



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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December 2010



BMC HOLIDAY PARTY!

6:30 P.M., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7th

Matilda's Pub & Barbie, Rte 896, Newark, Dela.

Holiday Buffet - \$5.00 per Member



Chair Chatter

Wow, a year has flown by already! It was only a few days ago I was writing my first Chair Chatter. I want to start out with a thank you to all the club members who volunteer their time and energy to make this a fun club. Thank you to all the E-board members who helped make this a good year as well.

We have added to the club membership again this year with 73 members on the roster as of this newsletter. A hearty thank you to all the new members for joining and being part of one of the oldest clubs in the area. We welcome your input and comments about what we can do to attract and retain members.

Looking over the events of the year — we started the year challenging our brains and driving abilities with our March Lamb rally, then our first autocross for the season in April, quickly followed by the Braille Rally. The summer brought our second autocross in June and “the scorcher” autocross in August. The month of October was

full with the Picnic Rally, PCA event in Millville and ended with the Lofland Autocross in Dover. We also were able to make some added improvements to the website with Shawn Dewey’s help.

December—so much time has gone by and now it almost the end of 2010. We are having our Christmas Party at our December 7th meeting. We will vote in our 2011 officers and enjoy food and fellowship. A big thank you from me to all the officers who will continue helping with club matters. Special thanks are extended to Willis Weldin and Marilyn Alderman, both who will be getting a well-deserved break from their work these past years. I will be looking to the membership more this year as we continue to expand the activities of the club. Do not be surprised if I call on you to help the club in some way. Many hands make light work, right?

*Thankful and Merry Christmas,
Paul*



BMC Meeting Highlights 2 November 2010

The BMC General Meeting, held at Matilda's Restaurant, was attended by 22 members and one guest.

Treasury: Willis Weldin reported a balance of \$6,635.03

Rally: Dave Teter provided slides of the Pine Barrens rally. The next March Lamb rally will be on March 26, 2011. Possible dates for the 2011 Braille Rally were discussed.

AutoCross: Dave Dabell congratulated Paul Alderman for winning the Lofland Trophy for FTD at the October autocross. Dave also thanked all the volunteers who worked the events this year.

Membership: Willis Weldin reported that we currently have 73 members and welcomed Don Butler and his son Brandon to the club.

Public Relations: Shawn Dewey showed a video of the October autocross which is on the BMC website.

Social:

- The BMC Holiday party will be December 7th.
- Dan McIntosh and Theresa Richmond announced their wedding will be April 9, 2011. They requested that no BMC events be planned for that date.

New Business:

- Jim Martin suggested having signs at our events to advertise the club. Costs of static cling signs were discussed.
- Paul announced the 2011 BMC Executive Committee:

Chair: Paul Alderman

Secretary: Kathe Worrell

Treasurer: Willis Weldin*

Autocross: Dave Dabell

Rally: Dave Teter

Property: Mark & Michelle Schroy

Editor: Jim Irons

At Large: George Alderman

Program: Mark Schroy showed a video taken from Paul's Caterham at the October autocross. Mark also showed a proposed Excel spreadsheet format for recording autocross times

Respectfully Submitted by Kathe Worrell, Secretary.

Condensed and Edited by Jim Irons.

*Editor's Note: Willis Weldin has elected to step down as BMC Treasurer. Sandy Kroeber has volunteered to replace Willis Weldin as BMC's Treasurer for 2011. Election of the 2011 Executive Committee will be held at the December 7th Club Meeting and Holiday Party.

Rally Notes – Dave Teter

PBX & WMDs.....

PBX is Pine Barrens Express, WMDs arewell.....

It all started about a month ago when I noticed a hole in a package of cookies that I had left out, and later saw an apple was damaged. Then the inevitable black pellets of a Thank You. Then I began to see flitting movement from the corner of my eye. They were not eye floaters - yep! I have a house guests(s). I thought 'no big deal,' I just need to be more careful and keep things more secure from the intruder.

I learned within a few days that this was a subject to be reckoned with. First, I noticed that the oven did not work. A look revealed a mass of stuff/junk massed around the gas pilot to smother it. Then upon going to a desk drawer to get some staples, I found another mass of stuff/junk and a quick flitting motion as the now named *Target* fled the scene. As I began to clean up the drawer, I found in the stuff/junk, a tiny nubbin (3/4" x 1/2") with its eyes closed. Good Grief! - A baby *Target*! (My sympathy and support for the SPCA did not apply here).

A week passes, Wayne Elvin and I precheck the March Lamb (had to get something about rally in here), but on many evenings I notice more and more of the flitting motions as *Target* is getting bolder. I'm beginning to realize I need to take measures. But I procrastinated until a few days ago when two things happened:

First, I have a big snifter bowl (7" deep, 5" opening) that I keep candy and snacks in. Thinking of *Target*, I placed a book over the top opening, not wanting *Target* to get in and not be able to get out. I later discovered all my snacks gone and the bottom of bowl covered with many Thank You pellets. Ugh! Gross!

Second, just a few days ago as I sat at a kitchen chair, I felt something move on my stocking feet, and as I looked down I saw *Target* jump from my feet to the floor and disappear beneath the fridge.

OK *Target*, this is War!!! I proceeded to purchase a WMD – Weapon of Mouse Destruction. I find a standard looking, spring-actuated killer trap of the brand name TOMCAT. It looks just like the types I remember except the pedal actuator is quite broad and of inferior design as to sensitivity to weight actuation. How do I know this was a bad design you ask? Well I loaded the trap and placed it near the fridge. A while later, I see movement at the trap and actually watch *Target* approach the bait and eat it ALL right off the trip pedal! Whoa!! The Weapon of Mouse Destruction (WMD) failed!!

To be continued next month.

(Editor's Note: Dave Teter's actual Rally Report can be found on the next page.)

Rally Notes – Dave Teter

PBX - ok, yeh, I almost forgot. The Pine Barrens Express (PBX) rally was a smashing success. It had 45 entries running a daylight section beginning at 2 PM, followed by a dinner break, then a night section. There were 10 controls in each section, occurring about 9 minutes apart on average. The average speed was about 25 mph, which was moderately demanding (especially at night) on the narrow sand tracks with occasional deeper sand and puddles.

My regular SCCA rally partner came from Virginia to team with me in running a checkpoint in each section. There were at least 20 checkpoint workers plus a ham radio person at each control. There were 2 people in the lead car and 3 in the sweep car, plus 2 more hams, plus 6 people at HQ receiving timing info for scoring by radio or cell phone. Close to 45 workers – all put together by the South Jersey Region committee and made it a gigantic success.

Just thinking that those who like autocrossing might have enjoyed this event. You can get sideways in sand even at 25 mph. It was NOT a car breaker, but a good car wash would be required afterward.

Mark the date – Our SCCA/BMC March Lamb XIV Rally date is now set for March 26 2011.

Bah Humbug Holiday Lights



Redneck Sleigh

