



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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October 2013

BMC CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, October 1st, 2013 – 6:00 P.M. greet & eat / 7 P.M. Meeting

The Charcoal Pit at Price's Corner

October 13th – BMC/PCA Autocross IV at Dover International Speedway

October 20th – BMC Trolls Tour Rally

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



Well, it's the end of summer, and boy you can tell. I finally had to get out some jeans to wear. This month will be busy with the Lofland Memorial Sprint/Autocross IV on Sunday the 13th followed by the Trolls Tour Rally on the 20th.

Our Lofland trophy was started in 1966 in memory of former BMC member Jack Lofland who passed away from cancer. The tradition became to award the trophy to the fastest time of day for that event. The names on the

trophy are quite interesting and include some current members and also some multi-time winners, including last year's winner, Jerry Fink. See the flyer for more autocross information, as well as the flyer on Jim Irons' Trolls Tour Rally.

I am still working on having Brett Lunger come and finish part 2 of his talk to the club, more to follow.

Hope to see you all at Charcoal Pit for the meeting on October 1st.

Paul

Autocross Update – Duke Wilford

Autocross IV, our final a/x event of the year, will feature the **Lofland Memorial Trophy**, awarded for the Fastest Time of the Day (FTD). This prize dates back many years of BMC history. It's like the America's Cup, just smaller and a lot less expensive to win. It is filled with the illustrious names of many hotshoes – come on out and do your best to become the next owner.

NEWS FLASH!!!

For this special event, BMC and PCA clubs have voted to rent a larger venue for the course – **Dover International Speedway, home of the Monster Mile!** The huge parking areas to the southeast of the speedway will offer us multiple times the space we are used to, and let us open up the course more than ever.

To help offset rental costs, we are adding a \$10 surcharge to our usual entry fees for this event, but it will be worth it! This lot is sometimes used by Philly Region SCCA, who put up some fast and fun courses there. We're really eager to stretch our legs a little – I hope we have enough cones in the trailer.

From the “try something new” department: If, like me, you are new to TSD road rallying, give it a low-stress try BMC's Trolls Tour Rally the following Sunday after Autocross IV. Team Wilford had a lot of fun at our first ever rally in August. Rallymaster Jim Irons has put together a longer and more scenic route, but kept it free of tricks or traps for us TSD noobs. Pick your navigator or driver and sign up!

Online preregistration for both Autocross IV and the Trolls Tour is now open at www.motorsportreg.com. If you prefer not to sign up online, you can also email BMCAutox@gmail.com with your information. Please see the attached flyer for details.

In addition to the BMC website and Facebook page, we are now on Twitter as @BMCAutox. Updates will be infrequent, but tweeting helps spread the word. Please follow us now!

*-Duke “Miata for sure next year” Wilford
Autocross Chair*

The Checkpoint Line - Dave Teter



I measured the upcoming Trolls Tour Rally with rallymaster Jim Irons last week and found the route easy to follow, pleasant, and scenic. Be sure to join in this gathering. A flyer is in this Gasline. Also upcoming is a Regional event by South Jersey Region on October 13, (<http://www.sjr-scca.org/rally.html>) for info, flyer entry form. The USRRC (US Road Rally Championship) out of Fredricksburg, VA is also on the October calendar.

My own activity since last report was a National Course and National Tour Rally in LaCrosse, WI. After finishing the Tour event with 15 points for 24 controls we felt pretty good (maybe a win). But as scores were posted we observed a 14 and a 13 and an 11! for a 4th place finish :-> bummer!!!

Dave

6 August BMC Meeting Highlights

The September 2013 meeting was held at Charcoal Pit on Kirkwood Highway and was attended by 15 members. The meeting was chaired by Paul Alderman. We welcomed our newest member John Williams.

Our Treasury now stands at \$9,284.93 (does not reflect bills to be paid) and our membership is 69 members.

Jim Irons is setting up a Trolls Tour Rally for October 20th. It is a rally that BMC ran back in the early 80's. You will be seeing a flyer for it shortly. Please help us get the word out for it.

Autocross Chair Duke Wilford did a great job of laying out the costs for a Dover Downs Autocross. The Club voted to proceed with having an Autocross at Dover but there were still some questions that needed answers:

- What happens to our deposit if it rains?
- Any potential legal problems with the contract?
- Is the Porsche Car Club onboard with everything?

The next Autocross is scheduled for Sunday, October 13th. The location will either be Keene Elementary or Dover depending on the answers to the above questions.

George Alderman led a discussion on the location for our Christmas Party. Nothing has been resolved yet. Let George know if you have any ideas.

All articles for the next Gasline need to be in Jim Irons' hands by 9/24.

Our next meeting will be the 1st Tuesday of October (10/1) at the Charcoal Pit on Kirkwood Highway, please attend. Meeting adjourned.

Secretary Jim Martin

Trolls Tour Rally - October 20



The BMC Trolls Tour Rally is laid out, checked out, and ready to go. It is an easy, Sunday afternoon 50-mile time-speed-distance rally. And late October should be a great time for a fun ride in the country and enjoy the Fall colors.

Don't have a Driver or Navigator to run it? Come to our October meeting and get together with a co-pilot. Don't forget to bring a check; I'll have entry forms and be ready to sign you up.

Jim Irons, Rallymaster

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.

Oct. 13 Autocross IV - BMC

Oct. 20 Trolls Tour Rally - 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

The Hard Drive Garage Podcast is ALIVE!!!!

Yes, internet users, Apple has graced me with their stamp of approval for my monthly diatribes. Good lord, they have no idea what is coming down the pipe.

Here's the direct link for it:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/mark-schroys-podcast/id693165870>

If you lose this link, plug Mark Schroy in the search window. There will be a subscription button on the side, so you will get notified of new podcasts when I get them finished. I will try to get thru my backlog of articles by the end of the year.

Enjoy!

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The Hard Drive Garage – By Mark Schroy

or Midget? What Midget?

This month, my dear readers, I'm missing a wheel. Only one, but at the same time I'm also missing the front end of the car. It's not every day that someone builds a trike like this:



Yup. Arizona must have some fallout left over in the water from nuclear testing. It's a USMC themed trike built from a 1975 MG Midget. Now, I'm always for supporting our troops and the Wounded Warrior Project, but this goes a bit far. The Craigslist ad-YES, ANOTHER ONE-says that it is a trophy winning trike, for \$6000 OBO. The seller will consider trade for nice, clean motor home. Oddly, no pictures of the trophies are presented.

The seller goes into good detail about the build. It has: *2.8 Ford engine, a C4 Auto trans, Chevy S-10 Rear-End, Kawasaki Front End, Custom Deep Burgundy Upholstery, 14 inch tires with sport spokes, 17 inch Harley-Davidson tire in front, motorcycle steering, new brakes.*



Is the upholstery related to Ron Burgundy? Inquiring minds want to...no, wait, never mind. It looks like it was put in using carpet staples, and the bolts holding the side mirror on are a nice touch of bling! I had the same mirrors on my S-10 Blazer. At least the Midget door handles look intact.

Yeah, so the rear of the car has been, um, modified? Not sure of the word I want to use. Stock Midget bumper-tossed. Bumper mounts-tossed. Odd one piece bumper held on by 2 different bolts? Check. Odd chromed out phallic symbols? Check. Bright yellow S-10 rear axle? Check.

WAITAMINUTE.

What the heck is going on with yellow lately?



The custom windscreen is a nice addition, definitely not a stock MG unit. That is a beefy front end too. Kinda curious as to what the clear bottle on the front clip is for. You can see it in the left side view too.

Here are the controls:



No throttle control on the bars, looks like it's on the floor. Can't seem to find the brake pedal, and I'm pretty sure there aren't any airbags either. Looks like seatbelts are optional too. I'm not sure if that is the original trans tunnel from the Midget either...

All in all, looks like something that should stay in Arizona. Since it's a dry heat, it'll last a long time....

Here's the Craigslist ad:

<http://mohave.craigslist.org/mcy/3993814025.html>

Enjoy!

-M

