



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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July 2011

	<p>Happy Independence Day!</p> <p>BMC CLUB MEETING Tuesday, July 5th, 2011 @ Matilda's Restaurant, Rte 896, Newark, Dela. 6:30 P.M. dinner / 7 P.M. Meeting</p> <p>BMC "Blast From The Past" Rally Saturday, July 23 – See Flyer</p>	
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Rally Notes

There has been no rally activity this past month so our main activity was the Autocross on June 25th.

However, on Saturday, July 23rd we have a rally by Don and Brandon Butler. We have been told the route closely follows the roads used by Randy Lindell (Brandon's grandfather) in the original 1987 event. Hence the name "Blast From The Past." As I previewed the course, I was amazed with the roads used as they duplicate much of next year's March Lamb XV.

(HINT!! Run this event in July, save the instructions and then run again about a week before the March Lamb and many things/roads will be refreshed in your mind)

The Great Race is revived this year but I did not compete. I did go to Cumberland, MD for a Great Race overnight stop. I watched at the finish gate and was able to greet and chat with about a dozen teams of old friends (some going back as far as the first Great Race in 1983).

Look for the flyer/entry form for the July 23 rally mailed with this Gasline.

Dave Teter, BMC Rally Chair

Easy-To-Follow Rally Promised

Rallymasters Don & Brandon Butler have assured us that their Blast From The Past rally will not have tricks or traps and has straight-forward route instructions. Come out and have a fun drive in Chester and Cecil Counties.

Jim Irons

Checkpoint Workers Needed!

We need a few workers for the upcoming rally on Saturday July 23rd. If you want to work a Checkpoint please email Don Butler at dabutler@zoominternet.net or call 302-559-9374. Thank You!

Chair Chatter

There is nothing like going out to see a movie (Cars 2) about cars, even if they are cartoon characters. Funny stuff looking at all the cars in the movie--I kept leaning over to Heather and commenting on what was just on the screen. Keeps you young at heart!

We had another successful autocross thanks to Dave Dabell and all the volunteers. Kudos to Duke Wilford for the course design as it made for a challenging event, even if he did have a home course advantage. Fun was had by all with six runs for everyone.

Later this month, we will be running the "Blast from the Past" Rally on Saturday, July 23, so mark the date now on your calendars. I am also working on some information for the meeting, for our newer rally teams. Come out and bring your rally questions and we can help answer them.

Hope to see you at Matilda's on July 5th. Happy Independence Day!

Paul Alderman

Welcome New Members

We picked up four members at the June 25 autocross. Welcome to BMC" to Rick Bernard and Ian Jones, and welcome back to renewed members Erich Bollman and Nuri Heckrotte. They bring us up to 71 total members.

7 June Meeting Highlights

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

Treasury: Paul Alderman reported for Martha Weldin. The ending balance was \$6391.25 with insurance paid.

Membership: Paul Alderman reported for Martha Weldin that club membership is at 67.

Rally: Willis Weldin now has a computer program for rally scoring. Don Butler questioned preferred days for future rallies (Wed. evening, Sat., Sun?)

Autocross: Dave Dabell reported that the next autocross is June 25 at the Glasgow site. Help is needed.

Gasline: Jim Irons noted that Mark Schroy will be writing a monthly column called "Hard Drive Garage."

Public Relations: Shawn Dewey reported he will be working on the club website.

Program: Shawn Dewey discussed his 2011 racing plans. His next race will be on Speed Channel. Baltimore is hosting a Gran Prix race on Labor Day weekend.

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

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

This Space Available

The Gasline always has space available for your articles, photos, interesting tidbits, etc. Car related humor is welcome.

Thanks go to Mark Schroy for his new monthly column "Hard Drive Garage" and to Richard Schnabel for his report in this issue on the "Chasing The Dragon" hillclimb.

Jim Irons

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Hard Drive Garage

Greetings readers! Installment number 2 focuses on another crazy car build. This time, it's a station wagon with a monster engine upgrade, but it's a mix of Sweden and America. Now, I know what you're thinking already. What guy, with too much time on his hands, would make such a monster. Well, it appears this is the same case like last month- available engine meets available car



This time, it's a Saab 9-3 Wagon with a Viper motor and trans. I know-HUH? From what I can gather from the the build thread website-which is all in Swedish-it looks like it was created for drifting competition. A lot of custom fabrication went into this one, much like the Jag powered MGB. The builder got a unibody Saab wagon shell from a scrapyard and fabbed up the suspension, motor mounts, trans mounts, and a HUGE trans tunnel.

There's a great shot of the trans mounted up with the Viper logo on the center diff, but I'll leave that to your imagination.

On the Jalopnik website there's video of the builder doing burnouts in a de-bodied Viper donor car. From everything else I can make out-or make a good guess-the car is finished (pun intended) and painted matte black to make it look even more awesome. I can't tell how many hours have been put into this, but the final product just looks mean.

Now, unfortunately, all we can do in the States here is just drool and watch the Youtube videos-living vicariously thru the internet. Ah, the joy of the World Wide Web...

Till next month!

Mark Schroy

Head For the Hills!

BMC member Richard Schnabel ran hillclimbs in Pa. 40 years ago as part of BMC's NBAA Hillclimb Team. He later evolved into road racing and has stayed with it over the years, now competing in vintage car racing in his Volvo P1800.

Recently, Richard decided to enter the "Chasing The Dragon Hillclimb," a 2.2 mi. hillclimb staged in the Nantahala National Forest, just 40 miles from his home in Western North Carolina.

Richard reports: "I could not pass up opportunity to try another hillclimb after 30 plus years. I finished 1st in FP and 10th overall. Not too shabby for 67-year-old guy in 46-year-old car. I did just ever so gently 'kiss' the guardrail on one run, damaging the headlight cover and bezel; very lucky! We were the oldest combination of car/driver there. Got a great many compliments on the overall look & prep of #68 Volvo. Of course, many younger spectators had no clue there was such a car as a Volvo P1800. Great fun & surprisingly good group of folks in the SCCA CCR."



For a *great* in-car video of the Chasing The Dragon Hillclimb in a Porsche 997 GT3 Cup car driven by Cory Friedman who had the fastest time, go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZGkhzEwLuw>

Jim Irons

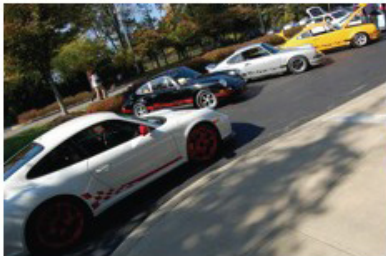
Greenville Crossing's Annual Exotic Car Show



Saturday October 1st from 10am to 3pm

European and **Exotic** sports cars from the 50's to the present....

Pre-register with Jon or Nick @ pastpresident2010@delawarepca.org
or online via www.delawarepca.net (events section)



Whoops! Maybe I'm In Wrong Parking Lot



PCA-Delaware/BMC Autocross Results – June 25, 2011

<u>Class/No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Time</u>
AS 91	Scott Wootten	Porsche 911 Cab	56.857
AS 4	Scott Clapper	Chevy Corvette	57.683
AS 26	Gary McKenzie	Chevy Corvette	58.582
BS 8	Larry Waltemire	Porsche Boxster	53.728
BS 35	Dan Matthews	Nissan 370Z	59.270
BS 11	John Kassay	Porsche Boxster	63.367
DS 24	Edward Moore	BMW 328is	56.156
DS 47	Andrew Moore	BMW 328is	56.847
DS 100	Rick Bernard	Subaru WRX	58.288
DS 5	Michael Nussbaum	Subaru WRX	61.338
DS 31	Ian Jones	Subaru WRX	67.188
ES 17	Tom Hamilton	Mazda Miata	58.314
ES 117	Gina Hamilton	Mazda Miata	59.034
GS 73	Walter Dabell	Ford Mustang	60.006
GS 16	Elizabeth Wilford	Subaru Impreza	64.092
HS 25	Grant Banning	VW Golf	64.249
HS 67	Gregory Bell	Sunbeam Alpine	67.930
SS 32	George Alderman	Caterham S7	52.427
SS 7	Dave Redmond	Caterham S7	55.555
SS 6	Don Butler	Lotus Elan	55.710
SM 3	Tyler Donnelly	Hyundai Tiburon	54.735
SM 12	Erich Bollman	Ford Mustang	58.820
SM2 65	Duke Wilford	Maxda MX5	*52.167
SM2 89	Dave Dabell	Porsche CaymanS	52.396
ST 87	Nuri Heckrotte	Nissan 240SX	53.041
ST 1	Lonnie Sepeda	Nissan 240SX	56.025
<i>Not competing for trophy:</i>			
SS 68	Paul Alderman	Caterham S7	50.166

* **Fastest Time of the Day**

Autocross Summary

After a week with hot, muggy weather, we had great weather for our June 25 autocross at Glasgow with low humidity and a bit of a breeze. While we had a reasonable turnout, I was expecting a few more given how nice the weather was. The light turnout allowed us to get plenty of runs in, with everyone getting 6. A new, figure-8 course design courtesy of Duke Wilford drew rave reviews. I found it challenging, with some short fast sections but also some deceptively slow ones. It sure had me wishing for a gear somewhere between 1st and 2nd. I also thought a narrower car might come in handy as I noticed that Duke was able to drive through one of the chicanes as if it wasn't there!

Special mention goes to one of our first time autocrossers – PCA member Scott Wootten in his '99 Porsche 911 won his class on his first time out. He improved his time each run, with a total improvement of over 11 seconds. Great way to start, Scott! Hope you can join us again. At the other end of the experience spectrum, Paul Alderman put down a nice time while testing a Caterham Superlight, but did not officially compete. George Alderman seemed to like the new... course and won his class in Paul's absence. George would have gotten pretty close to Paul on his last run of 51.083, had it not been for a cone penalty. Also troubled by cones was Duke Wilford, but he still managed to win his class and FTD. Duke's best run was 50.279 before a cone penalty, so he was VERY close to Paul. Another intense competition was the one between Tom and Gina Hamilton in ES. Gina had the best time until Tom's very last run, when he pulled out all the stops and managed to pull ahead by 0.7 seconds. There's always next time, Gina!

Many of our regular volunteers were not able to make this event. I want to thank all those that stepped forward to help out, knowing we were in a bit of a bind. The event ran very smoothly with all the extra help. Many thanks, everyone!

Our next event will be Saturday, August 13th at Glasgow. Hope to see you there.

Dave Dabell
Autocross Chair

PCA-Delaware/BMC Autocross Action – June 25, 2011

