



# THE GASLINE

**Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.**

[www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org](http://www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org)

June 2011

## BMC CLUB MEETING

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

## BMC/PCA Autocross

**Saturday, June 25 – Glasgow Site**

### Chair Chatter

*“Where’s the Landenberg Store? Has anyone seen the Landenberg Store?”*

Thanks to George, Willis, and Wayne for all their work on the Two County Rally. While running a timed control point, we watched people come through early, on time, and late. Wayne was having fun putting up pie plates to keep everyone on course. Results are found elsewhere in this Gasline.

We will also be running our 2<sup>nd</sup> Autocross of the year at Keene Elementary in Glasgow on June 25<sup>th</sup>. If you are willing to help, please let Dave Dabell know as some of our normal workers will not be able to attend the event.

I would also like to ask those that would be interested in joining our rally committee to contact Dave Teter or Don Butler. I would like to see us expand the number of rallies we run as a club, so help with design and setup would prevent the same people from working all the events. Don Butler and Jim Irons are each working on rallies for later this year. So if anyone would like to help or has any questions see me at the next meeting, Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at Matildas in Newark.

*Paul Alderman*

### Check Out the BMC Website

BMC event flyers and Gasline newsletters can be downloaded from our website at:  
[www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org](http://www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org).

### Rally Notes

Elsewhere in this GASLINE is a report by Wayne Elvin of the British Car Club event staged on May 15<sup>th</sup>. I hope this activity will result in a few more people having an interest in rally activity. Don and Brandon Butler are revising an old rally course originally staged by Brandon’s grandfather (Randy Lindell) about 30 years ago. The date is yet to be determined. I’m beginning to develop the course for the March Lamb XV for next year. Other future activity could be a picnic rally and a TOMBSTONE TRAILS III around Halloween.

As usual, I report on my own ‘national competition; which this month was in Pittsburgh for two national events. The outcome was miserable and a disaster. We finished dead last on both events. A flat tire (ran over a curb) resulted in missing the last 5 checkpoints on the Saturday event. Then, on the next day, our performance was simply ...uh, miserable/ugly.

There is an rally event in South Jersey on June 12<sup>th</sup> involving application of GPS. For info on this contact me or go to [www.sjr-scca.org](http://www.sjr-scca.org)

*Dave Teter, BMC Rally Chair*

### 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

### 3 May Meeting Highlights

The BMC General Meeting, held at Matilda's Restaurant, was attended by 18 members and 1 guest.

*Chair:* Paul Alderman welcomed guest Rick Kauffman to the meeting. Rick is from California and drives a '99 Miata.

*Treasury:* Martha Weldin reported on the club receipts and expenditures. The ending balance was \$7917.63.

*Membership:* Martha Weldin reported that club membership is now 67 with new member Rick Kauffman.

*Rally:* George Alderman reported on the 5/1 Braille rally and the upcoming BCCD/BMC Two-County rally.

*Autocross:* Dave Dabell reported that the April 17 had 35 entries and thanked the helpers. The next autocross is May 25 at the Glasgow site.

*Public Relations:* Shawn Dewey reported on the club website. Facebook is up and going.

*New Business:* George Alderman reported on a \$1MM liability insurance policy to cover all of our events for \$750 per year through J.C. Taylor. Funding and coverage were discussed. Question on competitive event coverage. Tabled for future discussion

*Program:* Slides from Dan & Theresa's wedding in Oxford were shown.

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

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### Autocross Report

A flyer for Autocross II is included with this Gasline.

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### Diesel Mustang?



### Two County Rally Wrapup by Wayne Elvin, "Car 0"

This cooperative effort with the British Car Club of Delaware was held on Sunday afternoon May 15<sup>th</sup>. George Alderman and a host of BMC members combined to design and execute a rally course for first time TSD rallyists in southern Chester County and northern New Castle County, and provide workers for the checkpoints, registration, start & scoring.

There were 11 cars (out of 14 pre-registered) to run this TSD rally, which was the first-ever timed event for the majority of the BCCD entrants. The afternoon was a little gray at the start, but skies quickly cleared with a very pleasant afternoon and more than one snappy convertible enjoying top down weather. There was no rain detected until the first cars arrived at The Hunter's Den for the finish results and trophy.

George made excellent use of the Braille rally course from two weeks previous by upping the average speed to 26 MPH, and slightly modifying the course to loop back into open Checkpoint # 1 for a 2<sup>nd</sup> checkpoint, with the third open checkpoint back on Faulkland Road near the start at Brandywine Springs Park. In addition, there were a total of five timed passage controls. Two near the afternoon rest break at the Park Office for White Clay Creek Park, two in Landenberg, and one on Barley Mill Road. The mix of interesting and pleasant back roads were perfect for an easy rally tour. Willis Weldin took on the task of scoring all eight controls with a spreadsheet on his laptop for the contestants, and posted the results shortly after all the cars had arrived.

Running pre-sweep, I was appalled to find the second largest sign missing on the rally route. Only "Hartefeld" was larger, but the roof sign for "The Landenberg Store" disappeared shortly before rally day, apparently for some repairs. This clue was used twice at that intersection, requiring posting emergency signs twice. There was very liberal use of mileages at almost every instruction, as well as many elapsed times at points along the course. Checkpoints of the open type were noted in the instructions with an opportunity for low scores. The timed passage controls were not obvious, with two on the second timed leg and three on the third timed leg.

It is a testament to George's rally design and careful instructions with all eleven cars making every checkpoint! Some early, some late, and some low scores, but only 1 zero. There were 22 competitors, with at least 15 workers and individuals who contributed to this successful event. Thanks to Rallymaster George Alderman, Jim Irons (pre-event), Checkpoint workers included: (BMC Crew) Don and Charlotte Short, Pat Phalan, Dave Dabell, Marilyn Alderman, Audrey Watson, Debbie Lindell, Paul Alderman, Seth Motes, Willis Weldin, (BCC crew) Pat Pelbano, Liz Haines.

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## BCCD/BMC Two County Rally Results May 15, 2011



### EXPERIENCED CLASS

Car No.	Driver/Navigator	Vehicle	Ckpt 1	Pass 1	Pass 2	Ckpt 2	Pass 3	Pass 4	Pass 5	Ckpt 3	Total Score
6	Mark Schroy/Michelle Schroy	Ford Explorer	72	98	65	9	7	0	18	132	401
14	Dan McIntosh/Nate Davis	Nissan 300ZX	24	49	35	195	150	85	265	35	838
1	Don Butler/Brandon Butler	Lotus Elan	96	134	500	64	111	2	492	6	1405

### NOVICE CLASS

Car No.	Driver/Navigator	Vehicle	Ckpt 1	Pass 1	Pass 2	Ckpt 2	Pass 3	Pass 4	Pass 5	Ckpt 3	Total Score
11	Richard Kauffman/Rick Kauffman	Mazda Miata	33	25	16	74	42	6	5	146	347
13	Gaurav Banerjee/Ron Walker	Nissan 350 Z	67	86	50	91	2	135	74	23	528
3	Betty Burleigh/Trevor Mees	Jaguar XJS	30	37	38	52	10	191	70	179	607
5	Don Henderson/Sue Henderson	Toyota Corolla	163	96	128	68	159	39	38	49	740
10	Jim Martin/Grant Banning	AH 3000	51	35	214	210	26	220	5	71	832
12	Bob Turner/Janet Turner	Mercury Milan	195	139	113	117	145	86	197	129	1121
4	Glen Gimbel/Natalie Gimbel	MG Midget	142	395	500	500	177	49	139	120	2022
8	Sharon Kalinowski/Paul Mizzatesta	Mercury Montego	134	458	37	47	410	425	500	500	2511

(Ckpt = Checkpoint, Pass = Passage Control)

### Rally Wrap Up

The BCCD and BMC "Two County Rally" on May 15<sup>th</sup> started at 1 PM and ended about 4 PM at The Hunters' Den restaurant. The open Checkpoints were noted on the route instructions, and the elapsed times were given in the route instructions about a half-mile before each Checkpoint. The secret to a good score, however, was to arrive on time at the unknown locations of the five Passage Controls.

Don Butler, car #1 (a BMC member who ran rallies many years ago) driving a Lotus Elan with teenage son Brandon navigating, was both early and late at various checkpoints and passage controls. Our newest BMC member, Rick Kauffman, navigated and his dad Richard drove Rick's Miata and finished with the best score of all with under 3.5 minutes total error for 3 checkpoints and 5 passage controls. Mark and Michele Schroy (members of both BMC and BCCD) drove the family Ford Explorer to the second best score and First in the Experienced Class. The Schroys were the only team to get a 0 score on a Checkpoint or Passage Control. Sharon Kalinowski (BCCD Secretary) driving her Mercury Montego (instead of her TR3) with navigator Paul Mizzatesta and Sharon's granddaughter were 8<sup>th</sup> to start and first to finish. They must have been anxious to sample the food and beverages at The Hunters' Den!

I think everyone enjoyed driving the course, and the highlight of the event was the great looking trophies designed by Natalie Gimbel combining both clubs' emblems (shown at top of this page) into unique awards.

*George Alderman, Rally Chair*

## Braille Rally 2011 - What A Blast! -- By Scott Clabaugh

On Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, they came from far and wide to attend the 41<sup>st</sup> Running of the Braille Rally, and it's now in the history books as another great Brandywine Motorsport Club event. Again, working with the Porsche Club of America – Delaware Region, smiling faces were quite abundant all afternoon as our clubs put on a great afternoon of fun for the Delaware Association for the Blind (DAB). This was an eventful year, and I've got a lot to write about!

**WHAT IS A BRAILLE RALLY?** - The Braille Rally combines a visually impaired navigator reading the driving directions in Braille to the driver. It's up to the driver to follow those directions and stay on course *and* on time!

**OFF WE GO** - After gathering at Brandywine Springs Park, the navigators were paired up with their drivers for the day and a brief instructional meeting was held. The first car departed to run the Rally course promptly at 2:01 and 16 more cars were off at one-minute intervals.

Drivers needed a lot of discipline to make a successful attempt at winning this year's rally. BMC Rallymaster George Alderman selected an average course speed of just 24 MPH, and if you wanted to be on time at the checkpoints, you had to average only 24 MPH. Two checkpoints on the course made things a little easier on the driver, BUT this year, there were Passage Control checkpoints, too. Just when you thought it was ok to speed up and then stop and rest for a while, you get zapped!

**BACK AT LANDIS LODGE** - It took about two hours to cover the course and everyone made it safely back to the Landis Lodge. While we had a short delay waiting for the pizza to arrive, all participants had a great time socializing with their navigators, talking about what went right (or wrong!) and also with the other drivers. It was a great time for the visually impaired to catch up with each other, too.

**WHO WON?** - First place went to the team of navigator Patricia Scarcelli and driver Vince Suddard. Their total time amounted to being just 80 off of the course time. This was the first time driving in the Braille Rally for Vince - Congrats!

Second place went to the team of navigator Joan Abbott and driver Scott Wootten. Their total time amounted to just 132 off of the course time. Scott is a new PCA member attending his first PCA meeting in April. Welcome Scott!

Third place went to the team of navigator Sylvia Reid and driver Bob Bloser. Their total time amounted to just 257 off of the course time. Sylvia and Bob finished 12<sup>th</sup> last year, so that's a great improvement!

**WHAT DID THEY WIN?** - All drivers and navigators received a Braille Rally T-Shirt and all navigators received a participation trophy, which this year was a winged steering wheel on a marble base. The wings on the steering wheel were actually checkered flags.

First, Second, and Third Place navigators and drivers received a larger trophy, with the navigators also receiving a \$75/\$50/\$25 Visa Gift Card. And we can't forget about Last Place, which got an award, too! Named after our Braille Rally founder, "The Renee O'Leary Best Chance of Improvement for the next Braille Rally", gets you a \$25 Visa Gift Card. This award is named for Renee as she started this rally back in the early 70's while recovering from throat cancer.

Porsche of Delaware generously supports this event each year donating T-Shirts to all navigators, drivers and course workers. They've been doing this since the PCA became

involved in this event back in 2002 and we thank them very much for their continued support.

**DRIVERS** - All but one driver was a PCA member. We even had one PCA member from Ohio who saw the article about the Braille Rally on the PCA Web page and wanted to participate. Ohio PCA member David Owen called me a couple weeks ago and said that he'd like to run in the rally as it sounded like a lot of fun. He rearranged his visit to Delaware to coincide with other activities he had planned here. Thanks David for driving in the event. Come back anytime!

In addition to David and the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place drivers, the other PCA members that participated were Anthony Guzzo, David Morrell, Bill Cooper, Debbie Cooper, Bob Bloser, Nick Dunlop, Vince Crognale, Bruce Grassano, Jon Walton, Danelle Haag, Sam Dali, Aaron Turner, and Adam Vogel song. Steve and Derek Cohen ran "sweep car" to pick up any strays along the way. Also, DAB member Bev Weiland navigated for her husband Bruce Chemesky and her guide dog in their family van. A BIG THANKS to all the drivers! Well done!

**HAPPY AND SAD NEWS** - Happy News- Linda Lauria, Executive Director of the DAB retired in March after over 25 years of service to the blind community. She was in attendance and we commemorated her retirement on the front of the T-Shirt saying "Happy Retirement – Linda Lauria" right below the main "41<sup>st</sup> Annual Braille Rally" title. Happy Retirement, Linda! Also on hand was newly appointed Executive Director, Ellen Spoehr, who joined us for her first Braille Rally! Welcome Ellen!

Sad News – Navigator Pat Cassidy, who competed in ALL 40 Braille Rallies, passed away in August 2010. I asked each participant to remember Pat while we were out on the course.

**PICTURES!** – Sure! Check out the Gallery section of the [www.delawarepca.net](http://www.delawarepca.net) website! Look under 2011 and you'll see Braille Rally pictures!

**A MILLION THANKS!** – This Braille Rally is a success because two car clubs work together. BMC members providing their knowledge and expertise for the course and the scoring, and PCA for providing the drivers, trophies and food.

Special thanks go to BMC Rallymaster George Alderman for coordinating the route this year. Thanks also to his wife Marilyn and two other generations of the Alderman family, Paul, Heather and Hannah, for working the checkpoints. Willis and Martha Weldin, the Don Butler family, and Pat and Shari Phelan also contributed at the checkpoints as well as some folks from the British Car Club of Delaware.

Thanks also go to Jackie Guzzo, Yolanda Grassano, John Haag, Laurie and Colton Greene, and Alex Witham for helping at the Finish Line Picnic. Thanks also go out to my wife, Judie, for baking plenty of cupcakes for dessert. YUM!

Lastly, our clubs could not have done it without the help of the Ellen Spoehr and her staff at the Delaware Association for the Blind. It takes a lot of coordination on their part to arrange for van transportation to get the navigators to and from the event, some from downstate.

I hope you'll join me next year for more fun and excitement!

*Scott*

## The Hard Drive Garage

*Welcome to the newest column for the Gasline!*

Every month, I will be writing a small piece about a car I have found online. Chances are it will be an outrageous build, a rare one-off, or something completely wacky – there are some strange, dark corners of the internet garage to explore!

This first article is about a modern mix of vintage metal. On a website I frequent, I came across a small blurb on a 1967 MGB-GT getting a serious modification. The owner of this car decided to combine his tattered ‘B’ with a vintage (and complete) 5.3L Jaguar V12 motor.

Holy cow, why didn’t I think of that? Oh, wait, I don’t HAVE a Jaguar motor sitting around...

The builder is creating this monster for Canadian SCCA autocrossing in the Modified class. He’s using the B’s body, but has created the frame, and everything else, from scratch. Reading his blog on all the pieces he has put together, from custom motor mounts and rear suspension, to a Ford rear end to put the power down, has been pretty amazing. He has documented just about every step with photos, even updating them lately with graphics on the car - all-white bodywork, with a huge Pink Panther on the hood, paw prints up the sides, and even pink valve covers.

All I can say at this point is that I would LOVE to see (and hear) that car run in person. The amount of engineering and work that has gone into this car is amazing.

If you want to see pictures or get to the builder’s blog, head over to [www.jalopnik.com](http://www.jalopnik.com) and search for MGB. You won’t be disappointed!

Now, time to find the next subject....

*Mark Schroy*

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## Some More Internet Fun...

I recently came upon a couple of very different car-related web sites you may be interested in checking out.

• **Pike’s Peak Hillclimb Video** – A wild 10 min.11 sec. ride up the mountain in the “Monster,” a 910 hp Suzuki SX4. Full screen view recommended. Go to: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2y3OFf0ArU>

• **Grand National Roadster Show** – Interested in American Iron? This site has a huge number of slides of street rods, customs, and retrorods. Controls at the bottom of the window let you adjust the timing of the slide show. Very long web address, be certain to get all 3 lines of it below (address ends in 2194):

<https://picasaweb.google.com/RMohler/GrandNationalRoadsterShow2011Pomona1292011?feat=email#slideshow/5568241915326552194>

**Did you know?** If you click on a link address in a pdf, it becomes a hot link and directly opens the web site.

*Jim Irons*

## British Cars in Pop Music?

Little Deuce Coupe. 409. American Pie. Greased Lightning. GTO. Hey, Little Cobra. Little Old Lady from Pasadena. Cars. Chevrolet. Little Red Corvette.....

Throughout modern music, American cars have been a popular subject. I remember listening to the Beach Boys with my parents growing up, Don McLean was on regular rotation, and The Rip Chords was a treat to hear. So many unique songs about cars, from Fats Domino to ZZ Top.

But what about songs concentrating on our decidedly unique LBCs? I started thinking about this a few days ago while listening to the band Cake. In their song “Short Skirt/Long Jacket,” the lead singer John McCrea is looking for his ideal woman. The line that always grabs my attention is “She’s changing her name from Kitty to Karen, she’s trading in her MG for a white Chrysler LeBaron...” I always thought it a bit odd that the singer decided to reference MG this way, but a very cool way to subtly introduce his audience to our cars. Why anyone would trade in their MG for a Chrysler is beyond me, but that’s a different debate. So, I began to wonder if there were any other songs out there about British makes.

After combing the digital highways, I could only come up with a handful of songs: the Who’s “Jaguar.” Jan and Dean’s “Dead Man’s Curve,” the Thromboes’ “She’s Like A British Car,” “Montego Bay” by Bobby Bloom- a one hit wonder! “MGB-GT” by Richard Thompson, “MGB-GT” by Peter Tork (from the Monkees)- different songs, same title, “Short Skirt/Long Jacket” by Cake, “Buck Rogers” by Feeder.

Sting rides in a Jaguar in the video for his song “Desert Rose”. Curt Smith of Tears For Fears drives an Austin Healey 3000 in the video for their song “Everybody Wants To Rule The World.” It was rumored that Paul McCartney had died in 1966 in a car crash while driving an Austin Healey. There are plenty of lists about car songs, but they all concentrate on American iron. I can’t help but wonder why our LBCs have been missing from the music spotlight, even with the popularity they have enjoyed for so long around the world.

Now, I plug in my iPhone and use iTunes to play music I find appropriate to driving my LBC. It’s an eclectic mix, but songs help me keep the revs up and the engine singing along - bands like Rush, Queen, The Cult, Velvet Revolver, even Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. Mostly songs that the whole family listens to, but the most requested one in our car ends up being the Rascal Flatts cover of “Life Is A Highway”-straight out of Disney’s Cars! But, now that I have found these songs, they will get heavy play when the B wants out of the garage.....

Something to think about the next time you’ve got the radio on!

*Mark Schroy*



# 2011 AUTOCROSS II



**Delaware Region PCA & Brandywine Motorsport Club**



**SATURDAY June 25, 2011**



**Keene Elementary School  
2001 LaGrange Ave  
Glasgow, DE 19702**

**One traffic light east of Rte 896 off Rte 40 – Behind YMCA**

**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](mailto:autocross@delawarepca.org) – 302-834-9706**

**or**

**George Alderman [galderman32@comcast.net](mailto:galderman32@comcast.net) – 302-373-2111**

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