

THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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July 2014

BMC PICNIC & RALLY

Saturday, June 28th - Flyer enclosed

BMC CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, July 1st – 6:00 P.M. greet & eat / 7 P.M. Meeting The Charcoal Pit at Price's Corner

BMC AUTOCROSS IV

Saturday, July 19th, Glasgow High School, Newark, Dela., Flyer enclosed

Chair Chatter - Paul Alderman



"It's ok, you can drive my car"

Have you ever said anything you wish you could take back?

One tenth of a second...

No, just kidding Nuri.

For those that missed the last Autocross you missed another fun time. Thanks to Mid Atlantic Caterham for providing a killer car for the autocrosses, and congrats to Nuri Heckrote for getting FTD.

It's nice to watch all the drivers who come out and put on nice drives in their classes and it's even ok when someone beats you in their first drive it your own car.. But as I have told others I like to run last, so I know what I have to do to get the job done; but I didn't quite get it.

Duke laid out another nice course, and it again proved that driving it harder translates into slower times. Both the first half FTD 37.08 (mine) and the final runs' FTD 36.99 (Nuri's) both looked slow on the video, and there were even places where Nuri could have gone faster. So congrats again Nuri, you drove the five most consistent runs, and I'm glad you didn't run your sixth.

Coming fast is our picnic rally on the 28th. Let us know ASAP if you can attend. If I don't see you then, come out for the July 1st meeting at the Charcoal Pit.

Looking for tires,

Paul

Rally Chair - George Alderman

The weather for Saturday June 28th looks good so we are expecting a great group of BMC members to attend the picnic, even if you can't run the rally.

The pool activity will begin about 2:30 PM and we will have the charcoal grills fired up so you can do your grilling when you want to. As you know from the flyer the Delaware Association for the Blind have very generously allowed us to use Landis Lodge for our activity. Hope to see you there and why not give our rally a try the roads are in the Hockessin, Longwood, Northbrook, Fairville, and Centerville area..

George

Fun Street & Autocross Miata For Sale

Your Gasline Editor is selling his 2002 Miata LS. It is low mileage, in great condition, and well setup for autocrossing in E-Street class.

Contact Jim Irons at captiti@verizon.net for details.



Secretary's Report - Jim Martin

The June 3rd, 2014 meeting was held at the Charcoal Pit on Kirkwood Highway. The turnout was 19 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 7:12 PM.

Treasurer's Report (Willis Weldin) – At the end of May, we had \$6,515.81 in our Club account. Since making a major purchase of timing equipment for our AutoX, this was the 2nd installment (\$1,000+) towards our payback plan. We had a major expense for Trophies (2 seasons worth) during this same period. Our membership is slowly coming back; we are now 87 members strong. We have not been at this level in quite a few years, keep up the good work, let's see if we can break 100 members this year.

Rally Report (George Alderman) – We have our annual Club Picnic/Rally set for Saturday, June 28th. The Rally will be very simple, with a beautiful drive through Northern DE and Southern Chester County followed by a BYF Picnic at the Landis Lodge (DE Association for the Blind). There will be swimming. Let George Alderman know if you are coming.

Autocross Report (Duke Wilford) – Our 2nd Autocross is now history. It was the 1st time that we have been back to Glasgow H.S. in years and it was a success. We are going to have the Club trailer there earlier and we have printed up extra supplies so we do not run out again. We have also ordered an RF Amplifier so we do have signal problems. We are still planning on Dover for the October Autocross.

Property Report (Mark Schroy) – No news.

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 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 all joining the Hall of Fame this year and vote for George.

Also, we are exploring taking a trip to the 3 Dog Garage in Boyertown on a Saturday for a tour of Russ Myer's Car Collection (there is no charge to tour his collection).

Gasline Report (Jim Irons) – Please submit any articles to Jim Irons before 6/24 so they can publish in our next newsletter.

Our July Club Meeting (7/1/2014) will be held at the Charcoal Pit on Kirkwood Highway at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

2014 Car Events Schedule – Rev. 06/24/2014

- **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

Autocross Chair - Duke Wilford



Much like our May event, the weather cooperated at the last minute, giving us a beautiful (if slightly breezy) day for Autocross III, our second at Glasgow High School. Pushing the T&S staff to the limit, we were able to get 6 competition runs in the can before calling it a day.

Less rain preceding the event meant less water on course. A water hazard in the lower right corner of the lot left us just enough room to sneak by in the big, decreasing-radius left sweeper that marked the transition between the front and back halves of the course. Although following the same basic premise as AxII, this course was almost completely different. We put a lot of effort into making the course easier to follow, and were rewarded with fewer off-course calls. George Alderman also helped by making sequentially numbered turn markers to help point the way. Thanks, George!

In addition to the big Valiant, our Classic Street Car class saw some Little British Cars in action. Mark Richmond returned in the bright red TR3 and was joined by Daniel McIntosh in a grey TR4. Veteran timing volunteer Jim Martin brought his 'Big' Austin Healey 3000 out to run. Jim's Healey is a regular on the BMC road rally scene, but this is the first time in recent memory it's been out between the cones. We're always happy to see older cars getting the exercise they deserve.

Street classes ran the gamut as usual – numerous folks from our first 2 events made it back to the big lot. H Street was well subscribed, with 5 cars taking the flag. Stage rally driver Kevin Turner took the win in his Golf TDi, which was probably a lot quieter and less dramatic than his Impreza rally car. In G Street, Tim Sheldon ran his pristine E30 318iC – a craigslist find, believe it or not against Lizzy Wilford's green Subaru wagon. Brad Posadas left his silver BMW wagon at home, and shared Ashley Wright's red 3-series wagon instead. Mike Nantais took his first runs with us in his white IS350. E Street was low on Miatas this month, with NBs driven by volunteer Jim Irons and newcomer Gene Shevchuk just getting edged out by Phil Worrell in his clean blue MR-2. CS saw a pair of Scion FR-Ss bracketing Geoff Germono's 350Z; Morgan Krause took the Winner's glass there. B Street saw the latest generation of a classic Japanese rivalry – Wilbert Cedeno's red 2015 Subaru STi versus Wenyu Meng's white Evo X MR. In the end, the Subie took the win by a mere 0.25 seconds, but I'm eager to see this battle unfold as both drivers gain experience. Poor Scott Clapper again ran unopposed in A Street. If somebody is looking to move into a different and faster class, may I recommend AS? Scott is getting lonely.

Street Touring hosted 16 cars, spread through the various subclasses. The Williams family switched up cars again, with John driving the Civic to the STF class win while Marti and son James shared the M3 in STU. Dave Ameen's well-developed Mustang GT held the top spot, however. In STC, Alex Cabinian's classic MkII Scirocco held off Grant Banning's Mk IV GTI in STC. I think Grant was nervous about the smoke signals his car generated in the last turn. Keep those mosquitos at bay, Grant!

Street Modified was a grab bag, from Travis Whiteside's RWD Impreza beater to Josh Nash's minimalist Civic hatch to Mark Clay's engine-swapped Fiero. Josh kindly offered to let me codrive the Civic, and it was as much fun to drive as I thought it would be. Josh was very patient with me as I screwed up his seat and belt positions, and exceedingly polite as I Captain Kangarooed his poor Civic around the last big sweeper. In the end, Josh was the only SM car to break into the 39s, with me bouncing along about a second behind him. Thanks, Josh!

This course was very slightly longer than last time, with only the top 5 cars slipping under the 40-second mark. Dave Ameen made it with a 39.482, following Josh Nash's Civic at 39.154. David Hughes again posted 3rd fastest with a smooth 38.804. FTOD battle was between Paul Alderman and Nuri Heckrotte, both driving Paul's Caterham Super 7. Nuri blasted out of the gate and posted in the 37s all day, while Paul varied a bit and stood on his morning heat best at 37.067. However, on his 5th pass, Nuri broke the 36-second barrier and snuck in a 36.997 to claim FTOD.

Thanks to registration, timing, and scoring volunteers Maryanne, Lizzy, and Allegheny Wilford, as well as the Jims – both Martin and Irons – and everybody else who helped out. Registration and check-in seemed to go a little more smoothly this time. Please feel free to share any suggestions you may have; we're always looking to streamline the process.

Thanks also to photographer Dave Back for shooting the event. We'll make images available as soon as they are available to us.

Keep the date open for BMC's Picnic Tour Rally on June 28! It promises to be a fun drive followed by swimming, socializing, and food. Look for the flyer attached to this Gasline.

Our autocross stand at Glasgow HS comes to an end next month on July 19. We're still working to make interesting things happen later in the year, so please stay tuned for news as it develops. 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 "Legalize It" Wilford



BMC AUTOCROSS III RESULTS

Glasgow School Site - June 14, 2014



| Class # | Name | Car | <u>Time</u> | Class # | Name | Car | <u>Time</u> |
|------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| AS 13 BS 653 | Scott Clapper Wilbert Cedeno | '07 Corvette '15 Subaru WRX Sti | 41.234 40.132 | STC 27 STC 25 | Alexander Cabinian Grant Banning | n'86 VW Scirocco '03 VW GTI 1.8T | 41.371 44.894 |
| BS 132 BS 70 BS 58 | Wenyu Meng Dave Redmond Nathan Clay | '12 Mitsubishi Evo MF '03 Porsche Boxster '94 Corvette | | STF 74 STF 35 | John Williams Nick Robinson | '09 Honda Civic '06 Scion xA | 41.953 52.429 |
| CS 128 CS 39 | Morgan Krause Geoff Germono | '13 Scion FR-S '07 Nissan 350Z | 41.145 41.837 | STR 76 STR 111 STR 131 | David Hughes Aaron Thorsgard Emlyne Forren | '00 Mazda MX-5 '04 BMW Z4 '04 BMW Z4 | 38.804 40.011 43.401 |
| CS 37 DS 12 | Alex Meramo Mark Redmond | '14 Scion FR-S '09 Mini Cooper S | 42.272 43.719 | STS 168 STS 29 | Sam Scott Jim Roth | '91 Mazda Miata '81 Corvette | 41.981 46.744 |
| DS 712 ES 33 ES 23 | Matthew Harding Phil Worrell Jim Irons | '00 Audi S4 '94 Toyota MR2 '02 Mazda MX-5 | 42.213 42.881 | STU 50 STU 17 STU 70 STU 10 | David Ameen James Williams Marti Williams Herbert Peng | '13 Ford Mustang GT '02 BMW M3 '02 BMW M3 '04 Subaru Legacy | 39.482 40.439 42.241 50.925 |
| ES 666 FS 24 FS 90 FS 110 | Gene Shevchuk Brad Posadas Ashley Wright Mike Nantais | '00 Mazda Miata '06 BMW 325xiT '06 BMW 325xiT '06 Lexus IS350 | 43.617 40.547 41.715 44.875 | STX 19 STX 75 N | Mike Yoder Michael Bowser Matthew da Costa | '08 MazdaSpeed3 '13 Volkswagen GTI | 41.525 46.038 46.707 |
| FS 77 GS 6 | Ross Causey Tim Sheldon | '85 Camaro Z28 '92 BMW 318iC | 45.292 43.725 | BSP 35 | Gerry Caceres Anthony Rosica | '04 Nissan 350Z '04 Nissan 350Z | 40.798 40.973 |
| GS 16 HS 102 HS 91 | Elizabeth Wilford Kevin Turner Robbie Wullschlege | '02 Subaru 2.5TS '10 VW Golf TDI r'14 Subaru Crosstrek | 45.028 42.474 45.407 | SM 47 SM 1 SM 114 | Shawn Douglas Travis Whiteside Taylor | '13 Hyundai Genesis '96 Subaru Impreza '96 Subaru Impreza | 42.684 42.932 44.193 |
| HS 40 HS 311 HS 78 | Dan Stephenson James Borek Kyle Naples | '01 Hyundai Tiburon '08 Honda Fit '05 Subaru Legacy | 45.6 46.098 46.175 | DM 30 DM 68 DM 32 | Nuri Heckrotte Paul Alderman George Alderman | '05 Caterham Super 7 | *36.997 37.067 40.604 |
| CSC 44 CSC 21 CSC 64 | Frank Adkins Mark Richmond Jim Martin | '65 Plymouth Valiant '63 Triumph TR3-B '64 A-Healey 3000 | 46.945 49.809 57.45 | SMF 51 SMF 151 SSM 87 | Joshua Nash Duke Wilford Mark Clay | '95 Honda Civic DX '96 Honda Civic DX '87 Pontiac Fiero GT | 39.154 40.126 44.583 |
| | Daniel McIntosh | '62 Triumph TR4 | 67.308 | XP 14 | Robert Parks astest Time of the Day, | '66 Factory Five Rdster | |

The Top Ten

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| DM 30 | Nuri Heckrotte | '05 Caterham Super 7 | 36.997 |
| DM 68 | Paul Alderman | '05 Caterham Super 7 | 37.067 |
| STR 76 | David Hughes | '00 Mazda MX-5 | 38.804 |
| SMF 51 | Joshua Nash | '95 Honda Civic DX | 39.154 |
| STU 50 | David Ameen | '13 Ford Mustang GT | 39.482 |
| DS 71 | Tom Cothron | '06 Mini Cooper S JCW | 39.528 |
| STR 111 | Aaron Thorsgard | '04 BMW Z4 | 40.011 |
| SMF 151 | Duke Wilford | '96 Honda Civic DX | 40.126 |
| BS 653 | Wilbert Cedeno | '15 Subaru WRX Sti | 40.132 |
| BS 132 | Wenyu Meng | '12 Mitsubishi Evo MR | 240.386 |
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The Hard Drive Garage

"One Camino, Two Camino..."

This month, my dedicated readers, features 2 homebrew El Caminos. One a GM donor, the other a Chrysler. The one thing they both have in common? NEITHER vehicle should be an El Camino.

Let's start with the GM one first:



Yes, it's a 1975 Cadillac Deville- with a optional shag hot tub in the back. This land yacht was on sale on eBay for \$4,500.

The listing ended with no bids.

The donor started off as a base model Deville, with a HUGE 8.2L V8 under the hood. Overall, the car remains stock, except for the rear. I'm beginning to believe he created the truck bed to hold 55 gallon drums of fuel.

Here's an interior view:



Looks like the day it rolled off the lot - if a family of raccoons lived in it first...

The listing mentions that it "needs total restoration", but doesn't mention what mess the seller has left. The body type is listed as a "pickup conversion". The vehicle is in Cincinnati, Ohio, so not too far to drive home - as long as you have a Wawa tanker in tow. I can't help but imagine what the 0-60 time would be. Hours? Days? End of the century? I'm beginning to

wonder if this was the iceberg the Titanic struck before it sank...

The other one, while not as large, is equally as strange:



A 1985 Chrysler Fifth Avenue. Holy crap. I like the color, and the steel wheel covers give it a unique look. But look at the TRUCK BED.

I was beginning to worry that there is something in the water on the west side of the Appalachian Mountains, until I discovered this beast resides in Hagerstown, MD-blows that theory away.



Looks a bit better than the Deville. Actually looks clean, although the mismatched floor mats accent the faux wood grain...oh never mind.

The Fifth Avenue is propelled by a 318 CI V8, with over 98k on the odometer. A look into the engine bay concludes no modifications have graced it. Chances are, the El Avemino could get to 60 faster than the El Demino, and use less gas too. Bonus!

Oddly enough, now that I pay attention, both vehicles were listed for \$4,500. Neither one sold. I think we can thank the El Camino gods for that!

Until next month!

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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.



AUTOCROSS IV

Brandywine Motorsport Club



SATURDAY JULY 19, 2014

Glasgow High School • Route 896 • Glasgow, DE 19702

Right at 3rd traffic light north of Rte 40 Left at 2nd traffic light south of I-95

> Setup 8:00 AM Registration 9:00 to 10:00 AM



Entry Fee: \$25 (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.
- New Classic Street Car Class for generally stock pre-1978 cars.

To Pre-register and Reserve your Car Number, or Info contact:

Duke Wilford

BMCautox@gmail.com 302-528-0612

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

We offer online preregistration via <u>www.motorsportreg.com</u> It's free and easy! Online preregistration is greatly appreciated.

