



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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March 2011

BMC CLUB MEETING & RALLY SCHOOL

Tuesday, March 1st, 2011 @ Matilda's Restaurant, Rte 896, Newark, Dela.

6:30 P.M. dinner / 7 P.M. Meeting & School

BMC/SCCA MARCH LAMB RALLY

Saturday, March 26, 2011

PCA BRAILLE RALLY

Sunday, May 1st

BMC/PCA AUTOCROSS

Sunday, April 17 – Dover Site

BMC/BRITISH CAR CLUB RALLY

Sunday, May 15th

Chair Chatter

Snow again?? I am longing for warmer temperatures and the smell of rubber in the air. Have you submitted your application for the March Lamb Rally on March 26? Invite a potential member to do the rally with you... we love new recruits! Bring a friend to the March meeting to get instructions from the Rally School, Part 2. Did you miss Part 1 of the Rally School? – contact me for information.

As I mentioned at the last meeting, George Alderman was approached about helping conduct a rally for the British Car Club of Delaware. This rally will be co-sponsored by BMC and is scheduled for Sunday, May 15, 2011. A flyer with full information will be in the April Gasline. Mark your calendars to join us on a leisurely drive of New Castle County Delaware and Chester County Pennsylvania.

Hope to see you at Tuesday's meeting at Matilda's.
Chasing Away the Flurries,
Paul

BMC Rally School

Wayne Elvin and Jim Irons will present the second part of their rally school at the March BMC meeting.

They will give a detailed presentation they hope will simplify and demystify TSD rallying for you. These classes will prepare you to run the March Lamb Tour Rally and hopefully get you interested in running future rallies.

Rally Notes

There is still no local rally activity anywhere. The number of 2011 events projected for South Jersey Region SCCA is curtailed to around six (there were about 10 last year). This includes the popular Pine Barrens Express.

Our own schedule will include the the annual Braille Rally with the Porsche Club, probably a picnic fun rally, and maybe an event in the fall by Jim Irons that will be geared for more serious SOP competition.

But first comes our premier March Lamb XIV event on March 26th. This rally has both a difficult 'Course' version and an easy-to-follow 'Tour' version. Along with the SCCA classes, we continue to provide a friendly SOP class in the Tour version with unmasked odometers but no elapsed time calculations allowed. This is an 'honor' system by ladies' and gentlemen's agreement. Those running in the SCCA classes are allowed to calculate their time-speed-distance. The SOP Class route instructions are the same as those for the SCCA classes in our Tour Rally.

An Entry Form/Flyer for the easy Tour version of the March Lamb rally is included with this Gasline. Anyone wishing to run SOP Class can use that entry form.

And don't forget that at the meeting coming up that the Rally School will show you many examples of good rally practice as presented by Wayne Elvin and Jim Irons.

Dave Teter, BMC Rally Chair

BMC Meeting Highlights 1 February 2011

The BMC General Meeting, held at Matilda's Restaurant, was attended by 25 members.

Treasury: No report this month. Sandy Kroeber has resigned; Martha Weldin will assume Treasurer duties.

Rally: Dave Teter reported on the March Lamb rally status. The 2011 Braille Rally will be May 1st. George Alderman reported that the British Car Club may also have a rally this spring.

AutoCross: Dave Dabell stated that the first autocross of the season will be on April 17 at Dover.

Membership: No report this month.

Public Relations: Shawn Dewey reported that the March Lamb rally flyer is now on the BMC website.

Property: Mark & Michelle Schroy said that the property trailer is OK and still surrounded by snow.

Program:

- Don Butler reviewed his car life bio with a slide show.
- Wayne Elvin and Jim Irons presented a basic rally preparation class.

By Editor Jim Irons based on Meeting Minutes provided by Secretary Kathe Worrell.

PCA Braille Rally Sunday, May 1st!

Save the date! More info to come in the April BMC Gasline! If you'd like to volunteer, email me at: braillerally@delawarepca.org. Thanks!
Scott Clabaugh

2011 BMC Executive Committee

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

Check Out the BMC Website

BMC event flyers and Gasline newsletters can be downloaded from our website at: www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org.

Simeone Museum Honoring 50th Anniversary of Jaguar XK-E BMC Members' Cars on Display

The Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum in Philadelphia is honoring the 50th anniversary of the Jaguar XK-E with a "Best of Britain" show running now until March 13.

The museum will display every significant XKE version from 1961 to 1974. BMC is represented by George Alderman's Lotus Europa and Mark Schroy's MGB. Other cars on display include a 1950 Aston Martin DB2, four Lotus models from the 1950s and a 1926 Morgan Aero.

For more information, go to: <http://www.simeonefoundation.org/>.

Lotus Display at the Simeone Museum George Alderman's Europa on the Left



Autocross Update

Since we are STILL stuck inside looking at more snow on the ground, I'll continue presenting info on SCCA Autocross classes. Last month's introduction explained that there are different categories based on what modifications have been performed on the car. Each category is then broken down into classes determined by the capability of individual car makes and models.

This month we will focus further on what modification are allowed in each of the categories. There are 50 pages in the SCCA rule book devoted to this, so I've distilled it down into the major items:

STOCK (S)

- Any DOT legal tires
- Aftermarket wheels in stock size
- Cat back exhaust
- Different air cleaner element
- Any make of shock absorber

STREET TOURING (ST)

- Any size DOT tire with minimum treadwear rating of 140
- Any wheels with maximum width determined by class
- Springs, shocks, sway bars
- Suspension bushings
- Camber plates
- Engine intake system prior to throttle body or intake manifold
- Exhaust headers & cat back exhaust
- ECU reprogramming
- Seats

STREET PREPARED (SP)

- Any size wheels & DOT tires
- Springs, shocks, sway bars
- Suspension bushings
- Camber plates
- Upper OR Lower control arms (not both)
- Intake system and manifold
- Upgraded intercoolers
- Exhaust headers & cat back exhaust
- ECU reprogramming
- Limited slip
- Seats

STREET MODIFIED (SM)

- Anything allowed in Stock, Street Touring, or Street Prepared
- Any suspension with stock mounting points
- Engine block must be available as stock or option in car
- Otherwise, unrestricted engine and drivetrain

Keep in mind there are lots of additional details in the SCCA rules that you probably will want to check if you are headed to an officially sanctioned SCCA event. Speaking of events, our first event of 2011 is scheduled for Sunday, April 17 at our Dover location.

Dave Dabell, Autocross Chair

Walmart Truck Lock





MARCH LAMB "TOUR" RALLY

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2011



Brandywine Motorsport Club, in conjunction with South Jersey Region, SCCA, presents the **MARCH LAMB XIV Tour Rally**. This automobile road rally traverses roads through Cecil Co. MD, Chester Co., PA and New Castle Co., DE. It is a time-speed-distance rally which is scored on the entrants' abilities to most accurately average the speeds given in the route instructions. Average speeds given are at or below posted speed limits.

Two versions of this rally are being run simultaneously. This flyer is for the **Tour Rally** version, designed for low-pressure fun and uses straight-forward instructions that are not designed to confuse the entrants or or cause them to get lost.

The other version is a **Course Rally** that is more challenging, and designed for experienced rallyists who run SCCA Rally series. Contact the Rallymaster (listed below) if a registration form for the **Course Rally** version is needed.

Registration and Start:

PARK-N-RIDE lot 1/2 mile north of Exit 1/ I-95 & State Route 896 in Newark, DE. at the intersection of SR 896 & SR 4.

Finish:

Matilda's Restaurant, about 1/4 mile from the start location.

Schedule:

Registration Opens 10:30 AM
Q & A Mtg 11:15 – 11:30
First Car Starts 12:00 P.M.
Awards After Scoring is Completed

Entry Fees (per car): \$28.00

BMC Members: \$23.00

Note: Non-SCCA members will be required to pay an additional \$5.00 per car for an SCCA Weekend Membership.

Classes:

- **SOP** (Seat-Of-the-Pants, no calculating permitted) is offered for the casual rallyist. A time-of-day watch is needed. Paper and pen/pencil are recommended. Novice entries (neither participant having >10 events experience) should compete in SOP.
- **SCCA Classes E, L, & S:** Calculating Equipment as defined by SCCA for those classes.
- A sole entry in a class may result in combining classes.

Awards:

Top 25% in each class. Classes may be combined per SCCA Rules.

Participants:

A minimum and maximum of two persons per car is allowed. Small children are excepted but all minors are required to have a Minor Release Form signed by both parents or guardian. (in advance)

The General Instructions (GIs) will be emailed to competitors whose prepaid entry is received by March 20th. The General Instructions are the detailed rules for the rally, therefore, advanced registration is important in order to receive them prior to this event. In addition, the entry fee is higher after March 20th.

Registrar: Jim Irons, 509 E. Creek Lane, Middletown, DE 19709 302-376-8688 captjti@verizon.net

Rallymaster: Dave Teter, 418 Arbour Dr., Newark, DE 19713 302-368-4210 teter@udel.edu
Precheck/Lead/Consultant: Wayne Elvin 302-547-3779 wayneelvin@aol.com

To Register: Print **CLEARLY**, detach, and mail to **Registrar** with check payable to **BMC** for required amount:
'The entrant warrants that an auto insurance policy of not less than \$20000/40000/10000 is in force for each vehicle entered'

DRIVER _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Vehicle Make/Model _____

SCCA Mbr# or Region _____ or \$5 Tmp Mbr _____

Either Crew BMC Mbr: ___\$23 ___\$28 if non-SCCA

All Other Entries: ___\$28 ___\$33 if non-SCCA

NAVIGATOR _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Class SOP___ Novice___ SCCA: E___ L___ S___

SCCA Mbr# or Region _____ or \$5 Tmp Mbr _____

Both Crew SCCA Mbrs: ___\$28

All Entries after Mar 20th ___\$36 ___\$41 if non-SCCA