



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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April 2011

BMC CLUB MEETING

**Tuesday, April 5th, 2011 @ Matilda's Restaurant, Rte 896, Newark, Dela.
6:30 P.M. dinner / 7 P.M. Meeting**

**BMC/PCA Autocross
Sunday, April 17 – Dover**

**BMC/PCA Braille Rally
Sunday, May 1st**

**BMC/British Car Club Rally
Sunday, May 15th**

Chair Chatter

Spring has sprung! Really??

Well, we have finished another successful March Lamb Rally, Thanks to Dave, Wayne and all that were involved organizing and helping put on another fun rally.

Now we can turn our attention to cones. Sunday, April 17, will be our first Autocross in Dover hope you can come out and be a part of this fun event also. Bring your car (with extra air in the tires) and have fun in a parking lot.

Remember the Braille Rally May 1st and the BMC/BCCD Rally on May 15th also. Come on out and enjoy our meeting at Matilda's next week Tuesday April 5th.

Warming Up

Paul Alderman

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.

U.S.A. Changing To Metric Time!

In a surprising move, the United States Department of Commerce, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and its military counterpart, the U. S. Naval Observatory have jointly agreed that the United States will be officially converting to “metric time” on April 1, 2012. The one-year delay allows time for replacement of existing timepieces with metric units.

Under the new metric time system, there will be 100 seconds to the minute, 100 minutes to the hour, and 20-hour days. Furthermore, seconds would become millidays, minutes become centidays, and hours become decidays.

The U.S. Congress, in a rare, nonpartisan agreement, has funded \$3,000 per citizen to offset the costs of timepiece replacement. Checks will be mailed immediately after the official announcement. No coverage has been allotted for replacement costs to non-citizens.

This change is significant for motorsport clubs such as BMC. It will bring the current complex TSD rally one-hundredths time system into the norm, making it much easier for novices to finally understand rally timing. BMC Rally Chair Dave Teter says he expects to see a tenfold increase in novice rally entrants with this metric time change.

A White House spokesperson has stated that the official announcement will be made at 11.75 Hours. on **April 1st, 2011.**

Jim Irons

March Meeting Highlights

The BMC General Meeting, held at Matilda's Restaurant, was attended by 23 members and 2 guests.

Treasury: No report this month.

Rally: Dave Teter reported on the March Lamb rally status. The 2011 Braille Rally will be May 1st. George Alderman discussed the May 15 BCCD/BMC rally.

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.

Program: Wayne Elvin and Jim Irons presented a rally school with a slide show.

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

Rally Notes – Dave Teter

Finally, something happens in our world of rally! As a club, the support of our club members for March Lamb was unprecedented in recent years. The rally committee of TWO (Wayne Elvin & I), extend our gratitude; it makes our 6 months of work and 1000 miles or more of driving worthwhile. We had the support of perennial workers Kevin & Lisa Cresswell, Holly Fleming, Rich Stephani, and my son Drew. Dave Laffitte (Footie), long time friend and former member of BMC in the '70s, was here for precheck and the day of the rally. As usual, Martha Weldin, Marilyn Alderman & Jim Irons conducted registration and then competed in the event!!

Our national competition people were present and knocked heads in the SCCA E,L,S Classes on both the Course and the Tour rallies. Good scores, bad scores, close competition and few complaints.

Of more significance is our local promotion of the SOP Class plus Novice. This entry field of 17 of the 29 cars was 60% of the entire field. Looking at the results, you will observe that SOP and Novice scores averaged about the the same, so the 'experts' didn't drive 'Seat-Of-Pants' any better than the Novices.

The Novice scores were higher because of the last leg where many MAX scores happened. I think this was a simple time-keeping error of not including a **second** ITZ (Increase Transit Time) of 2.20 minutes. Otherwise, the entire leg was a Transit Zone, and only about 1.5 miles at 30 mph of driving on time into the checkpoint.

The March Lamb was about as difficult as you might encounter. Upcoming events of the British Car Club (by George Alderman) and perhaps a Fall event named Trolls Tour (by Jim Irons) will be much easier to drive 'on time' for good scores.

Dave Teter, BMC Rally Chair

Can't Read Braille??

Don't Worry! Meet a Friend of Mine!

By Scott Clabaugh

For over 40 years, the Brandywine Motorsport Club has been supporting a very worthy organization – The Delaware Association for the Blind. And for the past 10 years, the Porsche Club of America – Delaware Region, has helped support this organization, too. Once again, we've teamed up with the PCA and together we are presenting the "41st Running of the Braille Rally".

In past years, BMC and PCA members have volunteered their cars, an afternoon of their time, their ears, and more importantly, their vision to drive blind individuals on a Road Rally. This Rally is unique in the fact that the course instructions are written in Braille. The drivers have to rely on their navigators reading Braille for course direction, and the navigators must equally rely on the drivers to follow their instruction. Sounds simple, right?

On Sunday, May 1st, 2011, the BMC will join the Delaware PCA members for an afternoon of driving in the countryside and, of course, bragging rights to this year's title. We start at 1PM at Brandywine Springs Park off of Rt. 41. We'll have a driver's meeting, introduce you to your navigate and then off you go! The finish line and picnic is at the Landis Lodge.

Don't be scared!! If this is your first rally, plan on being amazed at the great time you'll have. This event is geared toward people who have never run a Road Rally. Rally Master George Alderman has set up a very nice course and BMC members are taking care of the checkpoints. We need 20 volunteers to drive their cars, and to help with the picnic. Family members can volunteer at the picnic, too. It's a great opportunity for younger family members to learn about giving back to the community.

But, it's not really about who wins. It's about working as a team. Please help the BMC and the Porsche Club make this team effort a success. Contact me at cab996c4@verizon.net or by phone, 302-234-4212, if interested in participating.

You won't regret a minute of it!

Autocross Update

Autocross I will be on April 17th at our Dover site. See the flyer in this Gasline.



2011 AUTOCROSS I



Delaware Region PCA & Brandywine Motorsport Club



SUNDAY April 17, 2011

**35 Commerce Way – Enterprise Business Park
Dover, DE 19904**



Setup 8:30 AM

Registration 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

First Car Off 11:00 AM

Entry Fee: \$25 – PCA & BMC Members: \$20

Trophies awarded by Class

RULES

- **NO OPEN EXHAUST** – Effective muffler required.
- **Approved helmet, seatbelts, and valid drivers license required.**
Loaner helmets will be available.
- **Vehicles must pass safety and technical inspection.**
- **All contestants, workers, and guests must sign a *release and waiver of liability*.**
Parent/guardian signatures required for those under 18.
- **All cars are welcome to compete. SCCA Solo 2 Rules and Classifications will generally be followed. We reserve the right to modify/interpret these rules to suit the spirit of the competition.**

To Pre-register and Reserve your Car Number, contact:

Dave Dabell autocross@delawarepca.org – 302-834-9706

or

George Alderman galderman32@comcast.net – 302-373-2111

More info is available on our websites:

www.delawarepca.org

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**Brandywine Motorsport Club & South Jersey Region SCCA
March Lamb XIV Rally Results – March 26, 2011**

TOUR RALLY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
Class E											
Lois Van Vleet/John Emmons*	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	7
Dave Head/Ginny Bergey	0	0	29	3	2	2	1	2	2	0	41
Class L											
Ted Horoschak/David Horoschak	0	12	0	0	0	7	13	5	18	5	60
Class S											
Peter Chezik/Frank Bochanski*	0	18	33	1	11	1	3	1	11	4	83
Dan Finley/Mackenzie Kosut	0	1	200	6	6	11	3	15	1	5	248
Class SOP											
Jim Irons/Dave Dabell*	0	34	144	28	25	67	19	15	37	200	569
Shawn Dewey/Paul Alderman*	0	24	61	200	152	45	79	30	199	5	795
Don Butler/Brandon Butler	0	49	114	82	200	13	134	130	152	8	882
Willis Weldin/George Alderman	0	47	174	82	14	67	103	170	145	200	1002
Martha Weldin/Marilyn Alderman	100	63	46	166	200	113	200	129	12	36	1065
Greg Rogers/Ashly Rogers	200	39	103	166	54	46	200	63	200	3	1074
Jason Picton/Len Picton	200	2	200	182	23	87	168	200	200	14	1276
Bruce Logan/Susan Logan	110	200	127	148	142	200	47	200	200	200	1574
Class Novice											
Ravi Gupta/Matthew Estersohn*	0	200	22	29	3	8	22	52	7	8	351
Mark Tisdell/Larry Foraker*	84	33	200	174	66	102	95	35	6	200	995
Grant Banning/Anthony Cornelia	200	15	136	200	178	62	15	200	5	6	1017
Scott Clabaugh/Judi Clabaugh	200	39	103	166	54	46	200	63	200	3	1074
Steve Gray/Leaa Gray	200	107	200	17	16	88	80	200	69	200	1177
Phil Worrell/Kathe Worrell	50	102	200	122	191	200	0	50	200	200	1315
Carolyn Garry/Melody Olson	60	200	200	200	30	187	57	137	200	200	1471
Ed Trahan/Tony Laboy	200	54	86	200	159	113	200	200	138	200	1550
Jon Love/Jaclyn Love	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	2000
COURSE RALLY											
Class E											
Chuck Larouere/Bob Morseburg*	0	2	2	2	1	2	3	0	0	2	14
Jack Von Kaenel/Jim Friedman	0	174	34	32	0	1	2	2	1	1	247
Steve Gaddy/Chris Bean	0	1	181	1	1	200	200	1	1	1	587
Mike Thompson/Fred Rosevear	0	19	200	10	200	200	200	2	47	1	879
Class L											
Jim Crittenden/Bruce Gezon*	0	2	17	2	0	0	4	2	1	1	29
Class S											
Jim Miner/Clyde Heckler	0	0	114	9	6	2	8	6	7	3	155
Jim Wakemen, Sr/Mark Haas	0	1	7	194	93	6	0	4	4	6	315

* Indicates Trophy Awarded (Photos next page)

The usual and enormous thanks to all workers and participants. We ALL know that without both ingredients we don't go far in our sport. An expanded write-up appears in this BMC GASLINE newsletter.

WORKERS: Jim Irons - Registrar; Martha Weldin & Marilyn Alderman - Registration; Mark Haas & Jim Wakemen - Scoring; Wayne Elvin - Prechecker, Lead Car, Checkpoint 11; Dave Laffitte - Lead Car & Checkpoint 10; Holly Fleming, Mike Scibek, Rich Stephani - Checkpoints 2 & 7; Drew Teter, Kevin & Lisa Cresswell - Checkpoints 5 & 9.

CONTESTANTS: A huge thanks for your support. In both the Tour and Course versions, Classes E, L, & S had seasoned SCCA competitors, as the scores show. The competition in the Tour Novice & SOP Classes was hard fought, with 2 thru 5 in Novice Class separated by only 182 points. The first car came into the finish about 5 o'clock and we had scoring done and awarded trophies a little after 6:45 PM. I think all who were able to stay had a nice time telling their stories of the day's adventure. It took both the SCCA national entry group as well as the mostly local group of Class SOP & Novice entries to make this event a success.
Rallymaster Dave Teter

MARCH LAMB XIV RALLY TROPHY WINNERS



Jim Crittenden & Bruce Gezon
1st Course - L/S



Chick Larouere & Bob Morseburg
1st Course - E



Jim Irons & Dave Dabell
1st Tour - SOP



Paul Alderman & Shawn Dewey
2nd Tour - SOP



Ravi Gupta & Matthew Estersohn
1st Tour - Novice



Mark Tisdell & Larry Foraker
2nd Tour - Novice