



# ***THE GASLINE***

***Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.***

***[www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org](http://www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org)***

***April 2013***

## ***BMC CLUB MEETING***

***Tuesday, April 2nd, 2013***

***6:00 P.M. greet & eat / 7 P.M. Meeting***

***The Charcoal Pit at Price's Corner, 714 Greenbank Road, Wilmington, DE***

- ***BMC/SCCA March Lamb Rally – April 7th***
- ***BMC/PCA Braille Rally – April 8th***
- ***BMC/PCA Autocross I – April 14th***
- ***BMC Spring Fun Rally – April 27th***



### ***Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman***

Spring is here!! I think??? The most winter snow for the season in the spring? I'm glad its supposed to get warmer, we need the nice weather to hold our events. Coming soon,

The March Lamb April 6th, Braille Rally April 7th, Autocross I April 14th, and Spring Fun Rally April 27.

I will see some of you at the Autocross, but I will not make our first 2 rallies since I will be out of town on vacation. George Alderman will be taking my place at the meeting. I hope that you can come out and support your club by running or working an event. We are looking for light breezes and warm temperatures for the March Lamb, everyone usually crowded into the bus stop to keep warm for check-in; it gets cozy.

Anyway I hope everyone has a nice Easter and I hope to see you at the Autocross on the 14th. Come and support Duke in his first event as AutoX Chair, he has been working hard. Thanks Duke.

*Happy Easter,  
Paul*

### ***Rally Chair - George Alderman***

April is the month to try a rally or two. The first rally is our 16th annual March Lamb SCCA Rally that our members Dave Teter and Wayne Elvin have laid out and it will be attracting some SCCA members from other parts of the country, as they attempt to gain points for the national rally championship. There are two sets of instructions that cover the rally course. The Touring course is the easiest to follow and quite straightforward, I would recommend signing up for the Touring course and bring your GPS to help maintain average speed. This rally is about 4 hours long.

The next rally after the Braille Rally (see insert) is the Spring Fun Rally on Sat. April 27th. We will start at 2 PM and finish around 3:30 at the Charcoal Pit on Kirkwood Highway. The rally course is easy to follow with mileages at every instruction. Come on out and enjoy an afternoon driving from Landenberg to Centerville. See flyer in this Gasline for more information.

*George*

## 5th of March Meeting Highlights

The The March 2013 meeting was held at Charcoal Pit on Kirkwood Highway and was attended by 22 members. It was chaired by Paul Alderman.

**Treasurer's Report – Willis Weldin:** \$7,609.49

• **Membership = 51 DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - applications at <http://www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org/membership/>**

**Rally Report – George Alderman**

- March Lamb XVI Rally – 4/6/13 – Flyer online.
- 42<sup>nd</sup> Braille Rally – 4/7/13 – NEEDS DRIVERS! Flyer available online.
- March Lion Rally – 4/7/13 – Flyer available online.
- Spring Fun Rally – 4/27/13 – Flyer available online.

**Autocross Report – Duke Wilford**

- 2013 Autocross I - 4/14/13
- Waiting approval for DAFB Civilian Air Terminal

Please help us in our search for bigger lots (contact Duke at [wil4ds@gmail.net](mailto:wil4ds@gmail.net)).

**Website – Jim Martin**

Please visit the events section for coming events. Click events, then go to month and click on Agenda. I have posted all events that maybe of interest to Club members.

**Gasline – Jim Irons**

Send articles/pictures to Jim Irons by 3/26/13.

*Secretary Jim Martin*

## The Checkpoint Line - Dave Teter



March Lamb XVI is just 4 days away from this upcoming meeting. We are short on club support of our usual entries in SOP and Novice for the Tour Rally; kinda disappointing in view of the effort and expense. Note the entry fee this year does not require payment of the \$5 SCCA Weekend Membership fee. As a result, a

BMC member can enter for less cost than a full SCCA member (\$23).

A regular worker crew for many years, non-members and past rallymasters of March Lamb, Keven and Lisa Cresswell, are unable to do so this year. Jim and Marie Irons have stepped in to replace them, bringing the member worker total to about 3-4 plus Wayne, myself, and Pat Phalan as precheckers and organizers.

Please get your entry in NOW to make this another well attended event.

*Thanks - Dave*

## Autocross Update – Duke Wilford



Our season opener event, Autocross I, is coming up very soon – Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>! I have opted to keep this event at Keene, though I do plan to adjust the course a little, if feasible. At the March meeting, I shared a potential new venue. We had cleared the first hurdle with that owner, but unfortunately got shot down by the ultimate decision maker. Back to Google Maps! As always, if you have leads or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at [wil4ds@gmail.com](mailto:wil4ds@gmail.com).

Online preregistration for Autocross I is now open at [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com). Preregistering makes events more convenient for both drivers and organizers. Signing up is easy and free; if you do not already have an account, please take a minute to join at [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com). We cannot take online payments at this time, so please be prepared to pay at check-in. Scott Clapper wins a door prize for being the first person to take the plunge and preregister through the new system!



If you prefer not to sign up online, please drop me an email letting me know you're coming. It helps facilitate the check-in process and get us on course faster. You can email [BMCautox@gmail.com](mailto:BMCautox@gmail.com) or my personal address above.

I'm actively seeking ideas and suggestions on how to improve the already-fun BMC autocross program. Please come out to the next club meeting and share your thoughts.  
-Duke "Got to get the car back in fighting trim" Wilford  
Autocross Chair

## Proud Parents of the Month



## 42nd Running of the Braille Rally

The **42nd** (Yes, 42nd!) running the annual Braille Rally is **Sunday, April 7th, 2013!** 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).

**We could still use a couple drivers! So, let me know if you're interested in driving, please let me know.... [braillerally@verizon.net](mailto:braillerally@verizon.net) .**

**Timeline for the day!** We'll meet at **1PM at the 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 2:02 PM. You'll spend about 1-1/2 to 2 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 now the headquarters for the DAB!

**Picnic and Awards!** After you find your way back to Landis Lodge, we'll have plenty of refreshment, 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!

**Course Workers and Drivers!** George Alderman has resurrected the course we ran from 1982 and he'll need course workers to make this happen. If you'd like to help on the course, please email George Alderman at [galderman32@comcast.net](mailto:galderman32@comcast.net).

The DAB already has 20 navigators registered - so, we'll need 20 drivers, too! Send me an email at [braillerally@verizon.net](mailto:braillerally@verizon.net) so I can get your name on the list to drive. You don't have to drive a sports car to be in this event, so if your spouse, girlfriend/boyfriend/significant other would like to drive or help out that the picnic, that would be great!! Just drop me an email and let me know. You will have a great time!

**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.

**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*

### Upcoming Events Calendar

A full list of most local area sports car club events for 2013 can be found on the BMC web site at: [www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org](http://www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org) Click on the Events heading and then Agenda under Month.

**April 6 March Lamb Rally, Newark, DE –BMC/SCCA**

**April 7 Braille Rally, Northern DE – BMC/PCA**

April 7 March Lion Rally, Pittman, NJ – SJR/SCCA

**April 14 Autocross I, Glasgow, DE – BMC/PCA**

**April 27 Spring Fun Rally – BMC**

May 4 Lewes Car Show, Lewes, DE – BCCD

May 18 Carlisle Import Car Show, Carlisle, PA – AHS&T

May 19 Northern DE Tour – BCCD

May 24 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Car Show, University & Whist Club, Wilmington, DE – BCCD

**June 22 Autocross II, Glasgow, DE – BMC&PCA**

*AHS&T – Austin Healey Sports & Touring Club*

*BMC – Brandywine Motorsport Club*

*BCCD – British Car Club of Delaware*

*PCA – Delaware Chapter, Porsche Club of America*

*SJR/SCCA – New Jersey Region/Sports Car Club of America*



## The Hard Drive Garage – By Mark Schroy

### or.....6 Wheels? Really?

Okay, this month has produced the strangest one yet. It's another iteration of a bad Jeep donor vehicle, but the Jeepvette from a couple months ago was interesting to me even with a bad execution. This month's vehicle was actually built by Mosler Automotive - Consulier GTP creator and one time presidential contender - and thank god, this one is a one-off...



Photo credit/photo sarcasm: Jalopnik

This creation actually has an official name, instead of me coming up with something witty. It's called the J-10 Sport, with DNA from a Jeep CJ and a Chevrolet S-10 Pickup - the only one of it's kind produced by Mosler. The front half of the vehicle resembles a CJ, except for the double front axle, and the rear is an S-10 bed and drive axle. No word if it's a true 6x6...

But anyways, Warren Mosler himself is quoted on the Jalopnik website stating the purpose of this vehicle is "Smooth ride over rough roads and no roll/shake." Now, I admit I'm not the smartest bear in the forest, but why does adding a second set of turning wheels up front accomplish that? Apparently, both sets of wheels up front **DO** turn in parallel, much like the **Tyrrell P34**, the famous 6-wheel F1 car sponsored by Elf in 1976.



I always loved the P34, even had a large scale Matchbox type toy car when I was a kid. The P34 actually had a real purpose - the 6-wheel design reduced the lift caused by the traditional two large front wheels.

The tiny 10 inch diameter wheels improved the downforce on the front wing, and provided a larger tire contact patch and better cooling for the brakes. The two car P34 team actually came in first and second in the 1976 Swedish Grand Prix!

Okay, back to the J-10. The side view shows Jeep doors and convertible top, with a shortened truck bed and standard S-10 tailgate, plus a flat front tire - the middle one. The top doesn't look like it fits well, and from the side profile shot it looks like the rear of the CJ is at the bottom of the convertible top. The bed reminds me of the Explorer Sport Trac - a truck bed so short they left off the K.

The frame of the S-10 is still underneath, with no mention of where the extra front axle came from. It does have it's own fenders, so I am assuming it's from the donor CJ, along with the front clip, second front fenders, and hood.

Yikes. Did I actually type "second front fenders?" What is this world coming to?



Photo credit: Jalopnik

Anyways, the front picture does show some rust on the supports/upper control arms, and with the flat middle tire, it doesn't look like this frankenmobile has gone anywhere for a while. It's in the Caribbean, owned by Warren Mosler himself still, and he plans on fixing the flat tire. Drive on, Mr. Mosler, drive on.

On a side note, I want to thank the members who have given me a couple suggestions for my articles. They will remain anonymous, to spare them any embarrassment or bruised egos. One of them was for a local car, for sale on Craigslist in New Castle. The posting was deleted before I finished this article, but it was a 1975 Chevrolet Caprice convertible with custom black and yellow paint, exhaust and interior. The bonus feature was the **30 INCH RIMS**, painted to match the car. No mention of any engine work, but this car fit the perfect definition of a **Donk**. There are a few colorful definitions on [www.urbandictionary.com](http://www.urbandictionary.com), if you're really interested. They are more twisted than I am.....

*Keep the suggestions coming!*

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**Brandywine Motorsport Club**  
**Spring Fun Rally**  
**Saturday, April 27th, 2013**



The BMC Spring Fun Rally is about 35 miles long and should take just 1-1/2 hours to complete. It covers roads between Landenberg PA and Centreville DE.

This will be a low-key, fun rally, with time and mileages given in the route instructions, and a few checkpoints along the course. Prizes will be awarded.

The finish at the Charcoal Pit is very close to the start location. The restaurant will have a room setup for our group, with food and drink available from the menu.

**Start Location:**

Brandywine Springs Park Faulkland Road (Rt 34) and Newport Gap Pike (Rt 41)

**Registration Opens:**

1 PM in the BSP Parking Lot

**Rally Start Time:**

2:00 PM plus your car number

**Finish location:**

Charcoal Pit Sports Bar, Kirkwood Highway at Greenbank Road near Price's Corner

**Cost:** Just \$10 per car at Registration.

**Please R.S.V.P. by April 24<sup>th</sup>**

To [galderman32@comcast.net](mailto:galderman32@comcast.net) or 302-373-2111, so we can plan with the restaurant and have enough route instructions.