



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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November 2012

BMC CLUB MEETING

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

BMC HOLIDAY PARTY

Tuesday, December 4th, 2012 (see flyer)



Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman

Well, it has happened again. I have figured out that Mazda engines are pretty good for getting fast times. Super Sevens' or similar design chassis are also fast at an autocross.

The driver is also an important part of the equation. If you put these all together what do you get? You get another Lofland Memorial Trophy win. The winner now has six Lofland wins, and I still have only four. Congratulations Jerry Fink, for coming out and showing us why your name has been on our trophy before. Jerry and his son Derek brought down their Laminar Viking (with a stock Mazda Rotary engine). This is a car that they now build and sell for customers, and it is fast. It was a shame that the Caterham is not finished because it would have been a fun battle between two lightweight nimble machines.

Thanks go to Dave Dabell who was nice enough to let me run another Autocross in his Porsche Cayman S. I was trying to keep up, but I also knew I did not want to hurt Dave's car either. Thanks to all who helped, worked, and ran in the last autocross of the season.

Hurricane Sandy also spoiled more than food this weekend; we were not able to run the Braille Rally because of the threatening weather.

We are still working on the slate of officers for the following year; thanks to those who would like to continue in their current posts. You may be hearing from me soon.

See you Nov 6th don't forget to vote.

Paul



Autocross Update

AutoX Chair Dave Dabell's report is included with the results of Autocross IV in this Gasline. The following note was received by George Alderman from Jerry Fink, who is now a 6-Time Lofland Memorial Trophy winner ('82-'85, '89, 2012)!
Jim Irons, Ed.

Dear George:

Derek and I are just getting back into Solo II after a number of years. We really enjoyed the friendly and low-key atmosphere of the BMC event. I was looking forward to be competing with Paul in your Caterham. It was disappointing to hear that you sold it.

It's hard to imagine it was 30 years since I first won the Lofland Memorial. It was great to see all of the names of past winners again.

I was working during your run group, and you did a great job with the Mini – you still haven't lost it!

Thanks again for the call reminding us of the event. After this event, BMC will be a regular one for us next year.

*Regards,
Jerry Fink*

Rally Round – Don Butler

As I write this, the only news is still current events, i.e., Hurricane Sandy. Unfortunately, the Braille Rally was canceled due to the storm and I've not heard that it has been rescheduled.

Bring any ideas for the 2013 rally season to the November meeting.

Don

2nd of October Meeting Highlights

The October 2012 meeting was held at Stewart's Brewing Company and was attended by 14 members. It was chaired by Paul Alderman.

Treasurer's Report – At the end of September, we had \$7,838.

Membership - We have 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. British Car Club has a tour set for 10/20.

Autocross Report – Our next Autocross is scheduled for Saturday, October 13th at the Glasgow location.

Gasline Report – Jim Irons said that articles are due Tuesday, October 30th. This is our Newsletter, please submit articles/pictures to Jim Irons 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 @ jjpmartymar@aol.com.

Property – Mark Schroy said that he is developing a program to list all the club property so everyone can see what we have.

New Business –

- Jim Irons agreed to head up the Christmas Party committee.
- Elections for Club Officers will be conducted at the next meeting. Meeting no-shows will be considered Club Office nominees.

Next Meeting, November 6th at the Stewart's Brewery. Please attend, we missed you.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM..

Secretary Jim Martin

2012 Braille Rally Canceled

Out of concern for the safety of the navigators, as well as the drivers and workers, the October 28 Braille Rally was canceled due to Hurricane Sandy.

It is tentatively rescheduled for April 7th, 2013....which is the first Sunday after Easter next year.

Scott Clabaugh

Racing on TV

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

Holiday Party Next Month!

To celebrate the upcoming holidays and a successful year for our club, BMC is sponsoring a dinner party for members on its regular December meeting date. This year's party will be held at The Hunter's Den restaurant on Old Capitol Trail in Marshallton, Delaware.

The restaurant has a parking lot behind the building; additional parking is provided in a lot next door via a separate driveway.

As shown in the flyer in this Gasline, club members pay just \$10 each for a very nice buffet with three main courses. For couples, this shows the advantage of having a Family membership. Non-members' dinner price is \$25. (The club is even covering some of that actual cost.)

We will have a short business meeting after dinner, just to make it an official club meeting.

We will return to Stewart's Brewing Company for our regular January meeting.

Be sure to send me your reservation before the Nov. 27th deadline; I will be also accepting reservations at our November meeting at Stewart's.

Jim Irons

The Checkpoint Line - Dave Teter



A few lines of update of what I know of the rally scene. The most recent development is the postponement of the Braille Rally, and I guess it's a cancellation as that event will not occur in 2012. Hurricane 'Sandy' posed too much risk for the navigators.

Upcoming is BCX, a substitute for PBX (Pine Barrens Express) for which 'permits' hit a snag so it couldn't be held in the 'pineys' of NJ. The So Jersey Region SCCA will instead present BCX (Bucks County Express) in a similar format: afternoon section, dinner break, then a dusk/dark section ending about 9 pm. See www.sjr-scca.org for info.

The annual US Road Rally Challenge (USRRC) was a part of my life for five days (10/18-10/22) with its HQ in Michigan, about 25 miles north of Ann Arbor. The first day was a course/trap event, and fairly easy with me and partner finishing 5th against a strong field of entries. The next day was the tour rally on the fabled Michigan unpaved back roads. I was surprised as the roads, albeit unpaved, are well maintained hard packed surfaces and almost as good as most of local paved roads. In a 'make-up-time' situation, I was at 75 mph very comfortably. We had a ugly happenstance for 25 pts., which was death on an event that was won with a single digit score of 9 pts. The last event on Sunday was a Q/A ride in which we competed, but not seriously. Then back on the plane on Monday to meet Hurricane Sandy..

Dave

The Hard Drive Garage – By Mark Schroy

or, awwww, it's sooooo cute!

Hello everyone!

I've been a bad boy, as my darling wife would put it. I have been adding on to my garage again. But, it's been worth the trouble!

Ann and I have been having a ton of fun collecting Matchbox and Hot Wheels vehicles, more specifically British models. We have gotten more Matchbox than Hot Wheels, but it's a decent collection so far:



Yeah, I'm an addict. But it's a good addiction :)

Amazingly enough, I have found most of these at grocery stores like the Shoprite up the street from me. Some of the models have really surprised me:



Caterhams? Really? I never thought I would find those. A fair amount of the other makes are represented- Aston Martin, Austin, Mini, Lotus, even Morgan:



The one make I haven't found any of is MG. I know Matchbox made one decades ago, but I'm hoping that I will find a MGB somewhere soon. Even found a Triumph:



The Hard Drive Garage – Continued

Okay, 2. Different colors, even different wheels!
My wife doesn't quite understand that yet. Here's
one for Jim Martin, with a small addition:



So all in all, a pretty tidy collection. Manageable
at the least. Fits in a desk drawer instead of a multi-
level garage. It's the small things in life, even the
wheels!

Till next month!
-M



P.S. That absolutely horrid Pontiac/Lambo disaster?
Well, it didn't sell for the almost \$50K that they
wanted before. I saw it listed again for under \$30K,
but can't find the listing now. I wonder if they
actually found someone to buy it.....?
-M

S-10 Cattle Truck





BMC - PCA AUTOCROSS IV RESULTS Glasgow Site - OCTOBER 13, 2012



Class #	Name	Car	Time	Class #	Name	Car	Time
SS 22	Mark Loch	Porsche Cayman S	52.159	AM 172	Jerry Fink	Viking Sport	*46.861
AS 13	Scott Clapper	Chevy Corvette	55.430	AM 72	Derek Fink	Viking Sport	47.504
BS 8	Larry Waltemire	Porsche Boxster	53.160	BSP 68	Paul Alderman	Porsche CaymanS	50.634
BS 7	Aaron Thorsgard	BMW Z4	55.707	BSP 89	Dave Dabell	Porsche CaymanS	51.577
BS 1	Bill Noyes	Chevy Corvette	60.821	DSP 18	Nuri Heckrotte	Nissan 240SX	49.176
CS 23	Jim Irons	Mazda Miata	54.359	DSP 118	D. Schiavoni	Nissan 240SX	51.467
CS 10	Danny Duong	Nissan 350Z	57.387	SMF 51	Josh Nash	Honda Civic	49.842
DS 43	John Allard	Mini Cooper S	54.746	SMF 85	Mike DiMaio	Dodge Omni GLH	53.431
DS 81	Luke Waltemire	Porsche 914	55.071	SSM 65	Duke Wilford	Maxda MX5	50.795
DS 31	Ian Jones	Subaru WRX	55.712	ST 16	Matt Collins	VW Rabbit	53.618
DS 32	George Alderman	Mini Cooper S	57.908	STR 34	Michael Sparacio	Nissan 350Z	53.445
DS 3	Martha Weldin	Mini Cooper S	61.181	STR 11	Nick Gurnas	Mazda Miata	54.674
ES 33	Phil Worrell	Toyota MR2	53.673	STR 25	Grant Banning	VW GTI	55.534
FS 11	Mal Kroeber III	Ford Cobra SVT	52.591	STR 134	Ryan Downs	Nissan 350Z	55.891
HS 6	Ryan Wheatley	VW Passat	56.438	STR 100	Rick Bernard	Subaru WRX	56.437
HS 67	Greg Bell	Sunbeam Alpine	59.200	STR 29	Justin Mohr	Subaru Impreza	56.765
HS 88	Christine Wilbur	VW Jetta TDI	61.143	STR 21	Matt Smalley	VW GTI	59.042
				STR 35	Javier Gardunc	Honda Civic	59.167
				TS 77	Tiffany Miller	Nissan Exterra	61.720

* Fastest Time of the Day - Lofland Memorial Trophy

Autocross IV Report

Our last autocross of the season was held at Keene School on October 13. There was an extra element to the competition this year – in the paddock. With various youth soccer games being held at the YMCA next door, we had plenty of company in the school parking lot. I understand competition for parking spaces was fierce.

There was nice weather for the event, clear and cool, but most importantly, DRY. We also had a good turnout, with some familiar faces we haven't seen in a while. Based on the results, they must have been spending time at other autocrosses, as they were driving really well.

We used the same basic course layout as August, but Duke tightened up the return leg of the course to keep speeds in check. The return leg did not have as much grip as the outbound leg due to loose sand and stones. I had trouble adjusting to this while Paul, who was also driving my car, did much better. After the event, I discovered both of my front tires were worn down to the cords, which sure didn't help traction any. Rumor has it that Paul is looking for a better team next year that can afford tires with rubber on them!

BMC awards the Lofland Memorial Trophy at this event to the driver setting the fastest time of the day. This year, we had a visit from Jerry Fink and his son Derek. They were driving a Viking Sport, a Lotus 7 look-alike, powered by a rotary engine, that looked like it was about 1" off the ground. Jerry is a past BMC member whose name already appears on the trophy multiple times. His name will be added to the trophy one more time after he outdrove everyone else by a comfortable margin. Congrats to Jerry, and let's hope we can coax him back into the club.

Many thanks to our volunteers that helped out with the events this year. We couldn't do it without you!

Dave Dabell – Autocross Chair

BMC's Holiday Dinner Party

Tuesday, December 4th, 2012

Hunter's Den Restaurant

3517 Old Capitol Trail • Wilmington DE 19808

Cocktails 6 P.M., Dinner 7 P.M.
(Short club meeting after dinner.)

Our Dinner Buffet Includes:

English Cut Prime Rib

Marinated Chicken Cordon Bleu

Seafood Chesapeake (shrimp & scallops)

Green Beans • Italian Blend Veggies

Red Bliss Potatoes • Fettucini

Coffee • Tea • Soft Drinks

Cash Bar Available

BMC Members: \$10.00 Guests: \$25.00

Send info below with check payable to BMC:

Jim Irons
509 E. Creek Lane
Middletown DE 19709

Reservations Must be received by November 27th.

Single & Family Memberships - \$10 pp

Guests - \$25 pp

Member Name(s) _____

No. of Guests _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____