



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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July 2013

BMC CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, July 2nd, 2013

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

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

Guest Speaker: Ex-F1 Driver Brett Lunger

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



Hot stuff! Thanks for everyone that came out and supported the 2nd Autocross of the season. It was a fun time with fast cars and a layout change that made for some excitement in the "chicago box." I was quite surprised when I arrived at the end of the parking lot on my first run. "What is this?, Did I go the right way through the gate?" I think it got a little slippery later in the day because a few of us gave the corner workers something to do after taking out some cones.

Keep your calendar open for Saturday August 3rd for the Picnic Rally to the Irons' house in the Middletown area. We will also have the 3rd Autocross the following week August 10th.

Come on out for the July 2nd meeting at the Charcoal Pit. Delaware Native and former F1 driver, Brett Lunger, will be speaking to the club this month about F1, the new movie *Rush*, and any other questions we might have.

Thanks to George Alderman for helping arrange our special guest.

*See you soon,
Paul*

Autocross Update – Duke Wilford

Duke's Report is with the Autocross II Results later in this Gasline.

Rally Chair - George Alderman

Our next rally is on Saturday August 3rd. However, it is more of a set of instructions for a roundabout way from Newark to where Jim and Marie Irons live. That will be the location of our summer BMC picnic, so even if you are not interested in a rally competition, (trophies will be awarded), I'm sure you will find the food and drink to your liking. So let's all meet at the Newark Park & Ride and rally or follow someone to Jim & Marie's home in the Summit/Mt. Pleasant area. See the flyer in this newsletter.
George

BMC Donation Acknowledgement

In addition to the flower arrangement BMC provided for Marilyn Alderman's Memorial Service, the club also made a donation to the Ninety-Nines, a women pilots organization.



The Delaware Chapter Ninety-Nines, Inc.
thanks you for your donation of

\$100.00

to the

Marilyn Alderman Memorial Scholarship Fund

Date 5/23/2013 Signature Ellen Noble Harris

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4 June BMC Meeting Highlights

The June 2013 meeting was held at Charcoal Pit on Kirkwood Highway and was attended by 19 members. It was chaired by Paul Alderman.

Treasurer's Report – Willis Weldin

- Balance: \$7,778.00; Membership – 61

Rally Report – George Alderman

- BMC Rally & Picnic is set for 8/3. Details forthcoming.
- Dave Teter announced the 2014 March Lamb is set for 3/29/14.

Autocross Report – Duke Wilford

- 2013 Autocross II – Set for 6/22/13.
- Waiting to hear about using the Civilian Air Terminal in Dover. Still moving forward.
- We are exploring the possibility of using the Siemens' lot in Glasgow.
- Please help us in our search for bigger lots (contact Duke at wil4ds@gmail.net).

Website – Jim Martin

- Grant Banning announced that there will be a German Car gathering this weekend at NJP.

Gasline – Jim Irons

- Articles/pictures to Jim Irons by 6/25/13.

Chair Notes – Trying to arrange for Brent Lunger to speak at the next meeting.

Secretary Jim Martin

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 Click on the Events heading and then on Agenda under Month.

- July 20 Dela. VA Hosp. Car Show – BCCD
- Aug. 3 Rally & Picnic - BMC
- Aug. 10 Autocross III - BMC

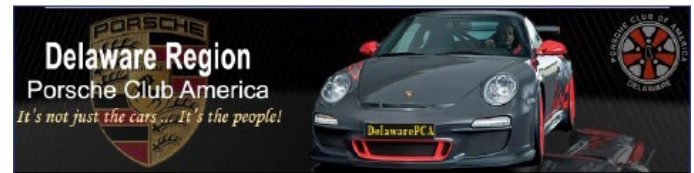
AHS&T – Austin Healey Sports & Touring Club

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



Greenville Crossing Annual European & Exotic Car Show

September 28, 2013
10 A.M. - 3 P.M.



Benefiting the Boys and Girls Club of Wilmington



Note: The email box for pre-registering entries for the Greenville Show is now open. greenvilleshowforkids@gmail.com



I hit a deer
Deer laughed and walked away

The Hard Drive Garage – By Mark Schroy

or...These are the morons on your highways....

Okay gang, time to take a small departure from my rants about car builds. I have been doing a lot of miles in the past couple months, and this time I am bringing you my top selections from scenes of the American superhighways.

It is amazing to me that to my knowledge, no one got hurt or killed by these vehicles OR drivers, but I would certainly hope the authorities saw fit to prevent that from happening after I witnessed these Darwinian acts.

The first one took place about a month after Superstorm Sandy, on I-95S in MD:



Holy overload Batman! I'm fairly sure that the weight limit for the trailer hitch tray was very much EXCEEDED, much less the roof rack or the rear suspension. I was honestly surprised that the driver was able to CHANGE LANES, let alone not shred/damage/destroy his rear wheels. I'm sure he saved some wear on his front tires, but good lord-this is the reason yard sales exist. NOW, on the flip side, the front license plate was from New Jersey, so I am making an educated guess that they had to leave their home with what they could salvage post Sandy. So, I can't pick on them too badly. There was a lot of toddler stuff in the rear of the SUV!

Okay, next one. Also in MD, on I-95 N near Elkton:



Wow. I had to speed up to catch this dude doing 80 MPH after he passed me. I am appreciative that he has the ladder tied up with some type of blue twine-I think-but WHAT THE %#@& was he smoking? Did he think the side mirror would help hold it on if the twine untied or broke free? I passed him when he took the Elkton exit.

On the left front quarter panel he had a contractor phone number and a small homemade "How's My Driving?" sticker that I couldn't make out. Honestly? You STINK. I think the gene pool lifeguards should have pulled him out of the gene pool a while ago.

Here's another, this time on Rt 1 heading toward Dover:



Yup. Piled almost as high as the SUV, with NOTHING STRAPPED DOWN. I am guessing this candidate thought that the laws of physics would prevent anything from moving, with the weight of the sofas leaning against every-thing else adding friction to the rest. Nothing fell out in front of us, but I can't assume nothing happened after we lost sight of him. I'm all for doing things on the cheap, but maybe 2 trips or a RENTAL TRUCK would help, or once again-YARD SALE.

Now, the final view amazed me not for the vehicle, but for the tires. This one was in Wilmington, heading north on 12th St over I-95:



How in the world do you get mud on all four tires of a FERRARI 575M? When this picture was taken, it had been at least a week since it had snowed. Last time I checked, a Ferrari is NOT an off-road vehicle by choice. Now, is it possible that he hit a patch of ice and slide off the road into a ditch or something? Yes it is. Is it likely that this guy has too much money on his hands to have a Ferrari 575 Maranello as a daily driver in winter? OF COURSE.

So, there you have it. Be safe out there kiddies. I have seen some amazing things on the road - you have been warned!

Enjoy!

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BMC - PCA AUTOCROSS II RESULTS Keene School Site - JUNE 22, 2013



Class #	Name	Car	Time	Class #	Name	Car	Time
AS 13	Scott Clapper	'07 Corvette	50.967	HS 18	David Kowalski	'72 Triumph GT-6	55.624
AS 19	Bill Noyes	'00 Corvette	55.586	HS 67	Greg Bell	'67 Sunbeam Alpine	56.452
BS 8	Larry Waltemire	'05 Porsche Boxster	50.619	HS 30	Andrew Kowalski	'95 Saturn SL2	56.454
BS 9	John Coffea	'11 Subaru Impreza	54.129	HS 10	Daniel Ritter	'04 Ford Focus	56.855
BS 20	Chris Grimanelis	'08 Subaru STi	57.454	HS 99	Wayne Hurd	'12 Chevrolet Cruze	57.895
BS 27	David Young	'99 Corvette	60.739	SM 28	Bryan DiSanto	'99 Subaru Impreza	51.554
CS 3	Geoff Germono	'07 Nissan 350Z	49.765	SM 26	Kalin Gregg	'02 Subaru WRX	57.450
CS 23	Jim Irons	'02 Mazda Miata	51.478	SMF 51	Joshua Nash	'95 Honda Civic	45.447
CS 55	Bob Turner	'02 Mazda Miata	52.831	SSM 50	Mark Clay	'87 Pontiac Fiero GT	53.236
CS 14	Craig Ross	'13 Subaru BRZ	55.592	SSM 57	Ed Trahan	'10 Mazda MX-5	53.502
DS 43	John Allard	Mini Cooper S	51.340	STR 86	Nuri Heckrotte	'03 Toyota MR-S	45.238
ES 11	Lou Montella	'87 Toyota MR2	49.619	STR 4	Stephen Zack	'06 Mazda MX-5	48.087
ES 29	Nathan Clay	'86 Pontiac Fiero SE	55.696	STU111	Joe Wey	'08 Subaru STi	57.429
FS 5	David Ameen	'13 Mustang GT	48.488	STX 100	Rick Bernard	'02 Subaru WRX	50.244
FS 141	Mark Richmond	'84 Nissan 300ZX	56.878	STX 25	Grant Banning	'03 VW GTI 1.8T	52.377
FS 21	Zachary Krogstad	'92 Camaro	58.890	SS 68	Paul Alderman	'08 Caterham S 7	*44.189
FS 41	Daniel McIntosh	'84 Nissan 300ZX	60.764	SS 32	George Alderman	'08 Caterham S 7	46.979
GS 16	Elizabeth Wilford	'02 Subaru 2.5TS	50.699	SS 2	Alex Witham	'13 Porsche 911 4S	49.966
GS 116	Duke Wilford	'02 Subaru 2.5TS	50.842	XP 47	Bob Nash	'92 Mazda Miata V8	48.552
GS 79	Walt Dabell	'06 Ford Mustang	53.380				
GS 48	Jeff Davis	'10 Hyundai Genesis	65.388				

* *Fastest Time of the Day*

Complete results breakdown at brandywinemotorsportclub.org

Autocross II Report - Duke Wilford

Autocross II went off without a hitch on Saturday, 22 June. Continuing rains left some nasty spots on the lot, but we adjusted the layout to avoid the worst conditions. The weather was fine, if a little warm, and some midday clouds were welcome. Not so welcome was the suspicious black helicopter that buzzed us during the second heat. Our registration and scoring volunteers pitched in as always, and 39 drivers showed up to demonstrate their cone-dodging skills. And skills were demonstrated indeed, as Lizzy Wilford beat her own father fair and square, co-driving her G Stock Impreza wagon to a class win.

We continue to see new faces at each event, and some returning friends both new and old. Wayne Hurd, a long-time friend of the BMC, turned up in his wife's new Cruze. The car handled well enough but Wayne was sure singing the praises of modern engine control electronics, which wouldn't let him launch with any real authority. Josh Nash, who took his first ever autocross run with us last year, returned in his

SMF Civic. Both the car and Josh have developed hugely since then, and he was an early contender for FTD. This time Josh brought his father Bob in his red Miata, which surprised a few people with the V8 rumble from under its hood.

Steve Zack and Daniel Ritter, among others, apparently had a good time in April because both were back for a second try. The Clay brothers, Mark and Nathan, showed up for their first autocross in a pair of Fieros, with Nathan's sporting an engine swap to a larger GM V6. GM's finest was also represented by first-timer Zach Krogstad in his red Z-28. Ford guy Walt Dabell made a welcome return in his white Mustang. The LBC (Little British Car) contingent was represented by Greg Bell's immaculate Sunbeam Alpine and David Kowalski's snappy Triumph GT-6, neither of which are strangers to autocross.

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Autocross II Report – Continued

Although the course seemed slower in speed, times were slightly lower in this configuration. A Chicago Box replaced the sweeper at the lower end of the course, which took some figuring for those used to the usual layout. This arrangement managed to use ALL THE CONES in the trailer, but just about everybody got the hang of it, and times fell throughout the day.

The hot numbers were in the mid 40s this time, with four drivers breaking the 46-second barrier. George Alderman stood on his high 46 from the morning heat, and graciously offered me an exhibition pass in the Caterham in lieu of taking his afternoon runs. Josh Nash posted a mid-45 on his first pass of the day, but was unable to beat it as he coned on a potential 44 in the afternoon.

Nuri Heckrotte, in his new-to-him MR-S spyder, whittled away at the 45s but was also foiled by a cone-damaged 44. Nuri was laying down a magic lap on his last pass when a bit of gravel in the Box sent him off course in spectacular fashion. Caterham hotshoe Paul Alderman posted several clean 44s, with his last pass a very quick 44.189 for FTD.

As always, thanks to registration, timing, and scoring volunteers Heather Alderman, Jim Martin, Willis Weldin, Jim Irons, and Dave Dabell, and all the others who helped out. These folks make our events happen, even when they aren't driving. We're looking forward to a good time at Autocross III in August!

*-Duke "Hey can I borrow your car" Wilford
Autocross Chair*



BMC Summer Rally & Picnic

Saturday, August 3rd
(Rain Date Sunday, August 4th)

- Start:** Park N' Ride lot at Rtes 896 & Rte 4
Sign-in from 11:00 to 11:30 A.M.
Rally routes review and Q&A at 11:30.
First car off at 12:01 P.M
- Finish:** A Backyard Picnic at Jim & Marie Irons' home
(In Summit/Mt. Pleasant area)
- Rally:** About 1-hour time-speed-distance rally
Easy-to-follow route.
Run it by yourself, or catch a ride.
(BMC members not required to run the rally to come to the Picnic.)
- Picnic:** BMC is supplying beer, soda, water, condiments, and trophy awards.
The Irons' will provide burgers, hotdogs, and potato salad.
Gas grill available - if you prefer to bring & cook your own dish.
Otherwise, just bring a chair.
Side dishes accepted but not necessary.
- Cost:** At least one BMC Member per car: \$5.00 per person,
kids under 12 free.
- Non-BMC member Rally & Picnic entry: \$10 per person.
(Better Option: Join BMC for \$15, then pay the \$5 per
person member rate. Applications online or at rally Sign-in)