



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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June 2014

BMC CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, June 3rd – 6:00 P.M. greet & eat / 7 P.M. Meeting

The Charcoal Pit at Price's Corner

BMC AUTOCROSS III

Saturday, June 14th, Glasgow High School, Newark, Del., Flyer enclosed

BMC PICNIC & RALLY

Saturday, June 28th, Flyer enclosed

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



Well, Autocross 2 at the new site at Glasgow HS was a great success. Welcome to all the new members who joined at the last event, and welcome back to those that rejoined. If you missed the event, you need to come on out and run our next event on June 14th.

Thanks to Duke and everyone that helped put on another successful event. While there were a few glitches during the event, we have been going through some of our procedures to help make the event smoother.

On the Rally front, we will run an easy rally to a picnic using the Braille Rally route on June 28th. See the rally report and flyer in this newsletter for more information.

Come on out and join us for the June 3rd meeting at the Charcoal Pit.

Paul

Rally Chair - George Alderman

Back by popular demand at the May 6th BMC meeting – the 2014 Braille Rally will be rerun as the 2014 BMC Picnic Rally on Saturday, June 28th, so mark your calendar. This rally will be more like a Tour since there will be mileages noted at every turn. In an effort to have the maximum number of BMC members able to participate in the rally and enjoy the driving on the back roads, we will not have any checkpoint crews needed. All of the checkpoints will be noted in the route instructions, and it will be up to the navigators to record their correct arrival time for the various checkpoint locations. Even drivers who ran the Braille version are welcome to run this Picnic version, so lets make this a good turnout.

See the flyer in this Gasline for more details; please be sure to RSVP so we can have a head count ahead of time.

George

The Hard Drive Garage

Mark Schroy will not have a hard Drive Garage article for this month's Gasline. He is in the midst of trying to set up a podcast interview with local ex-Formula One driver Brett Lunger. Mark's regular column should return next month.



Secretary's Report - Jim Martin

The May 6th, 2014 meeting was held at the Charcoal Pit on Kirkwood Highway. The turnout was 20 members, thanks to all that showed up. Your input and support inspire us for all the work that we are putting in. The meeting was called to order by Paul Alderman at 7:22 PM.

The meeting began with a report from member Shawn Dewey. Shawn, a former American Road Race Champion and a principle in Dewspeed Motorsports, had just completed an SCCA 12-hour race at New Jersey Motorsports Park. He and his co-driver, driving a slightly modified Miata, won their class and were 6th overall. He presented George and Paul Alderman a framed picture of the event in appreciation of their support.

Treasurer's Report (Willis Weldin) – At the end of April, we had \$6,264.15 in our Club account. Since making a major purchase of our AutoX timing equipment, this balance includes the 1st installment (\$1,000+) of our payback plan. Our membership is slowly coming back; we are now 74 members strong.

Autocross Report (Duke Wilford) – Our 1st Autocross of the season is history now. We had 57 cars registered at Keene Elementary and Great Weather; the results can be found on our website. We have been approached about allowing adult go-carts at our events, but the idea was tabled since we are just starting a new course at Glasgow High School and we would need to figure out how to keep the noise level down. We are still waiting on an answer on a working relationship with Dover Downs that will make it an affordable venue.

Rally Report (George Alderman) – Scott Clabaugh gave an update on the Braille Rally; it was a success. The Delaware Blind Association is working on getting more people qualified in reading Braille. The Rally may move to the fall in 2015, details will follow. Dave Mitchell is laying out a Rally in Cecil County, details will follow. We need volunteers to help, contact George Alderman.

Property Report (Mark Schroy) – Duke asked that we clean out the trailer (excess cones). The set up of the Club Store is moving forward; Shawn Dewey is going to forward a high resolution Logo to the Company.

Other News (Dave Back) - The Delaware Sports Hall of Fame (<http://www.desports.org/>) has put George Alderman's name on the nomination list for 2015. Only Hall of Fame members (as of 12/31/2014) are eligible to vote. George has earned this and we need to help the vote over the top by joining the Hall of Fame this year and vote for George.

Gasline Report (Jim Irons) – Please submit any articles to Jim Irons before 5/27 so they can publish in our next newsletter.

Our June Club Meeting (6/3/2014) will be held at the Charcoal Pit on Kirkwood Highway at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Braille Rally - Scott Clabaugh

The 43rd Running of the Braille Rally is in the history books as another great Brandywine Motorsport Club/ Porsche Club of America-Delaware Region event. The weather was "severe clear," and since it was above 60° many teams choose to run the rally with the top down!

Again, with our friends at PCA-Delaware Region, BMC put on a great Rally for the Delaware Association for the Blind. Each year, Navigators look forward to having the bragging rights of being the winner of the Rally.

After gathering at Brandywine Springs Park, the navigators were paired up with their drivers for the day. First car departed to run the Rally course at 2:01. Check-points were drive-bys this year making it easy for the teams to keep focused on the tasks at hand. The course took about 2.25 hours and everyone made it safely back to the Landis Lodge – although some were scratching their heads how they missed a checkpoint, or two!

After some refreshments and some pizza, the awards were presented. This year's winner was first time winning Navigator Ken Galvin and PCA Driver Bob Bloser. Second place went to last year's winning Navigator Kat Bottner, and PCA Driver Bill Cooper. Third Place went to Navigator Suzanne Howell and PCA Driver David Owens. (David has traveled in from Ohio for this rally for the past 4 years! Thanks, David and Jennifer!!) All of these folks received trophies, T-Shirts and the Navigators received a cash prize in the form of Visa Gift Cards- \$100 for 1st, \$50 for 2nd, and \$25 for 3rd. Last place also received "The Renee O'Leary Best Chance of Improvement for the next Braille Rally" was "won" by Navigator Frederick Noesner and his BMC driver Ed Trahan. Fred received a \$25 Visa Gift Card.

All other Navigators received a small participation trophy and a specially designed T-Shirt for the event. Porsche of Delaware continues to generously support this event each year by donating T-Shirts to all Navigators, Drivers and Course workers. They've been doing this since the PCA-Delaware Region became involved in this event back in 2002. **Thanks, Porsche of Delaware!**

This Braille Rally is a success because two car clubs work together. The BMC folks provided the knowledge and the expertise for the route and the scoring. The PCA provides drivers with a few other friends lending a hand.

Special thanks go to Willis Weldin for coordinating the route and to three generations of the Alderman family, George, Paul, and Hannah, Dave Dabell, Charlotte and Don Short, Les Clarke, Liz Haines, Dave Mitchell, Barbara Platz, and Pat and Shari Phelan and Wayne Elvin for working the checkpoints. Thanks also to PCA wives and husbands for the Finish Line Picnic. Thanks also to my wife, Judie, for baking plenty of cupcakes, which are always well received! Lastly, our clubs could not have done it without the help of Kristi Harmon, Program Director, at the Delaware Association for the Blind.

I hope you'll join me next year for more fun and excitement!

Autocross Chair – Duke Wilford



Although not quite as large a turnout as our season opener, Autocross II saw 50 cars take the flag to run our grand re-opening event at Glasgow High School. Despite terrible conditions in the days prior to the event, Saturday dawned bright and clear and pleasant. Prompt turnover allowed us to get 5 competition runs, plus a bonus fun run for anyone who wanted. Many friends, family, and even a few interested strangers got “bus tour” runs around the course at the end of the day.

Some standing water from the previous night forced a bit of course redesign in the second quadrant, but overall people seemed to enjoy the extra space afforded us by the new GHS venue. Although there were very few cones hit during the day, this improvement was offset by a few more off-course calls than normal. While we will try to keep the course design fresh and interesting over our next 2 events here, we'll also work to make it easier to navigate in the heat of battle. We are also changing our setup schedule a little to give people more time to walk the final layout. And remember, there is no shame in taking an instructor along to point you through the course, especially if you are in your first couple of seasons as an autocrosser. Novices and veterans alike can benefit from a coach riding in the observer seat and offering tips to help you go faster.

Frank Adkins and his awesome '65 Plymouth Valiant returned to our new Classic Street Car class. Unfortunately, no one else kept him company. We love to see old cars get used for their intended purpose, so as the weather continues to improve, please bring your classic car out and encourage others to do as well!

In addition to Frank, it seems like a few of our AX I rookies have caught the cone bug. Walt Jones brought his hotrod GMC Sonoma back, and Francisco Gomez returned in his yellow MR2 Spyder, as well as Bruce Thorngate in his big green Camaro. Herbert Peng popped back in with his Legacy beastwagon.

Some first timers found us on their own, like Wenyu Meng in his white Evo X MR. Some were convinced by friends or family to compete – Mike Sparacio's brother Anthony ran his 2008 Rabbit. Emlyne Forren gave it her first go in Jase Johnston's S14 240SX, and kept him on his toes all day. Similarly, Anita Steward made a last-minute decision to try her hand, sharing Lou Spinelli's GTI. We hope to see Anita in her own car next month, along with all the other first or second timers!

We had some returning veterans, and some new faces who were obviously not rookies as well. David Hughes showed up in his subtle but quick STR Miata, and quietly posted the 3rd fastest time of the day with no apparent drama. Road racer Shawn Dewey returned to the cones,

sharing 1 of the 2 Caterhams brought by the Alderman clan. Alex Brooke made the trip from the Salisbury, MD area to run his NA Miata, as well as Nevin Dawson from Chestertown in his Mazda3.

About half the cars fell into the various Street (Stock) classes. Tim Sheldon brought his 911 Carrera S to battle the twin Caterham 7s of the Alderman clan in SS, holding on to a podium spot in his much larger Porsche. Scott Clapper's black #13 Vette was unopposed in AS, but he seemed to enjoy just being able to push the gas pedal. BS and CS both had 2 entries, while DS was apparently composed entirely of MINI Works specials. With the Miatae relocated to ES for 2014, we had a full slate including regulars Jim Irons and Bob Turner, a father-son team of Dan Fech Sr/Jr, and class winner Matt Mooney all bringing NBs to the party. F Street hosted not only Ashley Wright's bright red BMW wagon, but her sister ship, the silver 3-series wagon driven by Brad Posadas. This time Ashley beat Aaron, avoiding a second upset.

Street Touring handled a dozen or more cars, evenly divided over the various subclasses. The hottest battle of the day was in STU, with only 2 tenths of a second separating the top 3 cars, and all 3 reaching into the 38s. David Ameen took top honors in Darth Mustang, followed right after by Mike Sparacio's WRX 5-door and John Williams in his silver E46 M3.

Including the STU crowd, 8 cars dipped below the 38-second mark. Of those, 3 cars managed to get into the 37s – David Hughes in the Q-ship Miata, right behind Josh Nash in the “autocross chariot” Civic hatch. Paul Alderman in the Caterham Super 7 set the pace, and took the Super Street class win, with a clean 37.139. Paul's margin shrank a little this month, though, with both Josh and David only about 6 tenths behind.

Thanks to registration, timing, and scoring volunteers Maryanne Wilford, Liz Haines, Jim Martin, and Jim Irons - these folks make our events happen, even when they aren't driving. Also thanks to guest starter Marti Williams, who volunteered for multiple tasks throughout the day. We are working to streamline the registration process so that we can get the cars rolling earlier in the day and get more time on course. Look for some tweaks in the pre-race setup over the next few events.

Again, we are back every month this summer, with Glasgow HS events on June 14 and July 19. Preregistration is open for all events at motorsportreg.com! Also, please look for run videos on our YouTube channel – feel free to submit any videos you have to me via link or DVD. Thanks!

*-Duke “Gotta catch that Caterham” Wilford
Autocross Chair*



BMC AUTOCROSS II RESULTS
Glasgow School Site – May 17, 2014



Class #	Name	Car	Time	Class #	Name	Car	Time
SS 68	Paul Alderman	'11 Caterham S7	*37.139	CSC 44	Frank Adkins	'65 PlymouthValiant	45.558
SS 8	Shawn Dewey	'11 Caterham S7	38.867	STC 113	Jason Johnston	'95 Nissan 240SX	40.227
SS 6	Tim Sheldon	'06 Porsche Carrera S	40.520	STC 131	Emlyne Forren	'95 Nissan 240SX	42.581
SS 32	George Alderman	'97 Caterham 7	43.550	STC 25	Grant Banning	'03 VWGTI 1.8T	50.004
AS 13	Scott Clapper	'07 Corvette	39.467	STF 51	Joshua Nash	'95 Honda Civic DX	37.756
BS 81	Larry Waltemire	'05 Porsche Boxster	39.960	STF 74	Marti Williams	'09 Honda Civic	43.085
BS 32	Wenyu Meng	'12 Mitsub Evo MR	42.935	STF 35	Nick Robinson	'06 Scion xA	49.809
CS 39	Geoff Germono	'07 Nissan 350Z	40.807	STR 111	David Hughes	'00 Mazda Miata	37.815
CS 11	David Barlow	'99 BMW Z3	47.989	STR 73	Francisco Gomez	'00 Toyota MR2	41.672
DS 71	Tom Cothron	'06 Mini Cooper S JCW	39.528	STR 117	Nick Gurnas	'05 MS Miata	42.939
DS 144	Jose Colon	'13 Mini Cooper S JCW	44.557	STU 50	David Ameen	'13 Ford Mustang GT	38.736
DS 711	James Cothron	'06 Mini Cooper S JCW	52.389	STU 34	Michael Sparacio	'13 Subaru WRX	38.875
ES 18	Matt Mooney	'05 Mazda Miata	40.959	STU 740	John Williams	'02 BMW M3	38.985
ES 23	Jim Irons	'02 Mazda Miata	42.226	STU 10	Herbert Peng	'04 Subaru Legacy	53.865
ES 63	Robert Turner, Jr.	'02 Mazda Miata	42.767	STX 19	Mike Yoder	'08 Mazdaspeed 3	41.466
ES 9	Dan Fech, Jr.	'03 Mazda Miata	44.771	STX 119	Tyler Stevens	'94 Nissan 300ZX	43.621
ES 31	Dan Fech, Sr.	'99 Mazda Miata	51.756	SM 17	Shawn Douglas	'13 Hyundai Genesis	42.165
FS 90	Ashley Wright	'06 BMW 325xiT	40.635	SMF 86	Chris Foster	'97 Honda Civic	53.381
FS 24	Brad Posadoo	'06 BMW 325xiT	40.936	SSM 65	Duke Wilford	'10 Mazda MX-5	38.543
FS 190	Aaron Thorsgard	'06 BMW 325xiT	40.962	SSM 165	Ed Trahan	'10 Mazda MX-5	—
FS 33	Phil Worrell	'08 Infiniti G35 Cpe	43.987	ASP 42	Phillip Albertson	'02 Corvette Z06	40.365
FS 62	Bruce Thorngate	'11 Camaro SS	44.188	CSP 916	Alexander Brooke	'91MazdaMiata	40.472
GS 66	Lou Spinelli	'02 VW GTI	43.257	XP 20	Walt Jones	'94 GMC Sonoma	47.177
GS 166	Anita Steward	'02 VW GTI	48.746				
HS 27	Anthony Sparacio	'08 VW Rabbit	42.358				
HS 333	Nevin Dawson	'10 Mazda 3	43.059				
HS 59	Andrew Kowalski	'95 Saturn SL-2	46.544				

*FTD (Fastest Time of the Day)

The Top Ten

SS 68	Paul Alderman	'11 Caterham S7	37.139
STX 51	Joshua Nash	'95 Honda Civic DX	37.756
STR 111	David Hughes	'00 Mazda Miata	37.815
SSM 65	Duke Wilford	'10 Mazda MX-5	38.543
STU 50	David Ameen	'13 Ford Mustang GT	38.736
SS 8	Shawn Dewey	'11 Caterham S7	38.867
STU 34	Michael Sparacio	'13 Subaru WRX	38.875
STU 740	John Williams	'02 BMW M3	38.985
AS 13	Scott Clapper	'07 Corvette	39.467



2014 Car Events Schedule

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- June** 7 AHS&T Tech Session
8 British Motorcar Gathering, Hellertown, PA – BCCD www.keystonemg.com/hellertown.html
14 BMC Autocross III – Glasgow High School, Glasgow, DE
13-15 The Elegance Challenge (Hill Climb), Hershey, PA – theeleganceathershey.com/event/the-grand-ascent/
15-20 Healey Conclave, The Homestead, Hot Springs, VA
20 Brits by The Bay – CC Farm Museum, Westminster, MD\
21-29 The Great Race from Maine to Florida (Millsboro, DE 6/24 Lunch)
14 BMC Picnic Rally
- July** 12 Road Trip to Boondocks’ Restaurant, Smyrna, DE – AHS&T
13 British Invade Gettysburg – www.lancomgclub.com/club_events.htm
19 BMC Autocross IV – Glasgow High School, Glasgow, DE
- Aug.** 6-9 Healey Encounter, Bethlehem, PA – AHS&T
16 BMC Autocross V – TBA
23 Chesapeake City Car Show -
- Sept.** **5-7 US Vintage Grand Prix, Watkins Glen, NY**
www.theglen.com/Tickets-Events/Events/2014/US-Vintage-Grand-Prix.aspx
13 AHS&T Road Trip to St. Michaels, MD
14 Hagley Car Show – Greenville, DE – www.hagley.org/hagley-car-show-2014
20 Delaware City Car Show, Delaware City, DE – BCCD
27 Classic & Exotic Car Show, Greenville, DE – PCA
27 MG on The Rocks www.mgsofbaltimore.com/
- Oct.** **11 BMC Autocross VI – TBA**

Cars & Coffee – Every Saturday morning at the Dilworthtown, PA Starbucks - PCA

AHS&T Austin Healey Sports & Touring Club
BMC Brandywine Motorsport Club
BCCD British Car Club of Delaware
NJR/SCCA New Jersey Region/Sports Car Club of America
PCA Delaware Porsche Club of America



Brandywine Motorsport Club
2014 Picnic & Rally
Saturday, June 28th, 2014



This is a fun 2-hour, 55-mile Rally with just one average speed and with mileage given at every turn to keep you on course. Picnic and Swimming with "Cannonball" Dave Mitchell follow the rally.

There will be DIY (do-it-yourself) checkpoint locations noted within the route instructions where you and your navigator simply write down your correct arrival time on the score sheet.

Changing rooms are available for the Pool.

Non-rallying members and guests may arrive anytime after 2PM.

Start Location:

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

Registration opens at 11:30 AM

First car off @ 12:30 plus car number

Finish, Picnic & Swimming: Landis Lodge [Dela. Assoc. for the Blind]

At blinker light on Rt 41 between Faulkland Rd & Hercules Rd

Cost: \$5 per person for Rally and/or Picnic (payable on day of the event)

Trophies: Beginners & Experienced

If you choose not to rally, please try to come to the picnic. BMC will provide Charcoal Grills for your cooking, along with condiments, salad, buns, baked beans, ice, plates, cups, and plasticware. You bring what you want to grill and your drinks. There will be coolers at the start to keep your food items cold until the picnic.

Please RSVP by phone or e-mail to George Alderman @ 302 373 2111 or galderman32@comcast.net or Paul Alderman @ 302 652 3733 Work.