



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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April 2012



BMC CLUB MEETING

**Tuesday, April 3rd, 2012 @ Stewart's Brewing Company,
Rtes 7 & 40, Bear, Dela. – 6:30 P.M. greet & eat / 7 P.M. Meeting**

- **BMC/SCCA March Lamb XV RALLY – Saturday, March 31**
 - **BMC/PCA Braille Rally – Sunday April 15th**
 - **BMC/PCA Autocross I – Sunday, April 22nd**
 - **BMC Stay On Course Rally – Sunday, April 29th**

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman

Here we go! Numbered Route Instruction, CAS, CWS?? Curve Warning Sign. I look forward to the 15th running of the March Lamb on Saturday. I'm planning to run 'Old School' with my driver Phil Worrell; I'll be navigating and using a Curta Calculator and a timer. Thanks to Dave Teter, Wayne Elvin, and all the others that help make our March Lamb rally one of the best on the SCCA schedule.

Coming soon will be the Braille Rally on April 15th. There are a limited number of blind navigators, but there is a need for drivers. We also could use some help at the checkpoints. Let us know at the April meeting if you can help out.

Our first Autocross will be on Sunday, April 22nd in Glasgow. The following week will be the 'Stay on Course' Fun Rally, with the emphasis on course following, with the next month's rally focusing on time.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on April 3rd at Stewarts Brewing Co. in Bear. See you there.
*Keeping Time,
Paul*

Rally Round – Don Butler

Not much to say this month except that our Fun Rally is coming up at the end of April. A flyer will be in the next Gasline. Also, the date for the second Fun Rally has been changed to May 20th to avoid the Memorial Day weekend.

Don Butler, BMC Rally Chair

Autocross Update – Dave Dabell

See the flyer for Autocross I in this Gasline.

Dave Dabell – Autocross Chair

The Checkpoint Line - Dave Teter



The April GASLINE each year is always a problem of sorts to me, as the March Lamb is usually just three days before the deadline. This year, however, the March Lamb is 4 days after it would be possible to report on the event. Such reporting with complete info will have to wait until the May issue.

The March Lamb entry level lags from the last two years' by 25-30%. We have our usual group of national competitors (about 10) but local support from our club and friends of BMC suffer. See ya next month!!

Dave Teter

6 March Meeting Highlights

The March, 2012 meeting was held at Stewart's Brewing Company and was attended by 18 members and 2 guests.

Treasurer's Report – At the end of February, we had \$7,410.00 and 43 paid members.

Rally Report – The March Lamb Rally is progressing for March 31st and details can be found on our web site, Dave Teter asked for a strong attendance from our membership. Following the meeting, a Rally School was held to help everyone prepare the new season.

George Alderman and Scott Clabaugh provided an update on the Braille Rally scheduled for April 15th, additional information can be found on the BMC website. Don Butler provided some detail for our upcoming April 29th (Fun I – Stay on Course) and May 27th (Fun II – Stay on Time) Rallies. The May 27th date may change due the conflict with Memorial Day Weekend. We are also planning our 60th Anniversary Fun Rally and Picnic for June 9th.

Autocross Report – Our 1st event is now scheduled for 4/22/2012. The location will be the Glasgow site. We lost our Dover Site and are working on locating another site. We had a meeting with U of D about using their parking lots but they were not receptive to the idea. If anyone has any suggestions please let us know.

Gasline Report – Any articles are due March 27th.

Website Report – Nothing reported.

Property – A program is being developed to keep track of the property.

Next Meeting, April 3rd at the Brewery. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Secretary Jim Martin

P.S. A Rally School program was presented by Wayne Elvin and Jim Irons after the meeting.

42nd Running of the Braille Rally!!

The 42nd (Yes, 42nd!) running of the annual Braille Rally is on the calendar for Sunday, April 15th, 2012! Together with the Porsche Club of America - Delaware Region, the Brandywine Motorsport Club will be putting on this unique event to benefit the Delaware Association for the Blind (DAB).

It's Simple! – We need volunteers to drive their cars and work the course. If you're driving, you'll be listening to the to the instructions your blind navigator will be reading from their Braille instructions. It's as simple as this- "Turn right onto Smith Bridge Rd. Maintain the posted speed limit." If you're helping on the course, you'll be keeping track of what time each team hit the checkpoints.

Timeline for the day! – We'll meet at 1PM at Brandywine Springs Park at Faulkland Rd. and Newport Gap Pike. After a brief meeting, course workers will head out to their assignments and drivers will meet their navigators. Precisely at 2:01PM, the first car will be sent on their way. Second car will be off at 2:02PM. You'll spend a couple hours navigating the hills of Chester County, Pa, Cecil County, Md and New Castle County, De and then end up back at Landis Lodge on Newport Gap Pike, which is now the headquarters for the DAB!

Picnic and Awards! – After you find your way back to Landis Lodge, we'll have plenty of refreshment, food and prizes. Each participant gets a T-shirt generously donated by Porsche of Delaware. They continue to support this event each year. Trophies will be given out to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers....and we don't forget about last place either. You get a trophy for last place, which we have named after the race founder, Renee O'Leary. That trophy is call the "Renee O'Leary Best Chance for Improvement" award!

Fun! – From that last award name, you can tell the Rally is all about having fun. Last place, first place - all that really matters is volunteering a Sunday afternoon to help others in the community that may be less fortunate than ourselves. PLEASE sign up in advance to help out. We already have 20 navigators registered and **we need drivers!** Send me an email at braillerally@verizon.net so I can get your name on the list to drive. If your spouse, girlfriend/boyfriend/significant other would like to drive or help out that the picnic, that would be great, too, just drop me an email. if you'd like to help on the course, email George Alderman at galderman32@comcast.net. You will have a great time!

Don't be scared! – Still apprehensive about driving? The 2011 rally was won by a driver and navigator competing in their first rally! Who will it be this year?

*Thanks,
Scott Clabaugh*

Prius Woody?



The Hard Drive Garage – By Mark Schroy

Okay ladies and gents! This month, it's not a weird build, not a crazy car, but a certifiable piece of racing history. Coming up for auction this May is a 1984 Toleman TG-184-2, driven by the greatest F1 driver ever, Ayrton Senna in his debut season.



This car was driven by Senna to his second place finish in the 1984 Monaco GP, third place in the British GP, and seventh place in the Canadian race that year. It's amazing to me how far F1 technology has come, and then to see what advances had been made in the early '80s in comparison. Turbocharged 1.5L, 4 cylinder engine? My 2012 Hyundai Sonata SE has a 2.4L! Of course, the Toleman has the advantage of weighing a third of my Sonata. The aerodynamics are slightly better too.....



Two rear wings? Holy cow! State of the art at the time, when aerodynamics were really starting to be better understood and planned into the cars. Comparing it to today's cars is unfair, but at the time definitely pushing the boundaries.



Just to compare, though, here's the current 2012 F1 car from the Lotus team:



YEAH, slightly more advanced, but that's for a whole other write-up. Just sayin'!



Back to the Toleman, which is in drivable condition, has been in private ownership for 16 years. This is the first time the car is being offered at auction, so the price at auction is anyone's guess. A helmet worn by Senna went for \$114,000 last month! Chances are there will NOT be a Buy-It-Now option on this auction. Guess this means my piggy bank is out of the running already.....
Mark

2012 Events - Revised 03.28.12

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.

March, 2012

31st – March Lamb Rally – Newark, DE – BMC/ NJR/SCCA

April, 2012

1st – March Lion Rally – Pittman, NJ – NJR/SCCA

15th – Braille Rally – TBA – BMC/PCA

21st – British Invasion at Elk Landing – Elkton, MD - BCCD

22nd – Autocross – Glasgow, DE – BMC/PCA

28th – Marshall's Steam Museum – Yorklyn, DE - PCA

29th – Spring Fling Rally – Southampton, PA – NJR/SCCA

29th – Rally – TBA - BMC

29th – Hershey Swap Meet

May, 2012

5th – Lewes Car Show – Lewes, DE – BCCD

12th – Whip Tavern Tour – Coatesville, PA –AHS&T

19th – Carlisle Import Show Tour – Avondale, PA – AHS&T

19th – Fairhill Fair – Fairhill, MD - BCCD

20th – Rally – TBA - 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 – Delaware City Car Show – Delaware City, DE - 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

14th – Autocross – TBD – BMC/PCA

November, 2012

AHS&T – Austin Healey Sports & Touring Club

BMC – Brandywine Motorsport Club

BCCD – British Car Club of Delaware

NJR/SCCA – New Jersey Region/Sports Car Club of America

PCA – Delaware Porsche Car Club of America



AUTOCROSS I



Delaware Region PCA & Brandywine Motorsport Club



SUNDAY APRIL 22, 2012



**Keene Elementary School
2001 LaGrange Ave
Glasgow, DE 19702**

One traffic light east of Rte 896 off Rte 40 – Behind YMCA

Setup 8:30 AM

Registration 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Entry Fee: \$25

(PCA & BMC Members: \$20)

Trophies awarded by Class

RULES

- NO OPEN EXHAUST – Effective muffler required.
- Approved helmet, seatbelts, and valid drivers license required. Loaner helmets will be available.
- Vehicles must pass safety and technical inspection.
- *All contestants, workers, and guests must sign a release and waiver of liability. Parent/guardian signatures required for those under 18.*
- **All cars are welcome to compete.** SCCA Solo 2 Rules and Classifications will generally be followed. We reserve the right to modify/interpret these rules to suit the spirit of the competition.

To Pre-register and Reserve your Car Number, or Info contact:

Dave Dabell autocross@delawarepca.org – 302-834-9706

or

George Alderman galderman32@comcast.net – 302-373-2111

Provide your name, contact info, preferred car number, make, model, and year of car.
We will confirm by email or phone.

More info is available on our websites:

www.delawarepca.org

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