



# THE GASLINE

*Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.*

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**October 2014**

## **BMC CLUB MEETING – New Location**

**Tuesday, October 7th – 7:00 P.M. at**

**Veritas Wine & Craft Beers, 321 Justison St., Wilmington, Dela.**

**(<http://www.sipveritas.com/>).**

### *Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman*



Well, it looks like another month has flown by already. It seems like just the other day I was thrashing on a couple cars for the Hagley car show. Maybe it was the lack of sleep. Thanks to George, Mac Morgan, and Dave Dabell for the help getting cars ready. George did an awesome job; I hope I'm getting

around like him when I grow up. The show was great and I hope to be able to bring the video to a meeting soon.

Get the cars ready for the Lofland Memorial Autocross in Dover. It should be another nice event thanks to Duke and all the hard work that has been going on behind the scenes.

I hope to see you at the next meeting on the 7th and, if you are heading to Carlisle fairgrounds this weekend, give me a call. See you all next week

*Busy busy,  
Paul*

### *Rally Chair - George Alderman*

There will be no BMC rally during the month of October as hoped. However Dave Mitchell, assisted by Jim Irons, will be hard at work so that we will have an activity in November. More information will follow and Dave will be discussing his idea of a fun rally at our October meeting. Save the date of Saturday November 15th for the next BMC Rally.

*George Alderman*

### *Autocross Chair – Duke Wilford*



This will be a shorter than usual Update, since the autocross program took a short break in September, following events 5 months in a row. In less than 2 weeks, we return to the Dover International Speedway for our season finale on 11 October. This event is our last for 2014, and it features a big prize – the **Lofland Memorial Trophy**. The driver who sets Fastest Time of Day will get his or her name inscribed on the large silver bowl, dedicated to the memory of Jack Lofland, an early pioneer in BMC autocrosses (nee autosprints). Jack died young of cancer, and his family donated this large silver bowl to be presented for FTD at an annual special event. The Lofland always draws some regional hotshoes in addition to our usual fast guys; last year's winner, Nuri Heckrotte, will be facing some stiff competition. We're also looking forward to seeing representatives from the South Jersey Region SCCA, some fast guys in Porsches from the Riesentöter Region of the PCA, and others.

Please spread the word to all your car enthusiast friends! This event is a major investment for the Club, and a larger turnout will help offset the costs of lot rental and insurance. The Dover Speedway is a big venue and offers a fast, fun, open course. Details and preregistration are available at BMC's usual locations. I strongly encourage preregistration at [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com), as it helps the registration staff and speeds the check-in process. We hope to see a lot of faces and a lot of cars there!

Given the anticipated turnout, we can definitely use extra volunteers for tech, instruction, registration, and timing/scoring (these jobs would replace your normal course worker assignment). Having extra staff with appointed tasks will help the event get started early and run smoothly. If you're tired of chasing cones and are interested in an assigned position, please contact me. My email is [BMCAutox@gmail.com](mailto:BMCAutox@gmail.com), or post a message on the BMC Facebook page.

See you all on course!

*-Duke "What To Drive" Wilford  
Autocross Chair*

## Secretary's Report - Jim Martin

The 2<sup>nd</sup> of September, 2014 meeting was held at the Veritas Wine & Craft Beer Shop. The turnout was 18 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 7:26 PM.

**Treasurer's Report** (Willis Weldin) – At the end of August, we had \$8,881.50 in our Club account. Our membership has increased to 92 members, only 8 people shy of breaking 100 members.

**Rally Report** (George Alderman) – Dave Mitchell is working on the Fall Rally (October 25<sup>th</sup>), details to follow in future meetings. The Southern New Jersey SCCA will take up laying out a weekend National Rally (March Lamb/Lion Rally) to Honor Dave Teter.

**Autocross Report** (Duke Wilford) - Our last AutoX found us returning to Keene Elementary on 8/16/14. We had 27 cars and 29 drivers. We have no Autocrosses scheduled for September due to the many car events scheduled for September. 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). We are running into insurance problems, Dover is requiring us to carry additional individual liability which will jack the cost from the \$2500 to something several thousand more. We are now pricing out new insurance policies. Along with that, we agreed that if anyone 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 off each AutoX held 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 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 the BMC website.

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).

Others are going to research possible locations for future Club Meetings and report on their findings at the next meeting.

**Gasline Report** (Jim Irons) – Please submit any articles to Jim Irons before 9/29 so they can be published in our next newsletter.

**Our October Club Meeting** (10/7/2014) will be held at the 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 7:55 PM.

## Time to Raise Motorists' Issues with Elected Officials?

For better or worse, election season is upon us. That means it's the perfect time to find out where your elected officials stand on a variety of motorists' rights issues.

Your local, state and federal representatives all have an obligation to respond to any reasonable question you pose. Pick the issues important to you from a motorist's perspective, then ask the appropriate elected officials where they stand on things like:

- Speed limits - local and national
- Red Light Cameras
- Automated License Plate Readers
- Police Roadblocks
- Gas Taxes - state and federal

Come up with your own questions based on what's going on in your community and your personal interests. Approach your representatives in a polite, neutral, non-leading way. You want the closest thing you can get to an honest answer—not the answer they think you want to hear—and you don't want to come off as confrontational.

Ask the same questions of all candidates for the same office. If you don't receive a response, the recipient may be trying to leave you in the dark hoping you may still vote for him or her if the other candidates don't respond in the way you prefer. Think carefully before voting for a candidate who employs this tactic.

The issues that concern us, as motorists, are often considered to be "too minor" to publicly debate or to offer a set of positions. A thoughtful email or even a letter sent through the U.S. Postal Service is a good way to get the answers you seek. A letter may be the most effective since it will stand out among the constant stream of digital data everyone is barraged with these days.

Don't be surprised if candidates don't have a strong opinion on the issue you raise. They simply may not have thought about it or may not be well enough informed about it. Take the opportunity to educate them about the issue and the impact it has on you and on other motorists.

If reaching out to your representatives seems like a daunting task, the NMA has published a number of "how to" newsletters over the years linked below. Also review the "Issues" pages at [www.motorists.org](http://www.motorists.org) for the facts and figures you'll need to make your case.

<http://alerts.motorists.org/nma-e-newsletter-201-the-latest-old-fashioned/>

<http://alerts.motorists.org/nma-e-newsletter-238-an-easy-way-to-speak-up/>

<http://alerts.motorists.org/nma-e-newsletter-215-connecting-with-lawmaker/>

<http://alerts.motorists.org/nma-e-newsletter-111-communicating-with-congr/>

*Submitted by Willis Weldin*

## The Hard Drive Garage

Okay readers, this month's ride could swear a blue streak-if it could talk. Honestly, I'm not sure if this vehicle would have anything nice to say at all. ....

Oh good lord, what happened to this thing?



It's a 1996 Chevrolet Cavalier-at least that's what the VIN would say. It looks like it came straight out of the Fast and Furious franchise, but I'm betting Vin Diesel wouldn't be caught driving this thing. It's had A LOT of work done to the engine, which already has 158K on the clock. Here's the list:

- 2.4L Twin cam Fully Built • Bored .30 over
- New Wisco Pistons • Eagle Rods
- T3/t4 Turbo • Front Mount Intercooler
- Aluminum intercooler • Safe-2 Controller Turbo Controller

WHY spend all that money on a CAVALIER? I don't understand it. WHY bother to have the block bored? IT'S STILL A CAVALIER. It's still FWD, but at least it has a manual 5 speed transmission. He even updated the clutch!



Oh wow-it even has a wing. From the side plates, it looks like it's on backwards-maybe even upside down. The rear bumper sticks out like Jay Leno's chin. That alone may generate enough downforce that you don't need the craptastic wing.

Now, on to the front:



Doesn't look like a Cavalier. That's because this douche put on a Pontiac Sunfire conversion kit. The Craigslist posting advertises it as a CAVALIER. IT'S STILL A CAVALIER. The poor car is having an identity crisis, and chances are it would rather be put out of its misery-or mine, whichever comes first. I can self-medicate to not care anymore-this abused thing can't. It even has 2-count them from the picture-2 non-functioning scoops. One in the hood, and one in the roof.



Yes, that's the roof. Note the backwards and upside down craptastic wing in the upper right corner. I'm not even sure why you would put that there. It doesn't go anywhere-it has no purpose. AT ALL.

Seriously, why do people do this? Is there something in the water in Rochester, NY?!? Did former mayor Bloomberg move and hand out free bags of money laced with LSD?!?



The interior is as bad as the exterior:

Wow. At least the exterior all looks the same. This interior is bad. Old tired steering wheel-check. GM grey door cards-check. Not quite color matched dash-check. Possible tan glovebox-check. Diamond plate floor mats-check. Sanity left in trash bin at sketchy Walmart at other side of town-CHECK.

So, to wrap up this nightmare on wheels, the seller wants \$3200 OBO. It's stated that he invested "Well over \$10K." He should have kept that for a college fund.

The seller says he has to sell the car because he and his wife had twins. Direct quote here: **"I guess you can't mount baby seats to a roll cage. ;) My loss is your gain."**

Here's the Craigslist ad for your amusement:

<http://rochester.craigslist.org/cto/4677806280.html>

Enjoy!  
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