



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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November 2013

BMC CLUB MEETING

**Tuesday, November 5th, 2013 – 6:00 P.M. greet & eat / 7 P.M. Meeting
The Charcoal Pit at Price's Corner**

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



What fun we've been having these last few weeks, the Trolls Tour Rally and the Lofland Memorial Sprint. Jim Martin and I teamed up again for the Trolls Tour Rally, this time I was feeling better and ready to crank the Curta. So with the Curta in hand, mile per minute conversions and GPS mileage, we set off. I cranked away and gave directions before we passed them so it was a more successful rally. We finished second in Equipped class and had the third lowest score. (Good job Duke winning novice on your second rally). If anyone has seen an odometer that reads to the 1/100 mile let me know. I would like to outfit a vintage car with vintage rally equipment. I enjoy trying to keep my driver on time and on course. Thanks to Jim for doing a fine job driving, the Healey team was able to go from behind to ahead relatively easy. Thanks to Jim Irons for the fun route, even the trolls took a picture of us going by.

Our next event was the Lofland Sprint. Many thanks to Duke for all the hard work putting together the site and crew, and even working with the postponement. The sun was out but the wind was a blowin'. We were able to keep the canopies from blowing over and finally took them down. Thanks to Martha for handling preregisters and registration and not yelling at me too much while helping. We were able to get everyone classed and running on the nice course Duke laid out. It was quite different from Keene, did anyone see the cheese head cone?? Everyone had a good time and there was great competition through all classes. Next year we will order up higher temps and less wind maybe even more events, what do you think??

Elections are coming up next meeting and I will be presenting nominees for next year. If anyone would like to challenge me for the Chair just ask, I'll let you. We'll have our next meeting on Tuesday, Nov 5th at the Charcoal Pit on Kirkwood highway. We have not gotten a firm date with Brett Lunger yet, but we will keep you posted. Hope to see you for the next meeting.

*Whew . . . Winded,
Paul*

Rally Chair - George Alderman

Thanks to Jim Irons for planning and putting on the Trolls Tour Rally. The roads and rally speeds didn't give me much time to enjoy the fall foliage, but it was good fun. I was concentrating so hard on following the rally route and staying on time that I drove right past checkpoint one and two without stopping. I never saw the checkpoint sign. I understand it was at the bridge, but I guess the trolls must have taken it down before I arrived and placed it back up for car #2.

There are no plans yet for more rallies this year, but maybe Willis and I will put on an evening rally (they used to be very popular). We can discuss that at the next meeting. See you Nov 5th at the Charcoal Pit.

George

Autocross Update – Duke Wilford



Duke's Autocross Update is with the results from the Oct. 26th Autocross IV later in this Gasline. Complete run-by-run results for that event can be found on the BMC website.
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BMC Holiday Dinner Party

BMC is again sponsoring a Holiday Dinner Party for its members and their guests. This year's party (and brief club meeting) is on Friday, December 13th.

This event, chaired by George Alderman and Charlotte Short, will be held at the Newark Country Club. Full details are included in the flyer with this Gasline.

1 October BMC Meeting Highlights

The October 2013 meeting was held at Charcoal Pit on Kirkwood Highway and was attended by 20 members. The meeting was chaired by Paul Alderman.

Our Treasury now stands at \$8,415.49. Our membership count is 70 members.

Autocross Chair Duke Wilford has been working hard to make the Dover Autocross a success, it is set for Sunday, 10/13 and the rain date is Saturday, 10/26. He is going there on 10/2 to finalize the paperwork with Dover Raceway. Bill Jacobson of Sports Car Services (former BMC member) in Wilmington, DE contributed \$100 to help offset the cost of the Dover Raceway. He said he would not be able to make it but to keep him in mind for later dates. Also, Pat Phelan had mentioned that he may know someone that maybe able to help us with the cost of renting the lot at Dover Raceway (\$2500) in the future. We will accept any help that we can get, being non-profits, that is a big pill (\$2500) to swallow. Don't forget that the Porsche Club is also helping to set this up. It was also pointed out that our timing equipment will only handle one car at a time (future Club opportunity). Bob Turner is going to talk with Philly Region of SCCA and see if we can get some future help.

Jim Irons is the Rally Chair for our next Rally on Saturday, 10/20. The Trolls Tour Rally will be a Great Fall Tour through DE, MD & PA. Please support our Rally program, I am.

We added to our Club property through the purchase of more trophies for all the winners in the Club.

George Alderman is heading up the Christmas Party and is looking for people to help him make it a success.

Mark Schroy has his Podcast up and running. The best way to find it is to go into the Podcasts section of iTunes, and search for Mark Schroy.

Gasline articles and pictures are needed for the next newsletter no later than the last Tuesday of the month.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Secretary Jim Martin

The Checkpoint Line - Dave Teter



During the past couple of months we have been promoting the Trolls Tour Rally. It finally came to conclusion. I had prechecked and measured the course, and I was at the finish to help with scoring. My impression was that several novice entries were happy and content. I heard of lots of little stories of happenings on the course including that George drove through a checkpoint twice without seeing or stopping at it.

I have been including my experiences in SCCA-land in this space and once again I add to the list of bad happenings, this time at the So Jersey Regional event in early October. This year has been a string of 'shots in the foot' such as setting the computer to run in seconds instead of hundredths, and taking Time Allowances in half-minutes when the GIs said to do it in whole minutes. This time in So Jersey we took a 18 minute Transit Zone but had misread the instruction, which called for only 16 minutes. (MAX!!)

Upcoming is the Bucks County Express (BCX) which runs in place of Pine Barrens Express which is unable to run because of red tape problems. For info to go: (<http://www.sjr-scca.org/rally.html>)

Dave

Editor's Blank Space Filler

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The Hard Drive Garage – By Mark Schroy

or.....Pickup? That's a pickup?!?

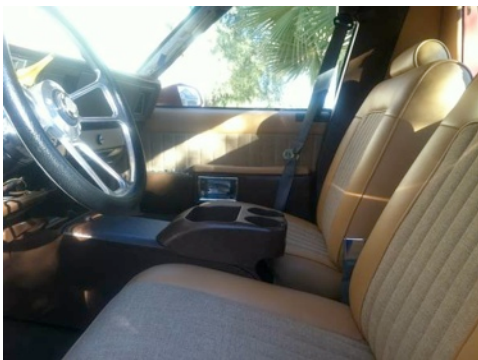
Okay friends, it truly amazes me what ends up in my inbox. I've had a couple suggestions from Liz, and I am hoping to get to those soon enough. Sorry Liz, but this current thing just couldn't wait any longer:



Yeah, I'm still not entirely sure what the heck it's supposed to be. It's a pickup, I think, but the rear looks like he hacked it off a Corvette. It's listed as a 1990 Super Step Deck Pickup. I have no idea a that means. Amazingly enough, after some internet searching, I discovered that this vehicle started life as a 1990 Chevy 4 door Caprice Brougham.



HAHAHAHAHA! That's funny right there. That also explains the awful interior on this custom disaster:



When I saw this picture, I knew it had to be a bad donor car. The seller states that he spent \$2000 on upholstery for the interior. With all that work this builder put into the exterior, I think he should have found a way to do SOMETHING ELSE to the interior. 2 GRAND for that? The color doesn't even match the exterior.

At least some of the other heaps I have written about lately have some connection to the exterior. The seller calls the exterior paint Peach-just looks bad to me.

From the description, it took the seller 2-1/2 YEARS to get the exterior right. The headlights need a bit more work. Looks like some kind of bug...



Yikes!

One feature I think is admirable is the tilt hood, much like the hood on a Triumph Spitfire. Okay, nice touch. I can give something positive once in a while.



At least make the molded in hood scoop functional, and what is up with these wheels? There are 2 different sets in the pictures. In the description, a set of Corvette wheels is mentioned, so I am guessing that they are these wheels:



They look better on the vehicle.

Wait. 2 positive comments? That's a record for me!

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The Hard Drive Garage – Continued

Anyways, this crate has a 305 engine mated to a slushbox trans, power windows, and shaved doors with poppers. Something the seller doesn't mention in the Craigslist ad-**yes, I know another ad!?!?**-is that the vehicle has 92,000 miles on it.



Wow. I thought Caprice Broughams fell apart at 50,001 when the warranty expired. This thing is on borrowed time, but with it living in Arizona, who knows how much longer? Dry heat, little moisture, no chance this will rust out anytime soon. \$7500 and it's yours! Dang.

Here's the Craigslist ad:

<http://phoenix.craigslist.org/cph/cto/3957196800.html>

Enjoy!

-M

Meanwhile In Gotham City....

spotted by Mark Schroy on I-95



And, In Russia...



Trolls Tour Rally Results



The weather cooperated just fine for BMC's Trolls Tour Rally, giving us a nice sunny day. We had just nine entries on October 20, but all those who ran the rally seemed to enjoy the course. Maybe the Eagles/Cowboys game kept people away?

In the combined Equipped/GPS class, Eric Salminen and Dennis Blevins, from the MG Club of Baltimore, dominated in a well-Equipped WRX with a low 60 points. (*The bottle of wine gift for the Rallymaster was a very nice touch Eric, thank you.*) Somehow, George Alderman and granddaughter Jade missed the sign for checkpoints 1 & 2 both times! George tried to claim that it wasn't there, but we have the photographic proof below.

Of the six Novice entries, almost all were first or second timers. I had intended to have a more detailed 'school' for the novices before the start, but unfortunately time ran short.

BMC Autocross Chair Duke Wilford and daughter Allegheny were first in Novice (and second overall) with an excellent score of just 91 points. Autocrossers and enthusiastic first time rallyists Kalin Gregg and John Carter entered at the last minute, and ended up second in Novice with 279 points. Autocrossers seemed to take to this rally in spite of the low speeds. Dave and Peggy Mitchell nosed out British Car Club of Delaware members Larry and Mark Cordiero for a third place trophy by just 2 points (1.2 seconds!).

Those I spoke with after the rally said they had fun and seemed anxious to do it again. I think another rally school at one of our spring BMC meetings should definitely be put on the schedule.

Thank you to all who ran the Trolls Tour; we hope to see you at a rally next year. And a special *Thank You* to those who helped make this rally happen: Marie Irons - precheck and registration; Dutch Dryden - precheck & donation of the classic First Place mug trophies; Wayne Elvin - precheck, presweep, and checkpoint 4; Dave Teter - precheck, course measurement, & scoring; Pat Phelan - presweep and checkpoint 4; Holly Fleming, Mike Scibek, and Grant Banning - checkpoints 1 & 2. It was great to see the 'pros' from BMC's past years still interested in helping out with today's rally program.

Jim Irons, Trollmaster

No.	Class	Driver/Navigator	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Leg 4	Total
3	Equip	Eric Salminen/Dennis Blevins	13	5	22	20	60*
2	Equip	Jim Martin / Paul Alderman	66	13	50	24	153
1	Equip.	George Alderman/Jade Alderman	200	200	200	110	710
6	Nov	Duke Wilford/Allegheny Wilford	18	21	17	35	91*
10	Nov	Kalin Gregg/John Carter	145	99	68	59	279*
9	Nov	Dave Mitchell/Peggy Mitchell	200	200	200	47	647*
4	Nov	Larry Cordeiro/Mark Cordiero	200	172	77	200	649
5	Nov	Lizzy Wilford/Maryanne Wilford	165	195	200	100	660
7	Nov	John Flanagan/Jane Dillon	200	200	200	109	709

*Trophy awarded

Hard To Miss Checkpoint Sign & A Local Troll



Jim Martin's Classic A-H 3000





BMC - PCA AUTOCROSS IV RESULTS **Dover Speedway Site - October 26, 2013**



Class #	Name	Car	Time	Class #	Name	Car	Time
BS 81	Larry Waltemire	'05 Boxster	58.217	BSP 2	Chip Clapp	'86 Porsche 911	56.785
BS 63	Michael Redmond	'03 Boxster S	63.460	BSP 111	Aaron Thorsgard	'04 BMW Z4	56.787
BS 10	John Ruscansky	'96 Corvette	73.000	BSP 89	Dave Dabell	'06 Cayman S	58.110
BS 63	David Redmond	'03 Boxster S	-				
CS 123	Duke Wilford	'02 Mazda Miata	59.314	DSP 85	Mike DiMaio	'85 Omni GLH-T	59.936
CS 46	Matt Mooney	'05 Mazda Miata	60.837	ESP 80	David Ameen	'01 Firebird T2	58.646
CS 228	Morgan Krause	'13 Scion FR-S	61.312	SM 51	Joshua Nash	'95 Honda Civic	54.870
CS 4	Danny Duong	'06 Nissan 350Z	61.903	SM 47	Robert Nash	'92 Mazda Miata V8	58.818
CS 23	Jim Irons	'02 Mazda Miata	62.500				
CS 91	David Nettleton	'94 Porsche 968	62.590	STC 27	Alexander Cabinian	'86 VW Scirocco	58.174
CS 55	Bob Turner	'02 Mazda Miata	62.833	STC 25	Grant Banning	'03 VW GTI 1.8T	66.561
CS 5	Harold Lavere	'08 Nissan 350Z	64.211				
CS 8	David Barlow	'00 BMW Z3	76.201	STR 86	Nuri Heckrotte	'03 Toyota MR-S	53.836
DS 14	Chris Posadas	'06 BMW 325xi Tour	56.760	STR 1111	David Hughes	'00 Mazda Miata	55.783
DS 9	Alex Urbanik	'06 MazdaSpeed 6	62.142	STR 98	Gerry Caceres	'03 Toyota MR-S	55.872
DS 53	John Allard	'08 Mini S JCW	64.449				
DS 99	R. Tatineni	'08 BMW 328i	65.809	STS 98	Sam Scott	'91 Mazda Miata	59.875
ES 11	Lou Montella	'87 Toyota MR2	57.133	STU 34	Michael Sparacio	'13 Subaru WRX	56.739
FS 18	M. Ramjattansingh	'01 BMW M3	65.500	STU 1	Jase Johnston	'08 Subaru WRX	57.470
FS 35	Nathan DiVirgilio	'14 Mustang GT	79.838	STX 7	Matt Collins	'08 VW Rabbit 2.5	59.094
GS 16	Lizzy Wilford	'02 Subaru Impreza	63.720	SS 68	Paul Alderman	'07 Caterham R500	*53.653
GS 87	Jake Waltemire	'87 BMW 325i	68.489	SS 13	Scott Clapper	'07 Chevrolet Corvette	58.074
HS 712	Matthew Harding	'03 Toyota Matrix	60.635	SS 6	Tim Sheldon	'06 Porsche 911	61.791
HS 777	Neil Hawkins	'94 Subaru Impreza	69.795	SS 12	Nick Gurnas	'94 Hennessy Viper	68.580
HS 64	David Kowalski	'72 Triumph GT6	73.480	SS 32	George Alderman	'07 Caterham R500	-
HS 94	Andrew Kowalski	'95 Saturn SL2	-				

** Fastest Time of the Day*

BMC/PCA Autocross Report on next page....

Autocross IV Report – Duke Wilford

The 2013 BMC/PCA Autocross season came to its finale with a larger than normal turnout at a special new venue, Dover International Speedway. Our clubs returned to the Dover area for the first time in several years, using the Monster Mile's south-side parking areas to set up a course approximately 5 times larger than usual.

The course design aimed to take advantage of the increased elbow room, with a snaky first quadrant leading into a long slalom. Everyone seemed to figure out the 'right' way through the optional slalom, which opened onto some fast esses into a big decreasing-radius sweeper at the far corner. This turn complex was followed by a Chicago Box requiring drivers to think outside the box (no pun intended) to find the fast line through. This feature was controversial with some folks... The Box exited across a hump in the paving before the finish. This hummock made for some dramatic stops among the faster competitors. There were a few off-course issues, including yours truly, the course designer himself, on his first run in Jim Irons' C Stock Miata.

47 cars turned up to try the new venue, including a number of novices, as well as scouts from the Reisentöter Region PCA (Dave Nettleton) and the South Jersey Region SCCA (Alex Cabinian). We hope to see these guys and their friends back with us in 2014. The unfortunate weather-related change of date meant that a number of people who preregistered for the original event couldn't make the rain date, but some others partially filled that gap. Although dry, the day was crisp in the morning, and while the afternoon was warmer, we were plagued by a strong southwest wind. Technical glitches with the timing system also caused some delays.

Cars and contestants ran the gamut from daily commuters to full-on racers. First-timer Neil Hawkins got his daily-driver 1994 Impreza into the trophies at his debut, snagging 2nd in H Stock after Matt Harding's Matrix. Matt left the bright yellow Citation X11 hillclimber at home this time. Second-generation member Lizzy Wilford in her Impreza wagon edged out second-generation member Jake Waltemire's well-preserved E 325 in G Stock. Lou Montella's all-original MR2 ran unopposed in E Stock, but his performance was good enough to grab him 2nd place in D Stock right behind Chris Posadas in the BMW 325 Touring. Chris' silver wagon looked smooth and fast, and sported an actual 3-pedal manual, making it somewhat of an automotive unicorn.

The various Street Touring flavors were distilled down to a couple groups, with STR hotshoes Nuri Heckrotte, David Hughes, and Gerry Caceres battling it out for top of the ST pack. Hughes and his Q-ship Miata were not able to repeat their FTD performance as they were troubled by oversteer in places. Gerry was not able to beat Nuri in his own car this time, as Nuri put in a smoking third run, dipping below 54 seconds to claim the combined ST win and making an extremely strong play for FTD.

Father-son team of Bob and Josh Nash fought it out in SM, with Josh's cone rat Civic outrunning his father's bruiser V8-powered Miata.

Street Prepared was a real spectrum of cars that wound up with remarkably similar results. David Ameen opted to bring his Firebird club racer instead of his usual Mustang, thundering around the course. Mike DiMaio's little GLH-T Omni finally had enough space to make boost, probably a first in his history with us. Chip Clapp took the honors in his white 911 track car, overcoming an early spin. There is *nothing* like the barking howl of an aircooled flat six driven in anger! Oddly enough, Chip's mid-morning ground loop was the first of the day, though it opened the doors for a few more directionally-challenged cars shortly afterwards.

Super Stock also saw a wide variety of engineering approaches, from Nick Gurnas's "more is more" Hennessy Viper to the Aldermans' 'less is more' Caterham R500. The Viper had traction issues, limiting its ability to get the power down from that massive engine. First-season novice Tim Sheldon in his 911 posted solid times that fell steadily throughout the day. Scott Clapper and his stealth Corvette finally had room to show us what they could do, and Scott also edged his times down with every pass, winding up at the very bottom of the 58s for a respectable 2nd place finish in SS.

But the overall FTD was very narrowly hung onto by Paul Alderman in the ringer Caterham R500 for the SS win. Paul's borrowed hotrod and startline tactics edged out Nuri's MR-S by less than 2 tenths to keep the Lofland Cup in BMC hands for another year. Paul and Nuri were the only drivers to break the 54-second barrier, and I for one am eager to see how the competition goes next year.

Massive thanks to all the volunteers who showed up before dawn to set up, and who pitched in throughout the day to overcome wind and technical issues to make this event a success. The program couldn't run without the people who handle administration, tech, timing, and scoring – a round of applause to you all for your help throughout the 2013 season.

We are looking forward to 2014 with plans to continue improving our autocross program. I'll discuss my thoughts in future columns over the winter, but please feel free to send me any and all feedback on how we can make the program and events better. My email address is: BMCautox@gmail.com.

Thanks to all who participated and volunteered to make this season a success!

*-Duke "my Miata for sure next year" Wilford
Autocross Chair*



BMC Holiday Dinner Party

Friday, December 13th, 2013

At the Newark Country Club
300 West Main Street · Newark DE 19711

Cash Bar @ 6:30 P.M., Dinner @ 7 P.M.



Our Dinner Buffet Includes:

Roasted Pepper Parmesan Soup

Spinach Salad w/condiments

Chicken Schnitzel w/Caper Lemon Butter

Salt Roasted Salmon w/Ginger Tomato Jus

Herb Smoked Gnocchi w/Pepper Vodka Cream

Grilled Asparagus

Petite Artisan Dessert Platters

BMC Members: \$15.00 Guests: \$30.00

Event Chairs:

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Charlotte Short: ceshort@verizon.net

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Reservations Must be received by December 6th.

Single & Family Memberships - \$15 pp

Guests - \$30 pp

Name(s) _____

No. of Guests _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____