



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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October 2012

BMC CLUB MEETING

**Tuesday, October 2nd, 2012 @ Stewart's Brewing Company
Rtes 7 & 40, Bear, Dela. – 6:00 P.M. greet & eat / 7 P.M. Meeting**

BMC/PCA AUTOCROSS

Saturday, October 13th, 2012 at Glasgow Site (See flyer)

BMC/PCA BRAILLE RALLY

Sunday, October 28th, 2012

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman

Well, the weather is nice and car shows are happening. If you missed the BCCD Delaware City show or the Hagley Car Show, you missed two nice days to hang out and check out some vehicles. Thanks to those BMC'ers that came out and supported the events. Our own George Alderman came away from the Del. City show with a win in the vintage class, for 1960 and older cars, with his 1933 Austin 7. Of course there was some rumbling about the car being a trailer queen, others complained that it did not even drive onto the field. Both are true since he has only had the car for a few weeks and has not gotten it ready to run. We may bring it out to the next Autocross (kidding).

I had a fun time with Hanna in our '71 Lotus Europa, and even continued driving it the next week. Then I had a little more work when I had to bring the car in and dry it out after the rain we got that week. I keep forgetting that the weather forecast is very important since the Lotus gets wet on both the outside and inside. One of the joys of Europa ownership.

I hope some of you can come out this Saturday the 29th to Greenville for the Exotic Car Show and help support the DelPCA's charity event.

I also want to thank Dave Dabell, in advance, for letting me co-drive with him again for the Oct 13th Autocross in Glasgow for the 42nd Lofland Memorial Sprint. I have my work cut out as I attempt a fifth win to tie with Jerry Fink ('82 - '85 & '89) for 2nd in Lofland wins. Then I would only be three wins from Vern Lyle ('88, '94 - '99, '01) with 8 wins and 6 in a row. If you thought I was tough to beat, talk about dominance.

In other club business, we need to think about what help you can give the club for the following year. We need some help for all the officers who have given their time and talents for the club. If you can help in some way, come out and see me at the next meeting. See you at Stewarts on Oct 2nd.

*With eyes to the skies,
Paul*

Rally Round – Don Butler

Autumn has arrived and I haven't finished with Summer! The Braille Rally is next and the beginning of Spring will be celebrated with The March Lamb. Other rally opportunities are available with the various SCCA regions in our area.

*Enjoy,
Don*



Autocross Update – Dave Dabell

*See the flyer for Autocross IV in this Gasline.
Ed.*

Racing on TV

Check out www.tvracer.com for a complete breakdown of TV racing coverage.

4th of September Meeting Highlights

The September, 2012 meeting was held at Stewart's Brewing Company and was attended by 18 members. It was chaired by Paul Alderman. Mark Schroy provided entertainment with pictures from his family's trip to India.

Treasurer's Report – At the end of August, we had \$7,823.

Membership - 72 paid members.

Rally Report – The Braille Rally will be held Sunday, 10/28/2012. The Rally will be about 1 ½ hours, starting at 2 PM and ending at the Landis Lodge on Route 41. We need people to volunteer to drive. No other rallies are scheduled at the moment.

Autocross Report – Our next Autocross is scheduled for Saturday, October 13th at a big lot at the civilian airport in Dover, DE. The location is **tentative** otherwise it will be held at the Glasgow site. As soon as it firms up, we will let everyone know.

Gasline Report – Jim Irons said that articles are due Tuesday, September 25th. This is our Newsletter; please submit articles/& pictures to Jim at captjti@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 – Mark Schroy said that he is developing a program to list all the property so everyone can see what we have.

New Business – Wayne Elvin took the time to present the potential for another Autocross location near Toughkenamon, PA. He asked that board members visit the site and determine if we can use it.

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

Next Meeting, October 2nd at the Stewart's Brewery. Please attend, we missed you.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Secretary Jim Martin

The Checkpoint Line - Dave Teter



Not much to report and it's difficult to type with broken finger surgery in August.

In the world of SCCA rallies, I could not go to the Western Virginia National Tour rally because it was two days after my finger surgery, so I couldn't drive. I received good reports of the scenery and amenities of the event.

I was able to go to LaCrosse for the Oktober Rally (course) and Badger Trails (tour) and finished 6th OA and 4th OA respectively. My driving was compromised by the finger being captive in its restraint. I basically kept my hand and finger on the shift knob and steered only with left hand and arm. AWKWARD!!!

There is a South Jersey Region event on 9/30 and they do have a non-trap SOP Class. Go to sjr-scca.org and click on 'rally' for details. Its only about a 45 minute drive to the start location. I'll be there with my son, Drew.

Dave

2012 Local Events Calendar

September

29th – Greenville Car Show – Greenville, DE - PCA

29th – MG's on the Rocks –Hartford County, MD

October

7th – Classics at Brantwyn – Wilmington, DE

7th – AHS&T Club Picnic – Elkton, MD

13th – BMC/PCA Autocross – Glasgow, DE

28th – BMC/PCA Braille Rally

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 Am.

PCA – Delaware Region, Porsche Club of America

Hanna Alderman With Her Dad's '71 Lotus Europa



42nd Running of the Braille Rally, October 28th, 2012!!

The **42nd** (Yes, 42nd!) running of the annual Braille Rally is on the calendar for **Sunday, October 28th, 2012!** Together with the Porsche Club of America - Delaware Region, the Brandywine Motorsport Club will be putting on this unique event to benefit the Delaware Association for the Blind (DAB).

It's Simple!

We need volunteers to drive their cars and work the course. If you're driving, you'll be listening to the instructions your blind navigator will be reading from their Braille instructions. It's as simple as - "Turn right onto Smith Bridge Rd. Maintain the posted speed limit." If you're helping on the course, you'll be keeping track of what time each team hits the checkpoints.

Timeline for the day!

We'll meet at **1 PM at Brandywine Springs Park** at Faulkland Rd. and Newport Gap Pike. After a brief meeting, course workers will head out to their assignments, and drivers will meet their navigators. Precisely at 2:01PM, the first car will be sent on their way. Second car will be off at 2:02PM. You'll spend a couple hours navigating the hills of Chester County Pa, Cecil County MD, and New Castle County, DE, and then end up back at Landis Lodge on Newport Gap Pike, which is the headquarters for the DAB!

Picnic and Awards!

After you find your way back to Landis Lodge, we'll have plenty of refreshments, food and prizes. Each participant gets a T-shirt generously donated by Porsche of Delaware. They continue to support this event each year.

Trophies will be given out to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers....and we don't forget about Last Place either. You get a trophy for last place, which we have named after the race founder, Renee O'Leary. That trophy is call the "Renee O'Leary Best Chance for Improvement" award!

Fun!

From that last award name, you can tell the Rally is all about having fun. Last place, first place - all that really matters is volunteering a Sunday afternoon to help others in the community that may be less fortunate than ourselves.

PLEASE sign up in advance to help out or drive. We already have 20 navigators registered and we need drivers! Send me an email at braillerally@verizon.net so I can get your name on the list to drive. If your spouse, girlfriend/boyfriend/significant other would like to drive or help out that the picnic, that would be great, too, just drop me an email. if you'd like to help on the course, please email George Alderman at galderman32@comcast.net. You will have a great time!

Don't be scared!

Still apprehensive about driving? The 2011 rally was won by a driver and navigator competing in their first rally! Who will it be this year?

Thanks,

Scott Clabaugh



George Alderman's 1933 Austin 7 at the BCCD Car Show

BMC Member's Vintage Race in UK

BMC club member Richard Schnabel in North Carolina is very active in vintage racing. He recently sold his DP Volvo P1800 coupe (featured in the Gasline a while back) to a Volvo executive in England.

The new owner invited Richard over to Donington, UK to co-drive the P1800 with him on the weekend of September 15th in a CSCC vintage race. Unfortunately, the new owner had an "incident" with a TR4 during his first shift driving and DNF-ed. However, Richard was able to start the next "Sports Car vs Saloon Challenge" race, but at the back of the 18 car grid. Competing against a 4-liter Jaguar XJS and D-Type Jags, Richard finished 11th overall and 1st in class.



Richard reports that he thoroughly enjoyed his weekend with a great bunch of race car enthusiasts. There were over 250 entries in the two-day event.

Ironically, after having to ship the car to England after the sale, the new owner was recently transferred to the U.S.A., so the P1800 will return to North Carolina.

Richard's newest vintage race car is a 1959 MGA. In its first two outings, he was 3rd in class at Road America, and 1st in class at Wordford Hills.



Jim Irons

Meanwhile, In the Middle East...

Saudi Drifter Sentenced to Beheading for Deadly Crash

Source: Autoweek.com

In Western countries, even the most heinous of automobile accidents can be settled in court with a long jail sentence. In the Middle East, penalties can be a bit harsher.

A Saudi Arabian man who killed two men near the capital of Riyadh while drifting—hagwalah, as they call it—is sentenced to be publicly beheaded for the incident. The driver also fled the scene before police arrived.

In court records, the man is known as Mutannish, meaning "he who ignores."

Authorities in Saudi Arabia treat drifting deaths as negligent homicides, which leads to the extreme penalty. In 2005, a naval officer in the country was found guilty of killing three minors in a negligent stunt-driving accident. His death sentence was reduced to 3,000 lashes and 20 years in prison.

According to Amnesty International, at least 82 people were executed in Saudi Arabia last year, many by public beheading.

Read more: <http://www.autoweek.com/article/20120911/carnews05/120919963#ixzz272lokMpu>

The Hard Drive Garage – By Mark Schroy

You know, it's funny how the world works. I have been trolling the internet, trying to find my next subject, and coming up dry. Seriously dry - like the Sahara. But, both my dearly departed grandfathers always had sage advice for me when I was a little lad...

Grandfather Tischbein (Mom's side) "It's always good to want something!"

Grandfather Schroy (Dad's side) "Good things come to those who wait!"

Amazingly enough, when I sat down with writer's block, I checked my usual sites one more time-and boy, did I find a winner winner chicken dinner!!!

In the sleepy state of potato country Idaho, a shop by the name of Z and M Customs have created their own kit car of the sexy as hell Lamborghini Aventador. The car is based on a "full GM, Holden chassis" with a LS1 V8 (Corvette) motor, which means one thing really...



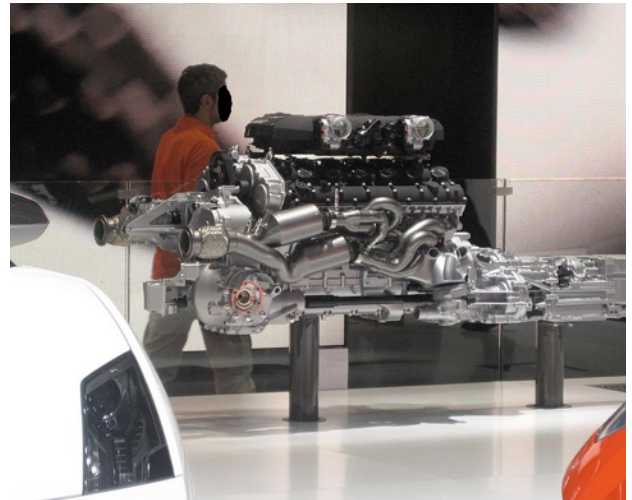
It's based on the last Pontiac GTO. NO, not a Fiero. The seller states that clearly enough in the eBay listing: "is not an '80's Fiero replica...NOT A FIERO"-nice use of CAPS LOCK for emphasis..



Yes, you read that eBay listing right. This thing is currently going for \$46,100 with 17 bids, with 2 days left. The original listing was \$59,500. Wonder why it didn't sell?



Now the main question I have, and certainly not willing to ask - don't want to get their hopes up - is WHAT is in the engine bay? Last time I checked, the GTO was front engine, rear wheel drive with a V8. The Aventador is mid engine, 4 wheel drive with a 6.5L V12:



Yeah, looks nothing like it. Why bother putting in a fake engine when EVERYONE KNOWS THE CAR IS FAKE?

Holy Running Bull, Batman! They even ripped off the emblems. I wonder when Lambo will walk up with a cease and desist letter. Heck, I'll deliver it for them for the chance to slap some sense into these guys. Anyone want to donate for that round-trip airfare?

Here's the [Ebay Motors Link](#) for more pictures. Now, time for some whiskey for my eyes.....

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AUTOCROSS IV



Delaware Region PCA & Brandywine Motorsport Club



SATURDAY OCTOBER 13, 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

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, 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:

www.delawarepca.org

www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org

Greenville Crossing Annual European & Exotic Car Show

September 29th from 10am to 3pm

Pre-registration is required via

GreenvilleCrossingCarShow2012@comcast.net

no charge
to show car



vote for best
of show

