



# THE GASLINE

**Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.**

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February 2011

## BMC CLUB MEETING

**Tuesday, February 1st, 2011 @ Matilda's Restaurant, Rte 896, Newark, Dela.  
6:30 P.M. dinner / 7 P.M. Meeting**

### Chair Chatter

Brrrr, It's cold out there. I hope the cold doesn't keep you from coming to the February meeting. Wayne Elvin is going to be sharing some rally information for the next two meetings in order to prepare us for our March Lamb Rally. This month will mainly be informational with more detail for March. I would like to challenge the members that have never run a rally to come out to the meeting. I want to see more novice teams run the March Lamb.

Don Butler will also be sharing his member bio at our meeting, so come out and join us at Matilda's on Tuesday Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.

*CC..CC..CChilling Out,  
Paul*

### Membership Renewals Are Due

It's time to renew your BMC membership for 2011. A membership application form is included with this Gasline. Please use it to update any of your information that may have changed since last year. Annual dues are still just \$15 for a single membership and \$25 for a family membership. Send your check to the BMC club address or, even better, bring it to the February meeting.

### Bling Champ



### Rally Notes

Not a lot going on in this cold weather. The flyer for our March Lamb Tour rally is included with this Gasline. We encourage BMC members to support this Club event by running in our low-pressure SOP Class or working the event. Some members are working all day and others are working registration and will then run the event.

*Dave Teter, Rally Chair*

### BMC Rally School

As Paul mentioned in his column, Wayne Elvin will be presenting a two-part 'introduction to rallying' course at the February and March BMC meetings. Jim Irons will assist Wayne in a joint effort to de-mystify for our members what they need to do before and during a rally. We hope these classes will encourage our members to run the March Lamb Tour rally and help them enjoy the day.

*Jim Irons*

### PCA Braille Rally

**Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>!**

Save the date! More info to come in the April BMC Gasline! If you'd like to volunteer, email me at: [brailrally@delawarepca.org](mailto:brailrally@delawarepca.org). Thanks!

*Scott Clabaugh*

### 2011 BMC Executive Committee

- Club Chair – Paul Alderman
- Secretary – Kathe Worrell
- Treasurer – Sandy Kroeber
- Autocross Chair– Dave Dabell
- Rally Chair – Dave Teter
- Gasline Editor – Jim Irons
- Property Custodian(s) – Mark & Michelle Schroy
- Member-At-Large – George Alderman

## Autocross Update

While we are stuck inside, watching the snow flakes fly, I thought it would be a good time to learn a little bit about the car classification rules used in our autocrosses. My hope is that more of our regular autocross participants will be able to tell us what class their car is in when they register for the event. After all, the owner knows more about the car and what modifications it has than anyone else.

Our autocrosses generally follow SCCA Solo 1 rules. These rules allow a wide range of cars to compete. The cars are divided into classes to help equalize the performance differences between cars. This way, a Yugo will not be competing directly against a Ferrari. Classes are identified by letter. For example, a stock MGB runs in H Stock (HS) class while a new BMW M3 would be in A Stock (AS). The highest performance stock class is Super Stock (SS). A Z06 Corvette is an example of a SS class car. There are a few cars that do not qualify for a stock class even though they are not modified from how they left the factory. This is because their performance is beyond what would be appropriate for SS class; a Nissan GT-R is an example. Prepared or Modified classes are where these cars would be placed.

This leads us to another distinction between cars, which is their level of modification. Stock class cars are only allowed to have very limited modifications from how they left the factory. Street Touring (ST), Street Prepared (SP), and Street Modified (SM) classes allow increasing amounts of modification. They are also subdivided by letter like the stock class. Most of our entrants have cars that fit into these classes. There are additional classes that would apply to cars with more radical modifications, including those custom fabricated specifically for race/autocross use.

I'll get into more detail on what modifications are allowed in the different classes next month. In the meantime, those wanting to know all the details can visit the SCCA website at [www.scca.com](http://www.scca.com). Follow the links to 'SOLO' and 'Cars and Rules'.

Our first event of 2011 is scheduled for Sunday, April 17 at our Dover location.

*Dave Dabell, Autocross Chair*

