

THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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May 2011

BMC CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, May 3rd, 2011 @ Matilda's Restaurant, Rte 896, Newark, Dela. 6:30 P.M. dinner / 7 P.M. Meeting

BMC/PCA Braille Rally Sunday, May 1st

BMC/British Car Club Rally Sunday, May 15th BMC/PCA Autocross Saturday, June 25 – Glasgow

Chair Chatter

Well we have finished another autocross and the question has been answered. The Caterham/Alderman combo can be beaten. I was very excited to be able to give Duke Wilford the trophy for FTD. Many were stunned and in disbelief, but it was a very good day. I am currently on vacation licking my wounds (haha) but will be back for the next meeting on May 3rd. Hope to see everyone there for another fun meeting of food and fellowship.

Relaxing, 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.

Rally Notes – Dave Teter

We are involved in significant rally activity(s) in May with the Braille Rally on May 1st in conjunction with the Porsche Club. Scott Clabaugh coordinates this event with BMC, Delaware Assoc. for the Blind, and the Porsche Club of Delaware. George Alderman, Willis Weldin and Wayne Elvin are all involved in the course.

Those same names are also doing it again with an event for British Car Club of Dela. on May 15th. It would be great of there were some generated interest in 'rally' and our style of Seat-of-Pants (SOP) rallying. I should point out that the nearby (40 mi) South Jersey Region SCCA rally events now include SOP class in their events.

I usually like to report on my own successes and failures in SCCA rally competition, and must mention here that the day after March Lamb, I went across the bridge to South Jersey for the companion event called Oldies But Goodies (OBG). This was a 'tight' competition event with a win by a 1 pt margin over the team that won the March Lamb the day before. Third place was only1pt higher; I think it was 5 to 6 to 7. Then, on April 17th, another So Jersey event (Spring Fling), where my partner and I were successful and won with 10 pts vs 20 pts for the 2nd place car.

Dave Teter, BMC Rally Chair

Autocross Report

Dave Dabell's autocross report is in the results for the April 17th Autocross in this Gasline.

5 April Meeting Highlights

The BMC General Meeting, held at Matilda's Restaurant, was attended by 17 members and 1 guest.

Chair: Paul Alderman welcomed guest Tom Hamilton to the club meeting. He is a Miata owner interested in autocross.

Treasury: Martha Weldin reported on the club receipts and expenditures. The ending balance was \$5995.30

Rally: Wayne Elvin reported for Dave Teter. The March Lamb had 29 entrants run the event. Wayne thanked the workers who made the event possible. George Alderman reported on the 5/1 Braille rally and the similar 5/15 BCCD rally. He encouraged BMC members to run either either fun, low-pressure event.

Autocross: Dave Dabell gave a talk on what is involved in autocross registration and tech inspection. He also played a slide show of past action. Next autox event is April 17 at Dover site.

Membership: Martha Weldin reported that we now have 65 members..

Property: A large BMC logo banner that Don and Charlotte Short found stored away was shown and returned to the club.

Program: Slides from club parties in 1986 were shown.

Highlights summarized By Editor Jim Irons based on Meeting Minutes provided by BMC Secretary Kathe Worrell, and Jim's own fuzzy recollections.



Easy Right-Hand Drive Conversion





PCA-Delaware/BMC Autocross – April 17, 2011

Class/No.		Driver	Car	Time
AS	64	Phil Worrell	Chevy Corvette	51.450
AS	5	Scott Clapper	Chevy Corvette	54.203
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BS	8	Larry Waltemire	Porsche Boxster	49.211
BS	1	Mike Johnson	Subaru STi	51.061
BS	23	Wyatt Schmitt	Chevy Camaro	56.874
CS	55	Bob Turner	Mazda Miata	51.743
CS	33	Dan Collier	Mazda Miata	52.886
CS	21	Rick Bernard	Subaru Impreza	54.402
CS	9	Andreas Rauer	Porsche Boxster	54.806
DS	44	Willis Weldin	Mini Cooper S	54.098
DS	43	Martha Weldin	Mini Cooper S	60.281
ES	111	Chip Clapp	Mazda Miata	53.257
ES	13	Jason Johnston	Mazda RX7	54.077
ES	26	Gina Hamilton	Mazda Miata	56.358
GS	177	Michael McCoy	Ford Contour SVT	52.087
GS	73	Walter Dabell	Ford Mustang	53.014
GS	27	Julian Marrero	Honda Civic	55.224
GS	16	Elizabeth Wilford	Subaru Impreza	57.947
GS	10	Dan McIntosh	Nissan 300ZX	60.167
HS	11	Aaron Thorsgard	Acura Integra	50.200
HS	14	Lonnie Sepeda	Honda Fit	51.899
HS	626	Ashley Wright	Mazda 626	53.497
HS	25	Grant Banning	VW Golf	55.358
HS	4	Eliezer Ribeiro	Honda Civic	57.793
HS	20	Leon Henry	Kia Rio	70.239
SS	68	Paul Alderman	Caterham S7	46.861
SS	2	Phil Albertson	Chevy Corvette	48.504
SS	32	George Alderman	Caterham S7	49.019
SS	3	Mark Alfano	Chevy Corvette	50.032
SS	6	Don Butler	Lotus Elan	54.489
SM2 65		Duke Wilford	Maxda MX5	*46.387
SM2		Dave Dabell	Porsche CaymanS	48.294
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^{*}Fastest Time of Day

Autocross Report- Dave Dabell

We had no shortage of wind at our first event of the season in Dover. It was blowing so hard we weren't able to put up any tents, and even chairs were blowing over if not occupied. We had some cones blown over by the wind, or at least that's what some of the drivers claimed.

Part of the blacktop had broken up a bit over the winter, so we had to modify the course to avoid it. I liked the change, as it gave us a decreasing radius turn at the far end of the course onto a short straight, followed by a tight turn into the slalom. I found this a bit more fun than the previous layout.

Phil Worrell brought his Corvette to this event and did well with it, winning AS. He changed his car number to 64 this time since it was his birthday. I can only assume this was the year of his birth since I can't imagine he is actually that old!

We had quite a collection of Mazdas at this event. Jason Johnston brought his new (to him) RX7 that ran well despite some unusual sounds coming from under the hood.

Chip Clapp, who normally drives a Porsche, brought his Miata and won C Stock with it. Judging by the amount of sideways travel, he looked to be having fun doing it.

I like to mention the classic cars that come out to the events, and this time Don Butler's spotless 1969 Lotus Elan looked great. With all the Miatas at the event, it was interesting to see the similarity in design.

The fastest Miata at the event belonged to Duke Wilford, who got FTD with his modified Miata. He purchased it last year from fellow club member Ed Trahan. Duke seems to be getting the hang of driving it! Nice work Duke.

Our next event is Saturday, June 25 in Glasgow. Hope you can make it!

Dave Dabell - Autocross Chair

PCA-Delaware/BMC Autocross – April 17, 2011



Martha Weldin's Mini in Lineup



Don Butler's Lotus Elan in Lineup



Dan McIntosh's 300ZX on Course



Don Butler's Lotus Elan on Course



Phil Worrell's Corvette in Lineup



Jason Johnston's RX-7 on Course