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January 2012

HAPPY NEW YEAR! BMC CLUB MEETING Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012 @ Stewart's Brewing Company,

Rtes 7 & 40, Bear, Dela. 6:30 P.M. meet & eat / 7 P.M. Meeting

6 December Meeting Highlights

The December Christmas Party, at Stewart's Brewing Company, was attended by 34 members and 2 guests. The meeting portion of the Party was kept very short. It was agreed to have next month's meeting on January 3rd, 2012 at Stewart's Brewing. *Secretary Jim Martin*.

Rally Notes - Dave Teter

I hope everyone got through the holidays with HAPPY results. It's the time of year with virtually no rally activity locally or anywhere.

For your entertainment you might take a few minutes to view this site for some insight on rally activity 50 years ago: http://odhdc.org/ODHDC_VI.pdf

Membership Renewals

Club membership renewals are due in January. If none of your personal information has changed, simply mail a check made out to "BMC" to:

BMC

P.O. Box 474 Montchanin. DE 19710-0474

Dues are still just \$15 for a single memberships or \$25 for family memberships.

If your personal information has changed, please download the membership form from the BMC website, fill-in the updated information, and mail it with your check to the above address.

BMC History Update – Jim Martin

In an effort to research our club's history, I have to provide a correction to last month's article. The date 6/18/52, shown in the December Gasline, was for the formation of the MG Car Club; the source of that information was the Corporation filing with the Secretary of State – State of Delaware.

I now have a copy of the MG Car Club's January 1954 Executive Committee meeting notes (courtesy of George Alderman). The purpose of the meeting was to reorganize the club and elect officers. Since the Club was reorganized; the Incorporation date did not change. Here is a summary of the meeting notes.

January 13, 1954

For the past 2 months, the Executive Committee of the club has been holding regular meetings in an attempt to find a way to (1) enable a motor club to continue in this area, (2) create more active interest in the club by its present and past members, and (3) eliminate the almost unanimous objections of the membership to the club's present affiliation with a "do-nothing" type of national organization. RESOLVED that, as January 13, 1954, or as soon thereafter as possible, the Executive Committee and officers of the Wilmington Sub-Centre MGCC be empowered to take steps to disassociate the aforementioned club from all of its present connections with the Eastern Centre MGCC and its parent organization.

First, to facilitate passage of the following resolutions, it will be necessary for the present and past members to choose a new name for the organization. Your Executive Committee has prepared a short list of possible names as follows:

- 1. Delaware Motorsport Club
- 2. Brandywine Motorsport Club (Approved)
- 3. Tri-State Motorsport Club
- 4. Diamond State Motorsport Club
- 5. Wilmington Motorsport Club

The Hard Drive Garage – By Mark Schroy

.....or how my wife surprises me still.....

Okay gang; a short and sweet one for the holidays – not specifically about a car, but cars in general. I might be sleeping on the couch for a few days for this one.....

Apparently, the 12 years of marriage has finally paid off. For so long, we could be driving along, and see a rare or neat car. I would point it out, give a few stats, and carry on our way. Usually, I would receive an eye roll or 2, maybe a good "holy cow, I don't care" sigh. I never got a pat on the head or a "that's a good little gearhead" remark, but secretly wanted one now and again.

A few days ago, while at work I get this text message: 73 orange spitfire in the garage ;)

Now, obviously, I start thinking to myself, "HOLY CRAP! She finally got it! She can identify little british cars by herself! I can stop making the flash cards now..." She didn't send a picture, but I trust her. Later, at Dinner time, I find out that she cheated... Me: So, dear, tell me about the car in the parking garage. Wife: Oh yeah, saw it in the garage. The orange is close to your car.

Me: How did you figure out it was a '73 Triumph Spitfire? Wife: The license plate said SPIT 73

In her defense, she was able to correctly remember that SPIT meant Triumph Spitfire. She was able to give me a good mental picture, so I will give her that.

So, what I have learned out of this whole turn of events? That the money for new glasses for my wife was well spent.

Happy Holidays! Your humble-and still married-writer, Mark



Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman

Happy New Year! Well, we are starting out on our 60th year as a club; the longest for any existing club in the area, I think. Our January meeting will include the official voting of our board in for 2012. If you did not know, we are always looking for help in every area of the functioning of the club. Contact a board member to express your interest.

Reminder the next meeting January 3rd will be at Stewarts Brewing Co in Bear. We would like to make this our new location, and we will be discussing the meeting time and day. Pro's and Con's. More to follow.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting Jan 3rd. Looking Forward, Paul Alderman

2012 BMC Executive Committee

Club Chair – Paul Alderman Secretary – Jim Martin Treasurer – Martha Weldin Autocross Chair– Dave Dabell Rally Chair – Dave Teter Gasline Editor – Jim Irons Property Custodian(s) – Mark & Michelle Schroy Member-At-Large – George Alderman