



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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February 2012

BMC CLUB MEETING

**Tuesday, February 7th, 2012 @ Stewart's Brewing Company,
Rtes 7 & 40, Bear, Dela. 6:30 P.M. greet & eat / 7 P.M. Meeting**

WINTER BLUES TOUR

Simeone Automotive Museum – Philadelphia, Pa.

Saturday, February 25th

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman

Winter Blahs, There's nothing like some cold weather, ice and snow to make springtime seem far away. I have found that it is hard to keep the projects moving forward when it's cold out. So, thanks to Jim Martin, we will have something to look forward to in a few weeks. Jim has arranged a trip to the Simeone Museum for Saturday, Feb 25th, so if you would like to attend, contact him. (See info in this Gasline.)

I hope to see you at the next club meeting at Stewart's on Tuesday Feb 7th.

Paul

Membership Renewals

Club membership renewals were 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.

Rally Round – Don Butler

Winter: a quiet time of the year. The big holidays are over and the weather isn't conducive to outdoor activities. It is a good time to plan though. The March Lamb will be at the end of March. After that, I want to have a few "teaching" rallies. The first rule of rallying is you must stay on course to stay on time. So, I think we should have a rally in late April that just requires you to stay on course. Instead of recording times at Checkpoints, just the fact that you passed through will be noted. This will also allow, if needed, you to ask questions and have them answered during the rally. Once the sparse notation of rally instructions becomes comfortable, staying on time can be added. We once had a strong rally program, and if we start with this first step, we can once again have a strong program.

Call or e-mail me if you have an idea for a rally; experience not necessary.

Don Butler, BMC Rally Chair

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The Checkpoint Line - Dave Teter

This is the first time in about 17 years that I am not your rally chairman, and since 1972, I think I was chair for more than 10 of those years. Its been fun and a good ride, but we all tend to age and plain 'wear out.'

I'll still try to remain in touch via the Gasline. As an example, an entry flyer for March Lamb XV (ML) is attached to this newsletter. The ML has been very successful in recent years, due to entry support from the membership and the ability for members to compete in the traditional BMC Seat-of -Pants (SOP) class. We typically have 10-12 more entries than the companion event the next day in South Jersey. This year, the naming of the events is ironic with our March Lamb on Saturday & So Jersey's March Lion on Sunday.

We have received the new checkpoint clock/timer, so both checkpoint crews for the ML will have them. These timers have the capability to store times. In the event of an overwhelming 'herd' of cars coming into a checkpoint, their times can be recalled from the timer's memory.

My schedule for SCCA competition is vacant until March 10 for a trip to Tucson, then from April thru October it is VERY full. I'm not sure these 'old bones' can do it all - but will try.

ZEROS!!! - Dave Teter

3 January Meeting Highlights

The January 2012 meeting was held at Stewart's Brewing Company and was attended by 17 members. The Good News was the service and food was both good and timely. It was agreed to have next month's meeting on February 7th, 2012 at Stewart's Brewing, starting at 6:30 PM.

The 1st item on the agenda was to approve the 2012 BMC Club Officers:

- Club Chairman – Paul Alderman
- Secretary – Jim Martin*
- Treasurer – Martha Weldin
- Rally Chair – Don Butler*
- Autocross Chair – Dave Dabell
- Gasline Editor - Jim Irons
- Property Chair - Mark & Michelle Schroy
- Member-At-Large - George Alderman

**Change from 2011*

Treasurer's Report – At the end of 2011, we had over \$7,100.00 and 75 members. We added 2 members over last year and about \$1,000 to our checking account.

Rally Report – The Club authorized Dave Teter to spend up to \$150 on a new timer for future rallies. We are in the process of finalizing our 2012 Rally Schedule. Our first Rally is the BMC/SJR-SSCA March Lamb XV on 3/31/12, Dave Teter – Rally Master. It is followed by the SJR-SSCA's March Lion on 4/1/12, Jim Wakemen – Rally Master. More details will follow.

Autocross Report – Our 1st event is scheduled for 4/14/2012. We lost our Dover Site and are working on locating another site. If anyone has any suggestions, please let us know.

New Business – We need to be thinking about events for our 60th Anniversary in June.

Secretary Jim Martin

Winter Blues Tour – Jim Martin

To everyone that is bored with Winter so far: I am organizing a visit to the Simeone Automotive Museum (which is near the Philly Airport) on Saturday, February 25th. The museum is having its "The Best of Britain Show" as well as their demonstration of their Stutz Automobiles.

Assuming that I can convince at least 9 other people to go, we will get a discounted price of \$10/person. We are meeting there at 11:30 AM so we can take advantage of the Stutz demonstration that begins at noon. If people would like to meet somewhere beforehand and drive up together, let me know.

I am contacting all members of BMC, the British Car Club (BCCD), and the Austin Healey Sports & Touring Club (AHS&T). If you are interested, please email me. I will develop a list and organize the rest and will keep you updated as we get closer to the date.

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Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum
 6825-31 Norwitch Drive
 Philadelphia PA 19153
<http://simeonemuseum.org/>

Directions – Heading North from Delaware on I-95:

- As you approach Philadelphia International Airport, take Exit 13 toward I-76 West/ Valley Forge/ PA-291/ Island Ave.
- Take the PA-291 W ramp toward Island Ave.
- Turn Right onto Island Ave./ PA-291 W.
- Go to the 1st light and turn Right onto Bartrum Ave.
- At the 2nd light and turn Left onto Essington Ave.
- At the next light and turn Left onto S 70th St.
- Go about ½ mile and turn Right onto Norwitch Dr.
- The Museum is down about ¼ mile on your left.

Need Right-Hand Drive? No Problem!



The Hard Drive Garage – By Mark Schroy

Okay, it took a little while to find a gem for this month. I briefly considered a blurb on a 1982 DeTomaso Pantera GT5 for sale on the Bring A Trailer website. No, too extreme. Another idea was something on the new Corvette Daytona Prototype running the Rolex 24 of Daytona. No, too narrow focused. I did see an article about a guy selling off his collection of Ford GTs one at a time. No, out of my price range. I'm still amazed at the Ford RS 2000 that didn't sell on eBay. Oh well, I did find something else!

This month, I finally found a poor man's Alfa Romeo/Mazda Miata resto-mod residing in Cape Coral, FL, a little over 4 hours away from Daytona. I'm already scratching my head at this one. It's amazing to me what some people will do to their cars. I'm not sure if this guy is trying to fool other people or himself.



Under the "Alfa" bodywork lives a 2000 Miata with a small case of electrical problems. For example, the right turn signal doesn't work when the headlights are on. Seriously? It has a cold air intake and adjustable Koni shocks on all corners, plus a new exhaust header and a bolt-in roll cage. The seller doesn't mention WHY he has a roll cage installed. Only thing that makes sense to me is the car has tried to roll over and squash him as payback for the facelift it obviously didn't need.



Holy crap that rear end is ugly. Just for comparison, here's a real 1960 Alfa Spider:



Um, no. The "Mazda Romeo" needs to be put out of its misery, in my humble opinion.

Amazingly enough, as of 1P.M. on January 29th, the Mazda Disaster had 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. Then again, all signs point to NO.

I will be amazed if someone coughs up 5k for this thing, but it doesn't look good for the seller. But then, someone actually bought the Jeepvette disaster a couple of months ago, so anything can happen!

Happy Motoring!

Mark

(A late note: the Alfa Miata actually SOLD for \$4975!)

2012 Car Events

BMC Secretary Jim Martin has compiled this list of BMC and other car club's events for 2012. This list will be updated as events are added or changed.

February, 2012

**25th – Winter Blues Tour – Simeone Museum
BMC/BCCD/AHS&T**

March, 2012

10th – Pizza @Pete's – Downingtown, PA – AHS&T
31st – March Lamb Rally – Newark, DE –BMC/ NJR

April, 2012

1st – March Lion Rally – Pittman, NJ – NJR
14th – Autocross – Dover, DE – BMC/PCA
15th – Braille Rally – TBA – BMC/PCA
21st – Tech @Chuck's – Middletown, DE – AHS&T
28th – Marshall's Steam Museum – Yorklyn, DE - PCA
29th – Rally – 2 PM – BMC
29th – Spring Fling Rally – Southampton, PA – NJR
29th – Hershey Swap Meet

May, 2012

5th – Lewes Car Show – Lewes, DE – BCCD
12th – Whip Tavern Tour – Coatesville, PA –AHS&T
19th – Carlisle Show Tour– Avondale, PA – AHS&T
27th – Rally – 2 PM – BMC

June, 2012

2nd - Cars of England – Westtown, Pa –
Jaguar and Triumph Clubs
9th - BMC 60th Anniversary Rally/Fun Rally – TBA –
BMC/BCCD/AHS&T
23rd – Autocross – Glasgow, DE – BMC/PCA

July, 2012

14th – Fun Rally to A Pub – TBA- AHS&T

August, 2012

11th – Autocross – Glasgow, DE – BMC/PCA

September, 2012

8th – Eastern Shore Crab Feast Tour - MD – AHS&T
15th – Car Show – TBA - BCCD
16th – Hagley Car Show – Greenville, DE – Hagley
*29th – Greenville Car Show – Greenville, DE - PCA

October, 2012

7th – AHS&T Club Picnic – Elkton, MD – AHS&T

**Tentative*

Clubs:

AHS&T – Austin Healey Sports & Touring Club
BMC – Brandywine Motorsport Club
BCCD – British Car Club of Delaware
NJR – New Jersey Region/Sports Car Club of America
PCA – Delaware/Porsche Club of America

*“Will You Stop Worrying!
There's No Chance of Snow Tonight”*

