



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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July 2012



BMC CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, July 3rd, 2012 @ Stewart's Brewing Company,
Rtes 7 & 40, Bear, Dela. – 6:30 P.M. greet & eat / 7 P.M. Meeting



Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman

Well, our first (second) autocross has gone by and it is official. If you would like to come out and beat a Caterham Super 7, then a Mazda Miata is not a bad choice of vehicle. Thanks to Dave Dabell, Duke Wilford, and everyone else that helped with setup, tech, registration, and timing for the event this past weekend.

My hat is off to Ahren Ciatti for his fine driving right from the first run. He set the pace and it was mine to get back. I had a few cones that gave me trouble and the water and gravel on the crisscross portion was hard for everyone to deal with. Ahren even came over and gave me some tips on a different way to approach a few gates. So thanks for all that came out and made it a fun day.

Our 60th Anniversary Rally and Picnic was also a very nice event, with current and past members coming out to enjoy fun and fellowship. The rally was a nice drive around Delaware and Pennsylvania. Thanks to George Alderman, Willis Weldin, Wayne Elvin and all those who helped on that event also.

Hanna and I had fun and were able to win the GPS class despite my extra driving in the wrong direction on Route 1. Phil Hoge and wife Patricia were able to win the SOP class and best score by ten points which translates into six seconds. They had rallied some in the 70's but had not since then. Look for some more reports on the Anniversary Rally and Autocross in this issue.

If anyone has any ideas for speakers or presentations for any future meetings, let me know. For the July meeting, I would like to show some videos of some locally constructed machines that hurl *produce*. If you would like to know more, come on out to Stewarts Brewing Co for the July 3rd meeting at 7:00.

See you there,
PJA



Rally Round – Don Butler

It's Summer and there are events somewhere every weekend. I hope you're participating in as may as possible.

George Alderman's BMC Anniversary Rally and Picnic where well attended and enjoyed by all.

Our problem is that we have no Rallies scheduled for the rest of the year. So, if anyone would like to be a Rally Master, please contact me via e-mail. It is not a problem if you have never put a Rally together before, the club has several experienced rally masters that would be able to mentor you through the process.

Enjoy,

Don Butler, BMC Rally Chair

The Checkpoint Line - Dave Teter



Dave Teter is away running The Great Race. We hope to have a complete report on his adventure in next month's Gasline



Autocross Update – Dave Dabell

Dave Dabell's report is included with the results of Autocross II in this Gasline

5th of June Meeting Highlights

The June, 2012 meeting was held at Stewart's Brewing Company and was attended by 22 members. It was chaired by Paul Alderman.

Treasurer's Report – May 31 = \$6,810.

Membership - 69 paid members.

Rally Report –

Don Butler talked a little about the Fun I – Stay on Course Rally and said the next Fun II – Stay on Time Rally would be postponed to a later date due to scheduling conflicts.

George Alderman spoke about the BMC 60th Anniversary Rally and Picnic which is set for June 9th. So far, we have 10 for the Rally and expect over 40 people at the following picnic.

Autocross Report –

Dave Dabell reported that our next Autocross is scheduled for June 23rd at our Glasgow site. Hoping for dry weather. Don't forget, we are in need of another Autocross site.

Gasline Report –

Jim Irons said that articles are due June 26th.

This is our Newsletter; please submit articles/pictures to Jim Irons captjti@verizon.net.

Website Report –

Shawn Dewey provided training for Jim Martin & Jim Irons so that collectively we could keep the site up to date.

Property – No changes reported.

New Business – Help us celebrate our 60th Anniversary on June 9th.

Next Meeting, July 3rd at the Stewart's Brewery.

Please attend, we missed you.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Secretary Jim Martin

The Timing was Right for the BMC 60th Anniversary Rally and Picnic

George Alderman and Willis Weldin designed and crafted a fun Rally event in honor of BMC's 60 years of continuous membership and motorsport activities. The finish was at the Stone Barn near Unionville, Pa. for a picnic-style meal. Beginning at Brandywine Springs Park, where many Braille Rallies have begun, the route was about 70 miles of pleasant back roads in the Brandywine Valley. Driving was relaxing along a route through Hockessin into Delaware's Chateau country, then to Chadds Ford the back way, and on to Chester County via Longwood, with the tour passing Marshallton, Northbrook and Unionville to the last checkpoint before the Stone Barn.

Both Driver and Navigator (or Solo drivers) should have liked the straightforward instructions including time-of-day + car number on-time information at almost every turn. There were only 3 average speeds assigned, with 28 MPH used for most of the route. With 5 checkpoints as passage controls, Monte Carlo style, things moved smoothly and scoring was almost instantaneous as Willis collected times at each control for input to his automated scoring program. Results can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Trophies were awarded to the top finishers. One highlight was the awarding of the Goof Stein to a long-time club member, who missed too many clues and quit early.

The turnout at the finish for this 60th Anniversary of the founding of BMC (originally Wilmington MG Car Club) had a number of previous and long-term members joining the rallyists. They reminisced and celebrated six decades of BMC social events and a wide range of automobile related activities. Over the years, members have collectively driven countless miles of autocross and rally courses. Pictures and information were posted on a number of early autocrosses and rallies. These pictures, and the conversations generated, were reminders of precious memories of good times past. Noted also were 11 BMC members who have amassed 25 or more total SCCA National Championship Rally points (Dave Teter is currently 2nd nationally). George Alderman not only was on this list, but also has won many trophies in SCCA and IMSA racing series.

Thanks go to the BCCDE members who turned out at both the Rally and Picnic to support us. Particular thanks to our BMC workers: Don and Charlotte Short were at CP 1 & 3; Dave & Pat Redmond hosted CP 4 in their driveway; Dave Teter and I did the precheck and ran CP 2 & 5.

A special thanks to George and Willis, who put on many miles organizing and checking/re-checking the course. The Stone Barn provided a good meal to enjoy with a Yuengling or two and enjoy the presentations. We look forward to more automotive activities and fun in Motorsports.

Wayne Elvin



The Hard Drive Garage – By Mark Schroy

or... where's the crusher?

Ho boy! Did I find a winner this month. A few months ago, someone decided to turn a Miata into a Alfa Romeo-esque thing. That was weird, but not as weird as the Jeepvette combination. This month, however, has got to be the weirdest/craziest/acid trip induced vehicle on the road-or on Craigslist...

Ladies and Gentlemen, the International Oldsmobile Pontiac Grand Am:



Yeah.

WHAT THE F@&\$%#G H@&L IS THAT?

It's billed as an International truckcar - seriously! and the seller brags that it has every option that a car could have. Options from which car is unclear. The front clip is from an Oldsmobile Aurora - I think. The cab and hood is from a 1962 International Truck, and the rest is from a 1990s Pontiac Grand Am. Front wheel drive, disc brakes all four wheels, Oldsmobile dash with tilt wheel AND cruise control, and even air conditioning - that needs a recharge. Somehow, the mad scientist even got the air bags in working order.

Another big selling point? The alloy wheels and the original duel exhaust (his spelling, not mine). The vehicle somehow got thru the DMV in Tennessee and is actually titled as an International. I'm sure they must have had Take Your Child To Work day when this thing came thru. That's the only explanation I can come up with.



The cost to own this gorgeous piece of Americana? \$3,000 firm. Apparently the designer is sure he invested twice that amount.

So, if anyone decides to go on holiday thru Tennessee, please do the rest of polite society a favor and help this guy out. Clearly he either designs cars by moonshine or moonlight, which ever he has more of.

Till next time!

Mark



Hope these are just templates...



BMC 60th Anniversary Rally Results June 9, 2012

No.	Class	Driver	Navigator	Car	CP1	CP2	CP3	CP4	CP5	Total	Trophy
1	GPS	Paul Alderman	Hanna Alderman	Nissan Quest	16	24	25	37	61	163	1st
2	GPS	Jim Irons	Marie Irons	Infiniti G37xS	8	6	500	500	500	1514	
4	GPS	Ed Trahan	Dave Dabell	Mazda 3	22	58	39	56	151	326	2nd
3	SOP	Phil Hoge	Patricia Hoge	Mustang GT	28	28	63	4	31	154	1st
5	SOP	Betty Burleigh	Trevor Mees	Jaguar XJS	85	13	56	11	49	214	3rd
6	SOP	Duane Klair	Dacia Weldin	Merc. 500 SL	37	24	32	103	78	274	
7	SOP	Martha Weldin	Kylie Stigler	Mini Cooper	76	52	170	2	45	345	
8	SOP	Rich Stephani	Shane Stowell	BMW	73	77	8	5	22	185	2nd
9	Solo	Grant Banning		VW Golf	83	84	12	104	68	351	1st
10	Solo	Jim Martin		A. Healey 3000	349	40	500	500	500	1889	

Rallymasters: George Alderman, Willis Weldin

Registration: Marilyn Alderman, Martha Weldin

Workers: CP 1 & 3 - Don & Charlotte Short

CP 2 & 5 - Dave Teter, Wayne Elvin

CP 4 - Dave & Pat Redmond, Debbie Lindell, Brandon Butler

Scoring: Willis Weldin

Many thanks to the contestants who took part in the 60th Anniversary Rally, and for all the people who came to the picnic at the Stone Barn. We had about 50 people at the picnic, including past BMC chairs Garry Greenstein (1966) and Matt Reyne (1975). We also had 94-year-old Al "Babe" Johns, who supplied a lot of photos that he took back in the early days of the club. Jan Klair also came with wife Donna, daughter Alexis, and their first grandchild.

Jim and Marie Irons started out the rally with the best scores on CP1 and CP2. Unfortunately they missed the sign on Rt 82 that read "Center for the Creative Arts". It was the next clue after crossing the railroad track and picking up Rt 82. The next turn was only one tenth of a mile away as noted by the official mileage. I guess I should have added the name of the road to turn onto. Both Jim Irons and Jim Martin missed that turn. Sorry Jims.

I had asked Dave Dabell to bring the Goof Stein to the picnic so that the members could see it. I really had no intention of passing it on, just relating some stories about how several of us had gotten it for goofing up on a BMC activity. However, when Jim called me during the rally to tell me he was going to the picnic and not to keep the checkpoints open for him, I just couldn't believe that he had gotten off course. After talking with our most recent holder, Dave Dabell and recipient Willis Weldin, it seemed only fitting to give the Goof Stein to one of our more experienced rally teams, Jim and Marie Irons, for going off course on a rally with mileages at every turn while running the GPS class.

Previous club members Phil Hoge and Rich Stephani proved that they hadn't forgotten how to rally by finishing 1st and 2nd in the SOP class.

George Alderman

See photos next two pages....

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Picnic Photos by Mark Schroy

2012 Events Calendar

BMC Secretary Jim Martin has compiled this list of BMC and other car club's events for 2012. This list will be updated as events are added or changed

July, 2012

- 14th – Fun Rally to A Pub – TBA- AHS&T
- 15th – British Invade Gettysburg – Gettysburg, PA

August, 2012

- 11th – Autocross – Glasgow, DE – BMC/PCA

September, 2012

- 8th – Eastern Shore Crab Feast Tour - MD – AHS&T
- 15th – Delaware City Car Show – Delaware City, DE - BCCD
- 16th – Hagley Car Show – Greenville, DE – Hagley
- 22nd – DE Custom Car Expo – Chase Center – Wilmington, DE
- 29th – Greenville Car Show – Greenville, DE - PCA

October, 2012

- 7th – Classics at Brantwyn – 600 Rockland Road, Wilmington, DE
- 7th – AHS&T Club Picnic – Elkton, MD – AHS&T
- 14th – Autocross – TBD – BMC/PCA

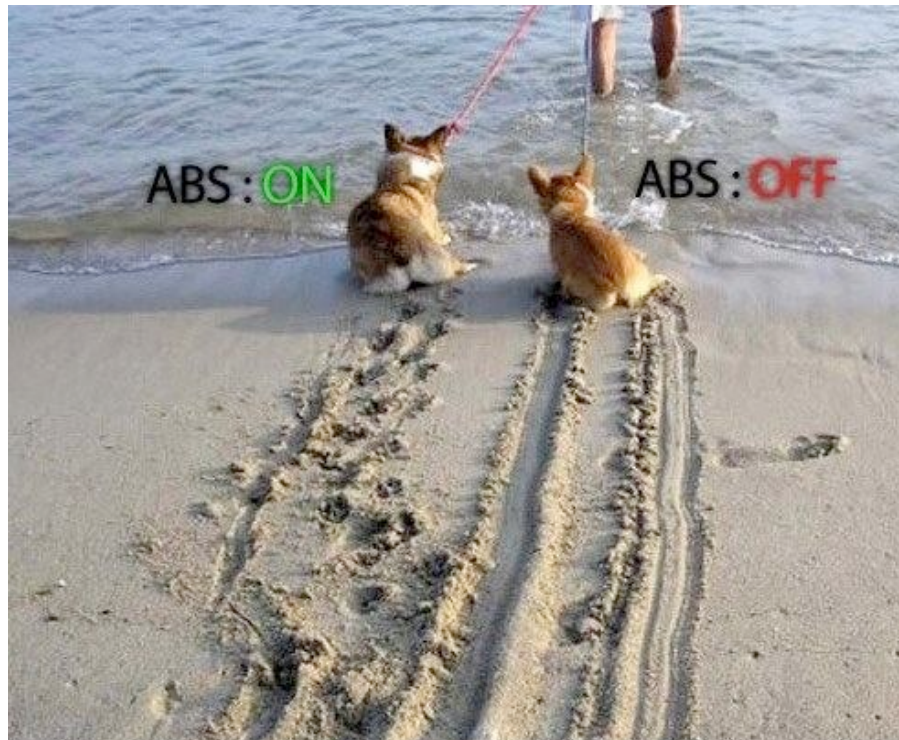
AHS&T – Austin Healey Sports & Touring Club

BMC – Brandywine Motorsport Club

BCCD – British Car Club of Delaware

NJR/SCCA – New Jersey Region/Sports Car Club of America

PCA – Delaware Porsche Car Club of America





BMC - PCA AUTOCROSS II RESULTS **Glasgow Site - JUNE 23, 2012**



Class #	Name	Car	Time	Class #	Name	Car	Time
AS 91	Scott Wootten	Porsche 911	54.514	HS 25	Grant Banning	VW Golf	60.473
AS 13	Scott Clapper	Chevy Corvette	54.956	HS 67	Gregory Bell	Sunbeam Alpine	61.820
BS 8	Larry Waltemire	Porsche Boxster	53.135	HS 88	Christine Wilbur	VW Jetta TDI	68.503
BS 3	Dave Redmond	Porsche Boxster	55.534	SS 68	Paul Alderman	Caterham S7	51.040
DS 43	John Allard	Mini Cooper S	58.282	SS 32	George Alderman	Caterham S7	52.022
DS 31	Ian Jones	Subaru WRX	59.247	SS 22	Mark Loch	Porsche Cayman	56.872
DS 23	Martha Weldin	Mini Cooper S	64.949	SS 6	Don Butler	Lotus Elan	57.759
ES 33	Phil Worrell	Toyota MR2	53.472	DSP 89	Dave Dabell	Audi S4	53.907
ES 17	Mark Simpson	Mazda Miata	59.869	SSM 65	Duke Wilford	Maxda MX5	50.763
ES 11	Nick Gurnas	Mazda Miata	61.136	SSM 57	Ed Trahan	Mazda Miata	60.699
ES 111	Chris Malone	Mazda Miata	62.832	STX 100	Rick Bernard III	Subaru Impreza	56.980
FS 2	Luke Waltemire	BMW 528	57.084	STS 99	Ahren Ciotti	Mazda Miata	*49.423
GS 16	Elizabeth Wilford	Subaru Impreza	58.165	STS 5	Ian Smith	Mazda Miata	54.749
				STS 7	Mike Kasun	Mazda Miata	56.098
				STS 1	Mike Nussbaum	Mazda Miata	57.458

* Fastest Time of the Day

Autocross Report

We had our first not-rained-out autocross of 2012 at Keene School on June 23rd. Mother Nature was much kinder to us this time compared to the storm we had in April. It was a sunny, warm day with no rain. The course wasn't quite as nice. There was a good bit of loose sand and fine gravel in the central part of the lot along with some water that never dried up despite the bright sunshine. This made traction a challenge at a spot where most cars were moving pretty quick.

We had quite a turnout of Miatas this time, and they did quite well. Ahren Ciotti drove his nicely prepped Miata all the way down from the Cherry Hill area to join in. The trip was worthwhile for him, as he won both his class and FTD honors. While this was Ahrens first autocross with us, it looked like he may have done an autocross once or twice before. The second fastest time of day went to BMC member Duke Wilford, also in a Miata. Our usual FTD winner, Paul Alderman, had some better times than the results show, but seemed to have problems with cones jumping in his way and adding to his time.

We had a medium-sized turnout, which meant everyone got 5 runs plus some fun runs. Looking over the results, I thought it was great that some of our newer drivers have made nice improvements over their times last year. Nice going, everyone. Also, many thanks to our volunteers that made everything happen.

Our next event is Saturday, August 11 at Glasgow. Hope to see you there!

Dave Dabell - Autocross Chair

BMC - PCA AUTOCROSS II JUNE 23, 20



Gregory Bell - HS Sunbeam Alpine



Don Butler - SS Lotus Elan



George Alderman - SS Caterham S7



John Allard - DS Mini Cooper S



Phil Worrell - ES Toyota MR2



Duke Wilford - SSM Miata



Grant Banning - HS VW Golf



Ed Trahan - SSM Miata