair

Rally Report

✓ On March 14th, amidst all the panic, we went ahead and proceeded with The Shamrock Showdown. As I received cancellations in the days leading up to the event I was not expecting a good turnout, however ralliers came from far and wide and we had about 40 people! I want to thank everyone who braved the situation and participated, you made this BMC's largest rally turnout in years!

In all the chaos of grading, scoring, and dinner... we might have let people take their scoresheets home without writing down who won....

However, we made plenty of new friends and caught up with old ones. In the end, fun was had by all as we followed the trail left by the mischievous 6'3" leprechaun, Paddy O'Flannel.

Finishers caught up with him in the shadow of the Capitol to receive their pots o'gold before joining us for a delicious meal at Mission BBQ.

I want to thank Jim Irons, Scott Clabaugh, and George Alderman for running the pre-checks; Jim Martin and Irons for helping at check-in; my parents Paul and Heather for manning our surprise checkpoint; and Eric and Chris from MD for helping us score.

Lastly, sorry to anyone who got stuck and had to pull their parachute!

Thank you again to everyone who came out and made this rally the blast that it was!

- *Hanna Alderman, Rally Master*

P.S., As we see how the current global situation unfolds in coming months, we will let everyone know about the potential for a May event.

*Hanna C. Alderman
BMC Rally Chair*



March Club Meeting Highlights

The March 3, 2020 meeting was held at Michael's Restaurant Newark, DE. The turnout was 15 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 to today's meeting.

Treasurers Report (Duke for Jim Martin)

We are financially sound. We are working to provide K&K insurance with policy information.

AutoX Report (Liz Wilford)

March 28th is our first Autocross event, with 53 currently pre-registered. We have eight (8) members ready to submit course design. We held an event management training session Sunday March 1st covering AXTime timing and scoring software. Duke W., Maryanne W., Liz W., Beto C., Dave S., and Mike T. attended. We are looking into having instructor training. With the upcoming Snell helmet updates, we are looking for a few helmets for loaner use that are dated within the last 10 years. A CAM class will be offered new this year. We have always offered ride-alongs, but charging \$5 for a ride-along has been brought up as a potential option. AutoX-2 has been scheduled for May 30th.

Rally Report (Hanna Alderman)

Registration closes March 6th for our first BMC Rally on March 14th, so sign up now. Eighteen (18) have signed up already. We will be making a few more test runs this coming weekend to ensure a well-planned event. The rally only option will remain open after regular registration closes. This fun run should be a great drive to enjoy some nice country roads.

Membership Report (Beto Castelo)

We received 12 more renewals. We are considering if a data dump into the cloud will be useful/helpful. The plan is to get all data into one local site/location. Squarespace uses Google sheets, which is compatible with the cloud. Admin accounts need to be added to BMC website to update information on page. We continue to perform signups through MSR for cataloging members. Training on using the square is requested so that we may have at least two (2) people per event who can operate unit.

New Business

We are considering potential changes in Autocross tech process, and worker check-in.

Open discussion/debate on possible improvements on usable space at the Ripken's Stadium venue.

Motion was made for having a variety of meeting locations throughout the year (3-4 per year), with Green Turtle being the first proposed for April 7th. Motion carried by a majority vote.

Meeting adjourned 7:52pm.

Michael Trzonkowski, BMC Secretary

Paddy O'Flannel Hissself



Membership

Join BMC or Renew your membership at:
<http://msreg.com/BMCMembership2020>

A Rare Mazda Pi



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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
Autocross I
Saturday, May 30, 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

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 or 302-353-7254*