



# THE GASLINE

**Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.**

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

**August 2013**

**BMC RALLY & PICNIC – Saturday, August 3rd**

**BMC CLUB MEETING**

**Tuesday, August 6th, 2013 – 6:00 P.M. greet & eat / 7 P.M. Meeting**

**The Charcoal Pit at Price's Corner**

**BMC/PCA AUTOCROSS III – Saturday, August 10th (See flyer)**

## **Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman**



Well, we are starting August off with a Rally to a Picnic at the Irons', Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the following week we will be running Autocross III on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Let me encourage you to come out and support these 2 events. I am planning to

navigate with Jim Martin for the rally. He thought it would be better if I drive, but I choose to leave the driving to the car owner. I will be driving the Caterham in the autocross, but I have no idea what the course layout will be. So come on out and we can have a fun event dodging cones. Chicago Box???? Figure 8??? What will be coming next? Duke, any hints?

Come on out and join us for the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting at Charcoal Pit Kirkwood Highway.

*See you then,  
Paul*

## **Rally Chair - George Alderman**

Don't forget the rally/picnic this Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will be an easy rally of about one hour ending at Jim and Marie Irons' home near Summit (north of Middletown).

Jim is also working on a longer rally that we hope to have sometime this Fall. If any club member would like to plan and layout a rally course, I would be glad to help with advice and counsel. Give me a call (302-373-2111) or see me at the meeting and we can talk about your rally ideas.

*George*

## **BMC Picnic Rally**

I've got the fix in for sunny weather for this Saturday's rally and picnic; looks like the high heat & humidity are behind us.

We have 12 cars lined up so far for the rally, with a few members planning to single-hand it. I guess they didn't want to be stranded in the hinterlands below the canal without a ride back to civilization.

At Jim's Little Acre, I'll be grilling burgers and hot dogs; Marie is making her great 'tater salad and handling the other fixins; beer and soft drinks will be on ice; the rally scores will be tallied and trophies will be awarded.

I've provided the particulars below just in case you need a reminder:

**Start:** Newark Park N' Ride 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) about 1 P.M.

**Rally:** 1-hour time-speed-distance rally.  
Easy-to-follow route.  
Run it by yourself, or catch a ride.

**Picnic:** Burgers, dogs, fixins, beer, & soft drinks provided. You can bring your own entrée to grill if you prefer. Otherwise, just bring a chair.

**Cost:** One BMC Member per car: \$5.00 per person, kids under 12 free.

*Rallymaster & Grillmeister,  
Jim Irons*

## Autocross Update – Duke Wilford



.Still not much news to report between Autocrosses II and III. A delegation of BMC folks recently met with representatives for a potential new site, but we have not received a decision yet. We continue to scout potential new locations. As always, if you have leads or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at [wil4ds@gmail.com](mailto:wil4ds@gmail.com). Big thanks to new autocrosser Dan Ritter for providing a tip – we’re also looking into that one.

Online preregistration for Autocross III is now open at [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com). If you prefer not to sign up online, please drop me an email letting me know you’re coming. You can email [BMCautox@gmail.com](mailto:BMCautox@gmail.com) or my personal address above. See the attached flyer for details on the next event, scheduled for 10 August, tentatively at Keene Elementary School. **We are still hoping for good news on another venue, so be alert for a location change if it becomes feasible for us to do so.**



In addition to the website and BMC Facebook page, we are now on Twitter as [@BMCautox](https://twitter.com/BMCautox) for those of you who use it. Updates will be sporadic, but tweeting will be helpful in getting the word out for venue changes or weather cancellations. Please follow us now!

In the meantime, why not try your hand at TSD road rallying, and enjoy a fun BMC social event at the same time? Look elsewhere in this newsletter for information about the BMC summer picnic on 03 August. Team Wilford will be entering at least 1, and possibly 2 cars in our first rally ever. We hope to see many of you there.

*-Duke “Still in emissions purgatory” Wilford  
Autocross Chair*

## The Checkpoint Line - Dave Teter



Very little rally activity in months of June & July since last report. However there were two regional events in Pittsburgh. Rally teams from South Jersey Region were there sweeping Class S, while I finished 3<sup>rd</sup> on both events.

South Jersey Region has no events scheduled until September. WE have our Picnic Rally on August 3<sup>rd</sup> coming up!!

Made a driving trip to Indiana for a pair of National Events – a much better report with a FIRST overall finish and a THIRD. I don’t do 600 mile drives to get there in one day anymore, so there was an extra day of travel each way. Five days on the road or rally is ‘trying’ a little bit. Oh, and there was a trip to St. Louis to a pair of National Events called Daniel Boone for an unspectacular 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> finish. The 9<sup>th</sup> finish was caused by a colossal boo-boo in setting the computer to work in ‘seconds’ instead of 1/100 minutes.

Dave

## 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 on Agenda under Month.

- Aug. 3 Rally & Picnic - BMC
- Aug. 10 Autocross III - BMC
- Sept. 15 Hagley Car Show
- Sept. 28 Greenville Crossing car Show - 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*



## 2 July BMC Meeting Highlights

The July 2013 meeting was held at the Charcoal Pit on Kirkwood Highway and was attended by 29 members. It was chaired by Paul Alderman.

We had a special guest speaker: **Brett Lunger**. Brett is a rare thing, an American racing full time in Formula 1! He competed in a total of 34 Grands Prix but is probably best remembered for the role he played in helping to rescue [Niki Lauda](#) from the flaming remains of his Ferrari at the [Nurburgring in 1976](#). Brett also found time to serve with the US Marines in Vietnam. He currently is a Pilot with Angel flights. I could not write fast enough to keep track of everything he has done. Next time we might consider a video tape that we can post online.

Unfortunately, Brett had to leave early for another commitment. Paul Alderman then chaired a short meeting,

Grant Banning gave a brief update on German Car Day at the Millville track. It rained and there was a poor turnout.

**Rally:** August 3<sup>rd</sup> is our next Rally and Picnic, The latest newsletter has the details.

**Autocross:** We talked about getting a bigger lot for the October Autocross and the fact that we may have to rent it.

7:35 PM meeting adjourned.

*Secretary Jim Martin*



### 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](mailto:greenvilleshowforkids@gmail.com)



The Hard Drive Garage – By Mark Schroy

*or.....here's your next grocery getter?!!?*

Holy cow. Words fail me for this one-almost...

Not your typical grocery getter or people mover. Thankfully, as advertised on Craigslist, it's a ONE OF A KIND!!! Well, no \$#!%. I never would have guessed...



The Craigslist ad is listed as a “1985 PLYMOUTH VOGAGER PRO STREET - \$12”. Now, to me, when I see \$12, I immediately think “Hey cool, 12 bucks for a new ride plus some beers...”, not 12 THOUSAND-wait, 12,500 later in the ad- for something that looks almost as bad as the El Cede from a little while ago...

The El Cede was a mix of Chevy muscle and Merc-Benz/Ferrari styling, where this strange brew has Plymouth ugliness and Chevy muscle, with a splash of Ford in the rear. These two builds have nothing in common, apart from the ugly yellow color and someone's odd sense of humor-oh, and the mixing of auto manufacturers that should NEVER happen.

This one originally was a 1985 Plymouth Voyager panel van-I think. Obviously, not anymore. It appears to have the original side bodywork, roof and rear tailgate, plus the rear bumper. Note the paint job on the rear bumper, plus the GIANT rear view mirrors and the front aero nose held on by speed clips.



The vehicle no longer has the transverse mounted engine, nor the front wheel drive setup. Within the custom hood and front end, the SBC is a stroked out 355 CHEVY MOTOR TURBO 400!!! mated to a TRANS 3500 CONVERTER!! with a 9 INCH FORD REAR END!!! and 456 GEARS!!!

His caps lock-not mine; my caps lock key also turns off. Either the seller has a stuck key on his keyboard, he yells all the time, or (Spinal Tap reference) he goes to ELEVEN...



This monstrosity only has seating for 2 willing-or kidnapped-people. The cargo area is greatly reduced by the scratch-built round section tube frame and huge tubs for the rear wheels, with the batteries bolted behind for weight distribution.



The custom dash doesn't look all that bad, really, but why bother to put in an aftermarket audio unit? Something tells me you won't hear much of it anyway.

Something else that bothers me about this build is how it's listed. Pro Street. Now, that is an actual NHRA class. I'm not a huge fan of drag racing, but I know that Pro Street means you can drive it during the week and race it whenever. This also means you better have a good radar detector or lots of bail money. If this seller is asking almost 13k for this thing, chances are he needs money for court fees-or he needs to buy his sanity back.

Lucky for us-or maybe not-this thing is located in New Hampshire. May it rust away in the land of crunchy granola.....

Here's the Craigslist ad:

<http://nh.craigslist.org/cto/3944467457.html>

*PS-getting the stuff together to turn this monthly diatribe into a podcast! Stay tuned.....*

*Enjoy!*

*-M*



# AUTOCROSS III

**Brandywine Motorsport Club  
Delaware Region PCA**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 10, 2013**

**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 Club Members: \$20)**

**Trophies awarded by Class**

- 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.** Common Autocross 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:**

Duke Wilford

or

George Alderman

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[galderman32@comcast.net](mailto:galderman32@comcast.net)

302-528-0612

302-373-2111

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

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