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February 2013

BMC CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, February 5th, 2013

at our NEW LOCATION

CHARCOAL PIT at PRICE'S CORNER

714 Greenbank Road, Wilmington, DE 19808

6:00 P.M. greet & eat / 7 P.M. Meeting



Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman

Wanna Race? Thanks to all who came out and supported our January Blahs meeting. We had some of our regulars and some new members come to their first meeting. I hope we gave the spectators some good entertainment. I know that I haven't run the karts in a year, but was able to improve from a 22.864 lap to a 21.846 lap. I was happy with the improvement, but I was not the fastest of the group (GASP!). Shawn Dewey just beat me each session, and Nuri Heckrotte (race name Turkey) was able to post the fastest lap of the night: 21.490. BMC'ers left with 8 of the top 12 times of that week.

We had some other notables in the group. While some ran one 8 minute session, others ran two, and seven of us ran a third session. Lizzy Wilford had never done it before and improved over 3 seconds in her 3 sessions Duke Wilford also improved by 2.5 seconds. Nice Job. George Alderman still has what it takes, he ran 2 sessions and had less variation in his lap times than yours truly and was 6th fastest of the group. Adam and Jim Martin both ran and had a nice time. Scott Clapper ran hard all 3 sessions before his long drive home. Robb was another first timer at the meeting, and he ran in the top 4 all night. Shawn Dewey and I ran together just like we did running in the kart leagues a few years ago. Phil, Ed and Wayne each ran a session early on and made for a crowded 13 car first session.

Thanks to Erin and the group at Mid Atlantic Grand Prix for hosting our event. If anyone would like to do this later in the year let me know we can have another meeting there. Hope to see you on the 5th at Charcoal Pit Kirkwood Highway.

Revved Up, PJA

New Meeting Location!!

BMC meetings are moving to the Charcoal Pit at Kirkwood Highway and Greenbank Road in the Price's Corner area. <http://www.charcoalpit.net>

This is a more central location which we hope will bring more members out to our meetings. They have a private dining room for our meetings, so there should be far less background noise than at Stewart's. Although they don't have a half-price burger night, their menu prices look very reasonable.

Additional parking is available behind the medical building next door. Come on out and check it out.

Jim Irons

Membership Renewal Time

BMC membership renewals are due January 1st and must be renewed by March 1st at the latest.

If none of your personal information has changed, simply mail a check made out to "BMC" to:

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

If your personal information has changed, an Application/Renewal form can be download from the BMC website. Fill-in the updated information, and mail it with your check to the above address.

8th of January Meeting Highlights

The January 2013 meeting was held at The Mid Atlantic Grand Prix and was attended by 15 members and 1 guest. It was chaired by Paul Alderman.

The meeting was kept short since we were going to race go carts (which I enjoyed).

Treasurer's Report: \$7,349.49 (12/31/12) – Last year same time was \$7,100.

Members – 79 (Last year we had 75 members.)

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Next Meeting, February 5th at 6:30 PM, Location is TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Secretary Jim Martin

Autocross Update – Duke Wilford



It may not seem that way, but the autocross season will be here before we know it. Time to get all of those off-season upgrades and deferred maintenance projects going. Which, of course, most of us don't want to do right now because we don't have heated garages.

I am continuing to pursue potential new venues in addition to the Keene lot. Some leads haven't panned out, and some have been very accommodating, but geared towards groups several times our size (\$\$\$). If you are aware of anyone who might have a suitable site, or even if you just have suggestions, please feel free to contact me. My email is wil4ds@gmail.com.

At the January meeting, I proposed the idea of raising the autocross rates in order to facilitate renting a larger lot. Suggested 2013 rates would increase \$5 each, to \$25 members / \$30 nonmembers. This met with general agreement, and still leaves us as the cheapest game in town. Another member also recommended using some of the Club's current funds to subsidize renting a lot for the season. I think this idea warrants further discussion, and I'd like to hear input from the general membership. A better venue would improve turnout and income, and hopefully attract even more new members. We've had some great new people join in the last year or two and I would love to see that trend continue.

I'm looking forward to seeing everybody at the next meeting and hearing your ideas.

Duke "Glad that autocross runs are not 8 minutes long" Wilford!

BMC Rally Chair - George Alderman

Big Rally Weekend April 6th and 7th!!!

Willis and I have the Braille Rally for the Delaware Region/PCA and the Delaware Assoc. for the Blind completed and ready to run on Sunday April 7th.

This year's March Lamb Rally will be Saturday April 6th. Make sure you put the March Lamb on your calendar. It is an SCCA and BMC rally that brings in top competitors from around the country. Dave Teter works hard each year to make our rally challenging for novice and experienced rallyists alike. So let's get a nice turnout of BMC members in the SOP class.

The Braille Rally will be run over the same route as the 1982 Braille Rally. We kept the route as close to the original as we could. Some of the route instructions were changed because the signs were no longer there, plus what was a dirt road in 1982 is now the community of Somerset Lake with paved roads and beautiful homes.

The Braille Rally was postponed twice in 2012 because of complications and weather. Hopefully, April 7th 2013 will be a nice weekend for the PCA drivers and their blind navigators.

Since the Porsche Club will be supplying the drivers for the Braille Rally, I thought we could run the same course as a fun rally for BMC members and other clubs sometime after April 7th. The rally starts at Brandywine Springs Park, is only about 35 miles long, taking about 1½ hours to complete. It ends near the start location, we could start at 2 PM and finish by 4 PM at a nearby restaurant where we could eat and give out trophies.

If you are interested, both Saturday April 27th and Saturday May 11th look like dates for this fun rally that would not conflict with other events. Please email me at galderman32@comcast.net or call 302-373-2111 if you would like to participate on either date. I will pick the date that suits the most members and send out a flyer later.

George

The Checkpoint Line - Dave Teter



Its slow this time of year and not much on the local scene to report – in fact nothing. I've asked our editor to include the flyer for March Lamb XVI in this issue. Maybe a bit premature, but you can see the addition of a GPS Class for the Tour Rally that might bring out someone who would like to be spared some of the chore of staying 'on time' by just SOP'ing it.

The SCCA is working on a way to include GPS-based devices into its class structures. This would include stand-alone GPS', but also include the special purpose APPs for smartphones. The March Lamb will allow these applications also. If the GPS class does not have a minimum of 3 cars, the scores will be handicapped and combined with another class.

Dave

The Hard Drive Garage – By Mark Schroy

...or spell that again?

Hello happy motorists! In my searches this month, I came across an older street legal race car formerly from our happy little state of denial-er, Delaware. It's a neat little car that would be at home in any stable!

Now for the reveal:



1967 Ginetta G4 Race Car!

It's currently for sale on [eBay](#) in Hampton, Virginia, with the bid at \$21,200 as of 01/28/13. The description states that the title is from Delaware, October 2011 - the current seller never transferred it to Virginia!

An "interim" owner decided to install a "pre-cross flow" engine - whatever that means - and it's running a 1498cc dual-weber engine, not a 1600 Ford Kent cross flow. Now, the funny thing is, the original listing on [this site](#), lists the car as a 1968 with the 1600cc engine in it. It's the same car as in the eBay listing, but with stock headlights on the front end that the current seller restored.

Unfortunately, I can't grab the pictures to show here. The picture in the beginning of the article is from when the car was being sold IN DELAWARE, so I'm wondering if anyone knows who sold it? Anyone? Bueller?

Further down the description, the seller mentions that the car was maintained by West Engineering in Barrington, MA. The chassis got a restoration and fresh powder coating in 2002. The seller states that there is a replacement fiberglass rear end, in case the new buyer doesn't like how the rear end had been modified in 2003. Also in the sale is a spare straight exhaust for racing only; the car is currently set up for street.

All told, the car only has dyno time on the current engine, and the seller made a number of upgrades: FIA lap belts, a fire system, MSD ignition and coil, and a number of other things.

If I had the cash, I would bring this car home to DE. Now, parking it would be the biggest pain, since I only have a one car garage full of a 1975 MGB. Anyone willing to donate some space for a while? Paul? George? Anyone?.....**crickets chirping**

Oh well. Can't blame me for trying!

Enjoy!

-M

Editor's Followup Note

When Mark sent me this Hard Drive Garage article, I thought that the Ginetta looked very familiar. A quick phone call to George Alderman verified that George had recently co-owned that G4.

I took the photos below of BMC member Shawn Dewey in George's car at a vintage racing event in September 2010 at New Jersey Motorsports Park. George does not know the person now selling it on eBay.

Jim Irons



2013 Events - 01.21.13

BMC Secretary Jim Martin has compiled this list of BMC and other car club's events for 2013. This list will be updated monthly as events are added or changed.

- February** –
- March** 23rd Simone Car Museum Tour – “Best of Britain” Show, Philadelphia, PA – AHS&T & BCCD
- April** 6th **March Lamb Rally, Newark, DE – BMC**
7th **Braille Rally, Northern DE – BMC & PCA**
14th **Autocross I, Glasgow, DE – BMC & PCA**
- May** 4th Lewes Car Show, Lewis, DE – BCCD
18th Carlisle Import Car Show, Carlisle, PA – AHS&T
19th Northern DE Tour – BCCD
- June** 1st “Cars of England Show”, Westtown, PA – BCCD
9th “British Motorcar Gathering”, Hellertown, PA – BCCD
15th The Elegance Challenge (Hill Climb), Hershey, PA
22nd **Autocross II, Glasgow, DE – BMC & PCA**
23rd 28th – Healey Conclave, Charlevoix, Quebec – AHS&T
- July** 13th Rally to Delaware City – AHS&T
- August** 8th-10th Healey Encounter, Hershey, PA – AHS&T
10th **Autocross III, Glasgow, DE BMC & PCA**
- September** 15th Hagley Car Show – Greenville, DE – PCA
21st* Delaware City Car Show, Delaware City, DE – BCCD
28th* Classic & Exotic Car Show, Greenville, DE – PCA
- October** 13th **Autocross IV, Glasgow, DE – BMC & PCA**

Cars & Coffee – Every Saturday morning at Dilworthtown, PA Starbucks - PCA

Club Codes:

AHS&T – Austin Healey Sports & Touring Club

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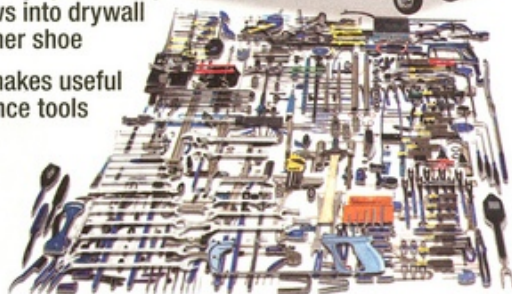
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