



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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October 2011

PCA -Dela. Greenville Crossing Exotic Car Show
Saturday, October 1st, 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.
Greenville Crossing Shopping Center, Rte 52 at Buck Rd.



BMC CLUB MEETING
Tuesday, October 4th, 2011 @ Matilda's Restaurant,
Rte 896, Newark, Dela. 6:30 P.M. dinner / 7 P.M. Meeting

BMC/PCA LOFLAND TROPHY AUTOCROSS – DOVER SITE
Sunday, October 16th - See Flyer

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman

Busy, busy, busy. For those that have been following the various car shows and events, there has been plenty to do.

I attended the BCCD Show in Delaware City and the Hagley Show the following day, and started the week with our Blast from the Past Rally. Thanks to Don and Brandon, while the course following was easy, staying on time was hard. Hanna and I 'Winged it' and it showed in our uncharacteristic performance. There's always another time right? Come on out and join us for food and fellowship next week on October 4th at Mad Macs/Matilda's in Newark, meeting at 7:00.

Hurrying along,
Paul

Rally Notes – Dave Teter

When the *Blast From The Past* event was postponed, the new date presented a conflict for me and I was unable to join in the 'action' on 9/25. Wayne Elvin has graciously provided a report of the event, which appears elsewhere in this Gasline.

My conflict was an SCCA event in South Jersey which counted for championship points. Briefly, my partner and I won, but it wasn't pretty. No need to go into any detail.

A Tombstone Trails Rally that was in an 'iffy' status is not feasible by me due to my time constraints of late.
Dave

Members' Wheels – Then



Phil Worrell in a Fog in 1984.

6 September Meeting Highlights

The September BMC General Meeting, at Matilda's Restaurant, was attended by 20 members.

Treasury: Martha Weldin reported that the treasury balance was \$7,528.38.

Membership: Martha Weldin reported that the club membership is currently at 73.

Rally: Dave Teter noted that the rescheduled "Blast From The Past" rally will be September 25. Don Butler accepted entries at the meeting.

Autocross: Dave Dabell thanked the volunteers who worked in the rain on Autocross III. He noted that the Lofland Trophy will be awarded at Autocross IV at the Dover site on October 16th.

Gasline: Jim Irons again solicited members' car photos for the Gasline.

Website: Shawn Dewey noted that postings for the web site should be sent to him.

Property: Paul Alderman brought BMC decals, patches & lapel pins for sale to members.

Social: A Chairperson for the annual Christmas party is needed.

New Business:

- Paul noted that we need a nominating committee for a slate of 2012 Officers.
- Dates of upcoming races and car shows were announced.

Program: Baltimore Grand Prix video.

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

Members' Wheels – Now



George's Jaguar XKR at BCCD Car Show.

We want *Members' Wheels* to be a regular feature in the Gasline. Send me a photo of your car with some brief details and I'll use it in a future issue. I can clean up photos and resize them as necessary. Just email it to captji@verizon.net

Jim Irons - Gasline Editor

Seasonal Warning



The Hard Drive Garage – By Mark Schroy

As I am writing this article, I am admiring and enjoying my new purchases this month.

Most prominent in my latest buying spree is a 1961 Jaguar E-Type Coupe. I also purchased a 1974 Triumph Spitfire 1500, a 1999 Berlinetta R/S Coupe and a 2004 Toyota Tacoma X-Runner. It's a little cramped storing all these and the go-fast parts I have also purchased, but for our lifestyle it's worth it!

Each car has its own quirks, but let's start with the Spitfire. I swapped out the 4-speed gearbox for a 5-speed to improve drivability, plus added some new tires. I also helped it breathe a bit better by changing out the exhaust. MUCH improved over stock!

Next car I had some fun with is the Berlinetta. Again, I changed out the gearbox and put on some better tires. I helped the engine pull in more air with a better racing air filter, and boy does that thing fly now!

The Tacoma X-Runner is basically Toyota's version of the Ford Lightning, so I figured it was time to go all out on a fun machine. Again, new gearbox, but a fully customizable box. New tires, new clutch, new flywheel, driveshaft, ECU tuning, even threw out a bunch of stuff weighing the truck down. Who needs a passenger seat?

Now, on to the Jaguar. Seriously, you can't mess with perfection. Not changing a thing.

Now, obviously, you are beginning to wonder how I can afford all these cars on a medium salary. Well, that's

where the fun comes in. I only spent 400 bucks on all these vehicles, and a bunch more. How, you ask? It's quite simple, really.

They are all on my Playstation 3 console I recently purchased:) I have wanted to play the new Gran Turismo 5 since it came out, and this past weekend I was given permission to purchase the game and system. It's amazing to me how far home gaming systems have come in the last 10 years, and at this point, GT5 is the pinnacle of driving simulators. I have played a number of the previous versions, and always enjoyed the challenge – and yelled at the game too, on occasion.

The sheer amount of cars in the game is staggering, plus the diversity they provide. I currently have in my "garage" a 1954 Citroen 2CV Type A. On the flipside, I have a Honda CR-Z modded out by the tuner company SPOON. Yes, SPOON—it's not a typo. I even won a racing go-kart that is a blast to drive. Small manufacturers like McLaren and Shelby are represented, all the way up to Ford, Acura, even Lotus and Jaguar. Tesla Motors has a car you can purchase also, but I think I will stay away from that one.

But anyways, if you have the chance to check out the game, it's worth the time. It takes a little bit to get used to the controls, but once you play it, you won't forget them.

Mark

BMC Members' Cars at Greenville Crossing Car Show

Delaware Region-Porsche Club is sponsoring Greenville Crossing's 3rd Annual Exotic Car Show at the Greenville Crossing Shopping Centre at Rte. 52 and Buck Road on Saturday, October 1st, from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. (Rain date is Oct. 22nd.)

BMC members will be participating in this charity car show. George Alderman will be bringing his Jag XKR; Paul will be in the Lotus Europa; Pat Phalan will bring the Caterham; and Don Butler will bring his Lotus Elan. Also, many fine Italian and German cars will be there. It is a great show for a good cause plus there is no charge to attend.

As part of the event you will have an opportunity to bid on a ride in one of three very special cars. You choose the car to bid on and the highest bidder wins:

- 2010 Porsche GT3RS
- Spyker C8 Spyder
- 2008 Ferrari Scuderia

The high bidder will be taken for a 30 minute ride in a group with the other two cars. All the proceeds will be donated to the event charity - The Boys and Girls Club of Delaware. The proceeds will help fund the Christmas Party thrown every year; now in its sixth year.

Blast From The Past Rally Results – September 25, 2011

Experienced Class						
Pos.	Driver/Navigator	CP1	CP2	CP3	Ckpt	Total
1.	Willis Weldin & George Alderman	25	7	11	19	62
2.	Jim & Marie Irons	25	77	141	59	302
3.	Scott Clabaugh & Elizabeth Russell	110	75	123	21	329
4.	Paul & Hanna Alderman	127	300	211	67	705
Novice Class						
Pos.	Driver/Navigator	CP1	CP2	CP3	Ckpt	Total
1.	Gaurav Banerjee & Elaine Seaton	100	300	137	95	632
2.	Jim & Adam Martin	300	218	88	67	673
3.	Martha Weldon & Bonnie Catanach	275	300	261	53	889

“Blast from the Past” finally ran on Sunday the 25th. The first try in July had 4 cars entered and was a 100+ degree day so we postponed. This time seven cars competed and the weather was just right. The course was not difficult to follow, but challenging to stay on time.

A somewhat new feature in this running of the rally was rolling “Controlpoints.” The Controlpoints were listed in the route instructions, and the competitors only needed to enter the time of day when they passed the referred object at rally speed (CAS). No stopping along the side of the road and calculating a start time was needed. This also allowed us to run the rally with just four workers. Debbie and Brandon Butler worked the only regular Checkpoint, Wayne Elvin drove the leading pre-check car. I sort of wandered about counting rally cars as they passed by.

Another feature of this rally was the issuing of “Experienced” and “Novice” instructions. The Experienced instructions were as much an exact replica of the original 1987 rally as the missing and changed signs allowed. The Novice instructions had added helper information to, well, ... help.

Everyone completed the rally in a reasonable amount of time with few off course excursions. The only mistake was my placing Scott Clabaugh and his navigator, Elizabeth Russell, in the Experienced class. Well, he looked like he knew what he was doing! Trophies were awarded to first through third place.
Don & Brandon Butler Rallymasters

Rally Recap - Wayne Elvin

Suddenly, it was 1987, and the Rallying was easy. The aptly named “Blast from the Past” used the odometer check to travel to the Fair Hill area to start the route, and then travelled primarily around Kemblesville, PA and through White Clay Creek Preserve areas. As with the original, there were frequent speed changes to challenge navigators, and a couple ‘follows’ to keep drivers awake.

Sunday afternoon Rally weather was perfect on Sept. 25th. Seven cars, 4 Experienced and 3 Novice entries, started and finished the route on what had been a BMC Wednesday night Rally, originally designed by Randy Lindell. Randy’s grandson Brandon, and Don Butler honored his memory by using a majority of the original route and instructions, only needing changes to accommodate the different start and finish locations. After over 20 years of growth and changes, very minor modifications were made to insert Control points and ensure continuity. With Appleton Road closed, one last-minute change was made to accommodate delays due to Milburn Orchards’ seasonal business growth and manned crosswalk was needed.

It was a relatively short route including the odo check of about 50 miles. There were three unmanned scoring locations, clearly noted as Controlpoints, with one final open timing Checkpoint (although from the score sheet, it looked as if

there might be three placed along the course). The roads alternated from pleasant scenery in the mostly rural farmland and parkland, to new housing developments and small community crossroads.

The event was deemed a success by all entrants who enjoyed the two hours of touring backroads, on a trap-free rally course. Don checked the route Saturday, so the pre-check car had a relaxed day, since there were no missing signs or problems, except for clearing the roadway of some debris from a rotten limb that had fallen overnight in White Clay Creek Preserve. The final timed Checkpoint, where the route returned to Newark along Barksdale Road, was operated by Brandon and his mother Debbie.

The custom score sheet/time delay form used by each entry worked very well, allowing easy use of time delays. Any rally crew needing a no-penalty time delay used them to their advantage. A scoring sheet with official times was provided to each car at the finish. This procedure worked very well, as intended, and scoring was speedy, with Willis Weldin providing his computer and spreadsheet program to quickly produce the results at the finish. Dave Teter provided pre-rally course review, measurement, advice and assistance.

Wayne Elvin (Pre-check car 0)

British Car Club of Delaware Show at Delaware City - September 27, 2011
Photos by Wayne Elvin





2011 AUTOCROSS IV



Delaware Region PCA & Brandywine Motorsport Club



SUNDAY OCTOBER 16, 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

BMC will award the Lofland Memorial Trophy for Fastest Time of Day

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:

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