



# THE GASLINE

**Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.**

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**September 2014**

## **BMC CLUB MEETING**

**Tuesday, September 2nd – Wilmington Waterfront**

**Tour - 5:30 P.M. at Delaware Sports Hall of Fame, Blue Rocks Stadium**

**Meeting - 6:30 P.M. at Veritas Wine & Craft Beers, 321 Justison St.**

### **Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman**



Hi All, I'm Paul your club chair; did you miss me? Thanks go to George for covering for me last month at the meeting. I was in Saginaw Michigan getting training on our new CNC block machining center for engine machining. I am heading out of town as I am writing this and I have the THICK binder for the machine

with me for some light reading. I am working on making a video for the shop of all the machining processes that we perform in-house. I will bring it to a meeting soon. If anyone wants to stop by and check out the new equipment, let me know.

This month's meeting will be held in Wilmington at the Delaware Sports Hall of Fame. Thanks go to Jim Martin for working on this activity. Come on out and join us and those that would like to join the Hall of Fame and vote for our own George Alderman.

I understand the geese were making the setup for the Keene autocross a little dirtier. I was busy getting a car ready for the Hagley car show on the 14th, so my tires will be fresh for the final autocross of the year. Congrats to Gerry for getting FTD, I will be there next time.

Hope to see you at the meeting on the 2nd.

*Paul*

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### **Rally Chair - George Alderman**

Nothing to report this month. Hope to have news next month about a Fall rally.

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### **September Is Car Show Month!**

September looks to be a fun month with 3 great local car shows one week apart for your enjoyment.

#### **Hagley Car Show – Greenville Delaware Sunday, September 14**

More than 500 antique and restored cars that date from the early 1900s to the 1980s. This year's show, "Are We There Yet?" features The Family Car. Get the details at: [www.hagley.org/hagley-car-show-2014](http://www.hagley.org/hagley-car-show-2014).

#### **BCCD Delaware City Car Show Saturday, September 20**

The British Car Club of Delaware's annual car show is held in Battery Park at the end of Clinton St. in Delaware City. British cars of all styles and ages will be on display.

#### **Greenville Crossing Classic & Exotic Car Show Saturday, September 27**

The Delaware Region of the Porsche Club of America sponsors this annual show to benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wilmington.

You will see many more exotic cars than you would normally see at the Greenville Crossing Shopping Centre on Rte 52.

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## Secretary's Report - Jim Martin

The 5<sup>th</sup> of August, 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 George Alderman at 7:20 PM.

**Treasurer's Report** (Willis Weldin) – At the end of July, we had \$8,203.14 in our Club account. Since making a major purchase of our timing equipment for our Autocrosses, we have now paid back the money used to buy the equipment. Our membership has increased to 90, only 10 people shy of breaking 100 members.

**Rally Report** (George Alderman) – Dave Mitchell is working on the Fall Rally, details to follow in future meetings.

**Autocross Report** (Duke Wilford) – Our 4<sup>th</sup> AutoX of the year was held at Glasgow High School, our attendance was down slightly (summer months?). This was our last AutoX to be held at Glasgow this year. Our next event finds us returning to Keene Elementary on 8/16/14. We have no Autocrosses scheduled for September due to the many car events scheduled that month. We will be staging the last AutoX of the year at Dover Downs on October 11<sup>th</sup>, with the rain date for the following week (Sunday, 10/19). In conjunction with that, we agreed that anyone who signs up for new membership after 10/1, their membership would be good for the full following year. So if they join in October they will save \$5 on each AutoX in 2015.

**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 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 all joining the Hall of Fame this year and vote for George, he would do it for you.


Our Club Store is now set up and can be found on our website.

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 8/26 so they can be published in our next newsletter.

**Our September Club Meeting** (9/2/2014) will be held at the Delaware Sports Hall of Fame, Frawley Stadium (<http://www.desports.org/>) between 5:30 PM & 6:30 PM. This will be followed by our meeting at Veritas Wine & Craft Beers on 321 Justison Street, Wilmington, DE (<http://www.sipveritas.com/>). Don't forget, the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.



**Delaware Region**  
Porsche Club America  
*It's not just the cars... It's the people!*

**Greenville Crossing**  
**Annual European & Exotic Car Show**  
September 27, 2014  
10 A.M. - 3 P.M.



Please remember to register in advance on-line using the following email address: [greenvilleshowforkids@gmail.com](mailto:greenvilleshowforkids@gmail.com)



 Benefiting the Boys and Girls Club of Wilmington

## Autocross Chair – Duke Wilford



For Autocross V, we returned to our roots at Keene Elementary. Although we had a minor recurrence of the Goose Poop Olympics from last year, forewarned was forearmed, and a number of people turned up early with broom in hand to help clear the courseway. Thanks to everybody who pitched in to clear the track – especially to Frank Adkins, who couldn't attend the actual autocross, but turned up early to help clean and set up. We also enjoyed continuing good weather – let's hope the string of nice event days holds out for Autocross VI in October. Only 29½ car/driver combinations showed up. I was the ½ driver, as Nuri Heckrotte kindly let me drive his MR-S in the afternoon heat in addition to my own car. We were able to get a total of 6 competition runs in, with a handful of folks staying after for fun runs.

The course was a variation on the usual Keene “3 laps around the peanut” layout. It was very straightforward except for a series of esses on the uphill side that increased in amplitude, catching a few folks out, and making the ride interesting for most.

C Street and F Street (4 cars each) were the largest stock classes, though FS was plagued by mechanical issues. Mark Richmond's 300ZX threw a fan belt and retired after the morning heat. Mark – your floor mats are in the trailer! You should be able to get them at the next event, or stop by the Aldermans' shop to pick them up. In his first afternoon run, Bruce Thorngate unfortunately got a little too far out of the GM legal team's comfort zone, and his green Camaro popped the side curtain airbags and went into limp-home mode. Fortunately, Bruce didn't seem to have suffered any injury from the deployment, and the dashboard bags remained intact. We hope that isn't too costly to repair, Bruce. CS saw husband-and-wife first-timers Tom and Rebecca Saville sharing their Genesis coupe, Matt Stavros returning for a half day in his black 350Z, and Alex Meramo taking the win in his FR-S.

First-timer Sang Yi in his Evo X, veteran John Allard in his Cooper S, and Lou Spinelli in the mighty Cobra all ran unopposed, but seemed to have fun anyway. My intent is to start publishing PAX scores so that even 1-driver classes can compare their performance to the field.

A dozen ST entries took the flag, evenly split between STR and STU/STX. In fact, half the entries in STR were Nuri's MR-S! That little beast was shared by 3 drivers, and took the workout like a champ. Nick Gurnas and Robert Clifton shared Nick's bronze STR Mazdaspeed Miata.

Veteran autocrosser (but new face with BMC) Andre Downey showed up in his pretty red and gold bug-eye WRX and took the win in STX, while first-timer Eddie Commatser brought his Mazdaspeed 3. Nuri and Gerry also shared Nuri's recently-purchased black S14 240SX, last seen in the hands of Jase Johnston. When the dust and flying cones cleared, Gerry Caceres held onto the overall FTD and STR win with his 2<sup>nd</sup> run in the MR-S.

Street Modified also turned up with plenty of entries – 6 in all. Walt Jones's SSM Sonoma was sporting fatter tires up front and fatter swaybars all round. Don McVicker and John Renna shared John's beautiful blue FD RX-7, taking 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in SSM. SM was all GC-era Subaru Imprezas – albeit in a variety of drive configurations! Bryan DiSanto's clean AWD 2.5RS, Kevin Turner's FWD rally car, and Travis Whiteside's RWD hot rod all battled for position and wound up in that order.

With the return of the Cheese Head and our multi-lap format, a time in the 47s put you in the Top 10. David Hughes was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> step with a 45.402, and Nuri in the MR-S had 2<sup>nd</sup> overall with a 44.867. But 1 second is a big gap in autocross, and Gerry Caceres ran away with FTD at 43.802, also in the MR-S. That is one quick little monster.

Thanks to all of our event volunteers in tech, instruction, registration, and timing/scoring. Although we were a little shorthanded, the day ran smoothly. We are always looking for volunteers to handle the technical roles on a regular basis. If you are tired of chasing cones and might be interested in an assigned position, please contact me.

Don't forget, the autocross program is off during September, before we return to the Monster Mile in Dover for our season finale on 11 October. Please spread the word to all your car-type friends! This big venue offers a fast, fun, open course. Details and preregistration are available at BMC's usual locations, and at [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com). We hope to see a lot of faces and a lot of cars there!

*-Duke “October Surprise” Wilford  
Autocross Chair*

## **BMC AUTOCROSS V RESULTS**

### **Keene School Site – August 16, 2014**

<b><u>Class #</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Car</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Class #</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Car</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
BS 321	Sang Yi	'11 Mitsubishi Evo X	49.129	STU 41	Michael Katsimbris	'05 Impreza WRX STi	48.614
CS 37	Alex Meramo	'14 Scion FR-S	47.706	STU 15	Nicholas Gadzinski	'00 Ford Mustang	54.381
CS 124	Matt Stavros	'07 Nissan 350Z	52.011	STX 142	Andre Downey	'02 Subaru WRX	47.573
CS 1444	Thomas Saville	'13 Hyundai Genesis cpe	52.770	STX 111	Nuri Heckrotte	'95 Nissan 240SX	47.744
CS 444	Rebecca Saville	'13 Hyundai Genesis cpe	59.535	STX 1111	Gerry Caceres	'95 Nissan 240SX	49.031
DS 53	John Allard	'08 Mini Cooper S	51.395	STX 36	Eddie Commatser	'10 Mazdaspeed 3	52.998
FS 65	Duke Wilford	'03 BMW 325i	48.459	SM 101	Bryan DiSanto	'99 Impreza 2.5RS	46.783
FS 26	David Commatser	'06 BMW 325i	48.778	SM 711	Kevin Turner	'96 Impreza	47.523
FS 62	Bruce Thorngate	'11 Camaro SS	54.474	SM 1	Travis Whiteside	'96 Subaru Impreza	48.340
FS 21	Mark Richmond	'84 Nissan 300ZX turbo	56.447	SSM 145	Don McVicker	'93 Mazda RX-7	48.230
CSC 66	Lou Spinelli	'66 AC Cobra	51.572	SSM 45	John Renna	'93 Mazda RX-7	49.737
STR 98	Gerry Caceres	'03 Toyota MR-S	*43.802	SSM 20	Walt Jones	'94 GMC Sonoma	50.793
STR 86	Nuri Heckrotte	'03 Toyota MR2 Spyder	44.867				
STR 71	David Hughes	'00 Mazda MX-5	45.402				
STR 165	Duke Wilford	'03 Toyota MR-S	46.092				
STR 117	Nick Gurnas	'05 Mazdaspeed Miata	48.449				
STR 1117	Robert Clifton	'05 Mazdaspeed Miata	49.287				

*\*FTD (Fastest Time of the Day)*

### **The Top Ten**

STR 98	Gerry Caceres	'03 Toyota MR-S	43.802
STR 86	Nuri Heckrotte	'03 Toyota MR2 Spyder	44.867
STR 71	David Hughes	'00 Mazda MX-5	45.402
STR 165	Duke Wilford	'03 Toyota MR-S	46.092
SM 101	Bryan DiSanto	'99 Impreza 2.5RS	46.783
SM 711	Kevin Turner	'96 Impreza	47.523
STX 142	Andre Downey	'02 Subaru WRX	47.573
CS 37	Alex Meramo	'14 Scion FR-S	47.706
STX 111	Nuri Heckrotte	'95 Nissan 240SX	47.744

*or... Holy Resale Batman!*

Okay gang, this month's flash in the pan is a trip down memory lane - with a For Sale sign at the end of the yellow brick road. Of course, this yellow brick road winds like Route 66 all the way to Laguna Beach, California - which is a long way from Daytona Beach, where this strange trip began....

Here's a picture from eBay ad, January 2012:



Remember this? Of course you do, how could anyone forget a face like that. That's the face that belongs on the side of a milk carton-at the bottom of the recycling bin...

Here's a quote from the original rant of mine:

*"Amazingly enough, as of 1pm on 1/29, the Mazda Disaster has no bidders with less than 3 hours remaining. The Daytona 24 race will be over before this eBay auction is over. With a starting bid of \$4,975 and a Buy-It-Now price of \$9,000, maybe the Daytona 24 promoters can run down and pick it up as a trophy car."*

Well, gentle readers, somehow this thing actually got sold and transported all the way to California. It's been re-listed on Craigslist, for cheaper than the original Buy-It-Now price!



The new ad has it listed for \$6500. Here's the listing:

*"Awsome, head turning, fun, fast, everyday, reliable car with 2000 Mazda interior, motor, and chasy. 90K orriginal miles. Leather seats, power windows, heat and airconditioning. Remote control stereo, roll bar, headers, enhanced performance intake, etc. Moving next week... Must sell!!!"*

Awesome? chasy? orriginal? Holy crap, I guess the Craigslist editor doesn't include spellcheck. Even my word processing program doesn't want to let me misspell those words. #TryHarder for those of you following me on Facebook :)



The only way I can even remotely consider this a head turning car is to imagine having to shield my daughter's eyes from this rolling disaster. Good heavens this thing is ugly. The listing was posted up on July 27th, and it's still there - one can only assume it hasn't been sold as of yet. I can't understand why...

If anyone would like the pleasure of purchasing this and dropping it off the pier to create a new coral reef, I can throw in 5 bucks. It would be a great road trip - satisfying to help the local underwater wildlife and remove another automotive virus from contaminating the local car scene any further. I can only hope that this thing can find it's way into someone's barn, and never being found again...

Here's the Craigslist ad to point and laugh at:  
<http://orangecounty.craigslist.org/cto/4590009345.html>  
*Till next time!*

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