



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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November 2011

BMC CLUB MEETING

**Tuesday, November 1st, 2011 @ Matilda's Restaurant,
Rte 896, Newark, Dela. 6:30 P.M. dinner / 7 P.M. Meeting**

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman

What do you want to do with your club? As we look to the close of another year, I have been pondering my part in the club. I am the Chair, (Chief, Boss, Etc.) and it is my job to make sure the club is moving in a good direction. For those that missed the October meeting, Jim Martin lead a discussion about getting members involved in the working of the club. Many hands make light work. Think about what part you would like to have in the club. What caused you to join? What do you enjoy about the club? For next year I would like to have, in addition to the Executive Board, Committees to help and lighten the load for each club chair. The committee can then help with the planning of events and all the details involved. What do you think?

June 2012 is the 60th Anniversary of BMC and I think that calls for a celebration. (Banquet, Party, Picnic?) Let's make next year even better. We will be working on a schedule of events for the year that will encompass our activities and those of our companion clubs. (British Car Club of Delaware and Porsche Club of Delaware)

Since we are involved with events together and have members of both clubs, we want to make sure we have a schedule that will not conflict with other events (as much as we can). If you have some ideas or can send me some thoughts about next years schedule, I'm looking for help.

Thanks for reading, Hope to see you all at the next meeting at Matilda's in Newark on November 1st.

Looking Ahead

Paul

Rally Notes – Dave Teter

Again all is quiet on the rally scene with nothing on the calendar through the winter months. March Lamb XV is coming up on March 31, 2012. The course is finished, and Wayne has given an initial pre-check resulting in several corrections to my oversights.

There is an upcoming rally that I highly endorse. The Pine Barrens Express (PBX) traverses through the New Jersey Pine Barrens. It has become famous throughout the northeast and much of the USA. You can drive to where it starts in about 1-1/2 hours from here in Newark. The rally route follows the sand trails of the Pine Barrens at moderate speeds (its not crash and burn). Occasional chicanes followed by a checkpoint provide a challenge. The date is Saturday November 19th.

For more detailed PBX info go to:

<http://www.sjr-scca.org/rally/2011pbxflyer.pdf>

Autocross Notes – Dave Dabell

Dave's report is on the results page for Autocross IV in this Gasline.

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6 October Meeting Highlights

The October BMC General Meeting, at Matilda's Restaurant, was attended by 17 members.

Treasury: Paul Alderman reported for Martha Weldin that the treasury balance was \$7,622.38. The Blast From The Past Rally made \$10.

Membership: Paul reported for Martha Weldin that the club membership is currently at 73.

Rally: Wayne Elvin reported that the "Blast From The Past" rally had 7 entries. He congratulated Don & Brandon Butler on a good rally and hoped we will have more fun events like that.

Autocross: Dave Dabell noted that the Lofland Trophy will be awarded at Autocross IV at the Dover site on October 16th.

Gasline: Jim Irons reported a lack of interest in members' car photos for the Gasline.

Property: We have it.

Social: A Chairperson for the annual Christmas party is still needed.

New Business:

- Discussion about getting young blood involved in BMC.
- Discussion about recent car shows.
- The Butlers brought old BMC trophies for display.
- Jim Martin presented his thoughts on growing the club membership and getting members involved.

Program: Slide show of British Car Club show.

Highlights summarized By Editor Jim Irons based on Meeting Minutes provided by BMC Secretary Kathe Worrell, and Jim's own fuzzy recollections.

Club Secretary Needed for 2012

Kathe Worrell will be relinquishing her position as BMC Secretary as of December 31. If you have basic writing skills and can attend most or all club meetings, please let us know.

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Members' Wheels – Now



Jim Martin's Austin Healey at Dover Autocross.

I attended an autocross at Dover last year and wanted to participate in future autocrosses, only to end up with a to-do list that included rebuilding the front end, new tires (mine were 21 years old) and new wheels. It took me a year to make it to the starting line. Now all I have to do is learn how to drive.

Jim Martin

Where's Your Pics?

We'd like *Members' Wheels* to be a regular feature in the Gasline. Send me a photo of your car with some brief details and I'll use it in a future issue. I can clean up photos and resize them as necessary. Just email it to captjti@verizon.net

Jim Irons - Gasline Editor

The Hard Drive Garage – By Mark Schroy

This month’s installment is based in the real world, as opposed to virtual cars.

Oddly enough, I’m fairly sure the current owner lives in a fantasy world, or has imbued many substances to think his creation was a good idea.....

Lurking around on eBay Motors the other day, I decided to check out the Replica/Kit makes section. A bunch of replica Cobras, a few Lambos and Porsches, but really nothing special. Then I find the standout of the bunch.



For some reason, this person took it upon themselves to take a black 1986 Pontiac Fiero GT and apply a body kit. Not just any, mind you, but a kit to create a Fiero “3-4-8”.

Yes, a really tiny underpowered American Ferrari. Seriously.

The creator of this build even went to the trouble of getting Ferrari insignias to adorn the car.

If you were to acquire this gem for the tidy sum of \$6,500, the seller was throwing in a F-Style interior kit that one could ONLY assume he ran out of time (or illicit materials to help his concentration to install in the car).

From the description, the car still has the 2.8 liter V6 engine, with ONLY 78,000 miles on the engine. He threw on a Ferrari manifold cover too. A positive note, it has a close-gate shifter with new clutch cylinders, but it’s only a 4 speed manual. It also has a new timing cover, belt, battery, and water pump. Sounds ready to go!

The best upgrades I can find are the gigantic rear wing and the instrument panels. I find it interesting that the rear wing uprights are almost as tall as the car itself. The upgraded instrumentation is touted as going up to 120 MPH on the speedo. Anyone else think it can barely crack 75 without peeling off the door panels and rear spoiler? Anyone? Anyone? Bueller? Bueller?

Now, when I first found the auction, it had 8 days left. When I go back to write this article, the auction has been ended – the very next day. No explanation, just the bar across the top saying that “Bidding has ended for this item.” Either the seller came to his senses and put the car out of it’s misery, or it got stolen by some crack-head who got fooled by the Ferrari logos. Maybe someone pulled a prank and put “Free To A Good Home”, and someone took him up on his offer. Who knows?

If you want more pictures of the car, use this link: <http://s1222.photobucket.com/albums/dd496/muttmyers/Ferrari%20348%20Serie%20Speciale/#!cpZZ1QQtpZZ16>

Now, it’s off to find the next disaster. Looks like I need to lurk in some other dark corners of the world wide web!

Mark

Home Depot Spoiler?



Member Ramblings – Jim Martin

About 1 ½ years ago, I began to realize that I was retired and bored. Having a 1964 Austin Healey, I figured I would get involved in Car Clubs, joining several National and local Healey clubs and the Brandywine Motorsport Club (BMC). After about a year, I realized that the Healey clubs are what I would call Marque Clubs and they did very little outside of monthly meetings. I became more interested in BMC with its different activities: Rallies, Autocrosses, and social activities/meetings. (I would rather be doing something than just talking about it.)

Having done some research on the Club, I found that it was formed on June 18th, 1952. (I was almost 4 years old at that point; I think we have a big anniversary coming up.) Originally, it was the Wilmington Sub-Centre, of the MG Car Club. During the '60s it grew to about 300 people and had many of its events at the Wilmington Airport. The Club has ebbed and flowed ever since, until a few years ago when there was talk about dissolving the Club and some members got together and said “not on my watch.”

Recently, in conversations with Paul Alderman, I was asked if I wanted to get more involved in the club. I began to wonder what were our objectives and what did the members enjoy about the club and which events did they enjoy the most? Paul and I talked about what he hoped would happen with the club.

Having Lunch with member Adam Martin, we talked about what it would take to get more people (younger) involved in BMC? We realized that we don't want to represent any one marque and we do not have to try to be everything to everyone. Some clubs do a better job of putting on car shows (British Car Club of DE (BCCD) & Porsche Car Club (PCA). Porsche also organizes road racing. Why not work with other car clubs and help

sponsor motor sport activities that would benefit everyone interested in automobiles, no matter what marque. We could coordinate everyone's event schedule so as not to have conflicts, and help promote everyone's events. We seem to have a good track record with autocrosses and rallies, how can we improve on them? We should have more events that attract new people and set a mentor program that helps the new people participate. Since we are not focused on any one marque, maybe rent the Cecil County strip, tour private car collections, rent go carts. Legal/Insurance issues could be looked at across club lines. Sponsor a major event (Autocross, Show and Rally) at the University of Dela. that ties into the student body. It would be designed to expose more people to motorsports and possibly be tied to a charity.

We began to realize that coming up with ideas is not the hard part. The hard part is making it happen. Today the Club is run by a very dedicated few. We would need to expand the various committees (Rally, Autocross, Social, etc.) and that would mean everyone would have to serve on a committee rather than just the Chairman. We would have to commit to so many events/year and publish a calendar at the beginning of the year that everyone could plan on. Keep in mind that our sister clubs may also want to help and look for our help. We should develop a cross reference list to see what other clubs our members belong too. Some brought up other clubs that may be interested such as the Wilmington Ski Club & the Cars & Coffee group.

It is your Club; we need everyone's thoughts/help, please let me know your thoughts and maybe we can take this forward. At this point these are my ramblings. See you at the next meeting.

Jim Martin jjpmartymar@aol.com





BMC - PCA AUTOCROSS III RESULTS
Dover Site - October 16, 2011



<u>Class #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Class #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Time</u>
AS 9	Jonathan Arena	Porsche Cayman S	48.554	GS 83	Jennifer Dabell	Ford Mustang	68.887
AS 87	Dave Emerson	Porsche Boxster S	50.088	HS 3	Tyler Donnelly	Hyundai Tiburon	49.588
AS 91	Scott Wootten	Porsche 911	51.959	HS 26	Julian Marrero	Acura Integra	49.860
AS 13	Scott Clapper	Chevy Corvette	52.379	HS 40	Ashley Wright	Mazda 626	53.619
AS 1111	Matthew Wiherle	Chevy Corvette	56.404	HS 55	Lonnie Sepeda	Geo Prism	56.608
AS 6	Kristie Noyes	Chevy Corvette	63.186	HS 25	Grant Banning	VW Golf	57.519
BS 111	Aaron Thorsgard	BMW Z4	49.380	HS 10	Carol Bernard	Honda Accord	60.555
BS 8	Larry Waltemire	Porsche Boxster	50.055	HS 2	Jim Martin	Austin Healy 3000	62.215
BS 41	Shawn Vogt	Porsche Boxster	57.422	HS 88	Christine Wilbur	VW Jetta TDI	69.417
BS 1	William Noyes	Chevy Corvette	59.444	SS 68	Paul Alderman	Caterham S7 *	46.901
BS 93	Brian Cook	Chevy Corvette	59.495	SS 007	Andy Crook	Porsche Cayman R	48.219
CS 51	Will Pyle	Porsche 911	49.388	SS 112	Chris Ignasiak	Porsche Cayman R	48.441
CS 33	Phil Worrell	Toyota MR2	49.862	SS 32	George Alderman	Caterham S7	48.772
CS 74	Charles Smith	Porsche 911	50.955	SS 12	Alex Witham	Porsche Cayman R	48.779
CS 61	Stephan Roy	Porsche 911	51.191	SS 18	Jonathan Fox	Porsche C2GTS	50.172
CS 14	Trevor Naidoo	Porsche 911	51.521	SS 69	Don Butler	Lotus Elan	51.654
CS 77	Harold LaVere	Nissan 350Z	52.346	BSP 89	Dave Dabell	Porsche Cayman S	47.148
CS 5	Karl Werner	Porsche 911 Targa	52.698	BSP 27	Ian Curtis	Porsche 911	48.213
CS 624	Mark Bowen	Porsche 944S	53.204	BSP 11	V Bichnevicius	Porsche 911	49.383
CS 70	Daniel Collier	Mazdaspeed Miata	53.373	BSP 427	Tanya Curtis	Porsche 911	50.305
CS 34	Craig Nichols	Porsche 911	53.708	BSP 42	Will Bratcher	Subaru WRX	52.562
CS 20	Shawn Crandall	Nissan 350Z	54.625	SM2 65	Duke Wilford	Mazda Miata	48.135
CS 34	Darryl Crews	Porsche 911	55.521	SM2 177	Mike McCoy	Ford Contour SVT	52.163
DS 100	Rick Bernard	Subaru WRX	55.237	ST 8	Nuri Heckrotte	Toyota Camry	52.358
DS 31	Ian Jones	Subaru WRX	57.249	ST 15	John Williams	Toyota MR2	65.188
ES 71	Jason Johnston	Mazda RX7	50.519				
GS 73	Walt Dabell	Ford Mustang	52.244				

*Fastest Time of Day

Autocross Report

We had a great conclusion to the 2011 autocross season in Dover. The weather was near perfect, and we had a nice turnout of over 50 cars. We had several classic air-cooled Porsches from Riesentoter Region PCA in attendance. Their cars looked more like they were headed to a concours rather than an autocross. They made me embarrassed about how dirty my car was after a couple weekends at the track with no cleanup. Thanks to the RTR folks for making our event part of their autocross series.

Other classics in attendance were Don Butler with his Lotus Elan and Jim Martin, attending his first autocross, with his Austin Healy 3000. A couple more first timers were Jennifer Dabell who did well driving her dad's Mustang in GS, and Carol Bernard in her Honda Accord. It was nice to see Jason Johnston back in his RX7 after missing the last couple of events. I didn't notice any strange sounds from the car this time, so I guess he is working the bugs out.

BMC awards the Lofland Memorial Trophy for the fastest time of the day at this event. For the 4th year in a row Paul Alderman, driving a Catherham S7, won this award. Nice driving again, Paul!

We had a successful and fun season this year due to the efforts of our volunteers. Many thanks, everyone!

Dave Dabell

Autocross Chair



PCA Delaware Car Show at Greenville - October 1, 2011 — Photos by Jim Martin

