



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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August 2012

BMC CLUB MEETING

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

BMC/PCA AUTOCROSS III

Saturday, August 11th – Keene Elementary School, Glasgow, DE (see flyer)

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman

July 23rd 2012 – Attention All Autocross Drivers:

Breaking news, due to the results from the June autocross, Paul Alderman has been released from driving duties for Mid Atlantic Caterham's Autocross program until further notice. Therefore, Paul Alderman will not be driving a Caterham Super 7 in the August Autocross.

July 24th 2012 – Attention All Autocross Drivers:

Driver Available, Very Low Fees, Proven results, Multi-Time Class Winner, Defending Lofland Memorial Trophy Winner past three years. Driver Coaching also available. Contact Paul Alderman 302-652-3733 daytime. Available for BMC/PCA August 11th AutoX III. Call for more details.

Well, OK, that's not quite the whole story, the orange Caterham has been sold and the new car is a bunch of parts in a box. I am not sure what to bring to the next Autocross. The Lotus Europa maybe – I'll have to find out what class it fits into. So tell all your friends, they will have to deal with a Miata for the top spot this month. (Again?, ed.). Maybe Duke needs another driver??

I hope to see you at the meeting next week at Stewarts Brewing Co. come out for some fun and food. See you on the 7th.

Paul

Rally Round – Don Butler

Nothing new to report at this time. The only Rally event on the schedule is the Porsche Club - Delaware / BMC Braille Rally on October 28. PCA-DE provides the cars and drivers, and BMC provides the workers. If you want to help, contact Scott Clabaugh.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer!

Don Butler, BMC Rally Chair

Autocross Update – Dave Dabell



Our next event is Saturday, August 11 at Glasgow. Check the announcement in this issue for all the details. We have cool, dry weather ordered – so no worries on that front. Come out and see if the Miatas will continue their domination. I hear that one of our members was so impressed by them at the last event that he picked one up for himself.

Hope to see you there!

Dave Dabell – Autocross Chair

3rd of July Meeting Highlights

The July 2012 meeting, held at Stewart's Brewing Company was attended by 15 members, and chaired by Paul Alderman.

Treasurer's Report – At the end of June, we had \$7,591.

Membership - 72 paid members.

Rally Report – Scott Clabaugh announced that the Braille Rally will be held Sunday, 9/23/2012. No other rallies are scheduled at the moment.

Autocross Report – Our next Autocross is scheduled for August 11th at our Glasgow site. Hope for dry weather. Don't forget, we are in need of another Autocross site, maybe we should rent a bigger lot for one big event?

Gasline Report – Jim Irons said that articles are due July 24th. This is our Newsletter; please submit articles/& pictures to Jim Irons captjiti@verizon.net.

Website Report – We are now keeping the site up to date. If anyone has pictures or articles to include, contact Jim Martin at jjpmartymar@aol.com.

Property – No changes reported.

New Business – If anyone would like to have speakers at our meetings, please contact Paul Alderman.

Next Meeting, August 7th at the Stewart's Brewery. Please attend, we missed you.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Secretary Jim Martin

The Checkpoint Line - Dave Teter



This is not an exciting story but just a report of my experience on the 2012 Great Race (GAR). It starts when I left Newark on June 16 and ends on July 5 when I returned in the 100 degree heat. That's 19 days, but I will hit just a few of the points of the trek.

Drove to Peoria, IL on June 16, 17, 18; staying over with cousins in WV and IN. My partner, Dick McKone, is a dentist. We spent 6/19 loading his 1936 Ford on its trailer and other preparations for the 8-hour trip to the start of the GAR in Traverse City Michigan. We encountered a 15-mile traffic backup south of Chicago and had to bail off the Interstate along with 500-600 other cars, but had GPS and a Rand-McNally. We lost an hour getting around it all and back on our way on I-80-90. Traverse City is located on Traverse Bay (an arm of Lake Michigan) and about 200 miles NW of Detroit/Dearborn - the finish location 9 days later. We kicked off on 6/23 for our first stopover at Sault Ste. Marie crossing the Mackinac Bridge and still in the USA. The bridge affords a view of Lake Michigan to the west and Lake Huron to the east and we arrive in Sault Ste Marie completing the first days run. The highlight of this town is the canal locks (The Soo) linking Lake Superior with Lake Huron via the St. Marys River. We finished in the range of cars from 15th to 30th which was typical for our 9 days of competition.

Next morning is an early start to allow time to pass through Canadian Immigration. No sweat, we show our passports (required since 2009) and answer the question about having alcohol, tobacco, or firearms with a polite "No Sir." It is a rainy day as we continue the route to Sudbury, Ontario which is about 150 miles east of our start point and the most northern point of the entire route.

The next few days lead to Barrie, Ontario (almost 200 miles south) then Ottawa (about 150 miles east) and back to the USA at Thousand Islands and Watertown, NY. The previous days in Canada had been pleasant to chilly but the run to Buffalo next day brought us into the zone of near 100° heat in the USA. In fact, I did not drive the next two days as I did not feel able to cope with the temps (1936 Fords do not have AC). I did drive the last day from Findlay, OH to Dearborn and the finish at the Henry Ford. We finished 19th overall of the 90+ entries, and we had hoped for Top Ten!! On the upside, the car did not break!!!

One happenstance was arrival in Findlay, OH in the hot unsettled weather to find the rally hotels unable to give us rooms. There had been a devastating storm and loss of power for the past 24 hours. Computers would not allow reservations to be confirmed, and AC and elevators did not work. This condition cleared up about 5 pm and it all worked out for everyone.

The various stopovers in Canada and USA availed us of:

- Soo Canal Locks
- Mackinac Bridge
- Trent-Severn Waterway Lock (crossover)
- Antique Boat Museum – Clayton, NY near Watertown, NY
- Pierce Arrow Museum – Buffalo, NY
- Packard Museum –Warren, OH

Dave

The Hard Drive Garage – By Mark Schroy

...or a Mini turning Japanese.

Well boys and girls, this month's vehicular feature reminds me of the 80's one hit wonder The Vapors had with their single "Turning Japanese". This 1970 Austin Mini has had a serious heart transplant with a 170hp Yamaha R1 engine swap plus the sequential trans.



Apparently, the English car specialist Pro-Motive built the subframe kit for this swap, and is the only built car in the USA at this time. The subframe is number 36 out of 40 total. The kit comes with everything necessary for the conversion, minus the motor, for just under \$5500. The upgraded LSD costs extra, of course!



The builder started with a clean 1970 Mini. The R1 Yamaha engine is a 2003 5PM fuel injected mill rated for 170hp, with a redline of 12,500 RPM. A ground-up mod took place, with the suspension completely replaced with all aluminum adjustable equipment at the corners. The car now has dual radiators, the gearbox upgraded, and a Quaife LSD installed for good measure.



The interior looks great with Corbeau seats, and an aftermarket gauge cluster sits on top of the steering wheel column.

From everything I have read about this car, it's a beast. Scary fast, with serious pucker power. Maybe the driver needs a change of shorts in the trunk?

The builder/seller wanted \$33,000 on eBay Motors for the car. Doesn't look like it sold, however. Honestly, I'm not surprised, but it seems worth at least 25k with the swap and mods that have been put into this car. I would drive the heck out of it, that's for sure!

Till next month!

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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

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





AUTOCROSS III



Delaware Region PCA & Brandywine Motorsport Club



SATURDAY AUGUST 11, 2012



**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

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, or Info contact:

Dave Dabell autocross@delawarepca.org – 302-834-9706

or

George Alderman galderman32@comcast.net – 302-373-2111

Provide your name, contact info, preferred car number, make, model, and year of car.
We will confirm by email or phone.

More info is available on our websites:

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