



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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September 2013

BMC CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, September 3rd, 2013 – 6:00 P.M. greet & eat / 7 P.M. Meeting
The Charcoal Pit at Price's Corner

September 15th – Hagley Museum Car Show

September 21st – Delaware City Car Show - British Car Club of Dela.

September 28 – Greenville Crossing Exotic Car Show – PCA-Dela.

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



Well, another autocross is in the books and someone else went home with the fastest time of day. The course layout was quite a bit tighter than previous events and made it hard to have a clean run. I ran my first run and after giving the workers plenty of cones to clean up, and a cool-off lap up route 40, I was able to come back and run some better runs. The only problem with a cone killing run is it is hard to get your focus back and it also is a lost opportunity. Keep your schedule open for the next event on Sunday October 13th. We will keep everyone posted as to where the event will be Keene or ???

We are also working on another rally later in the fall. More details in this newsletter.

Come on out and join us Tuesday September 3rd at the Charcoal Pit for our monthly meeting. Hope to see you there.

Paul

Rally Chair - George Alderman

There are no BMC Rallies in September, but Sunday, October 20th will be our next rally event. Jim Irons is bringing back to life a very popular rally that he organized back in the 1980s, and with a few changes, we will run the Trolls Tour Rally again. Liz Haines told me that she remembers running the original Trolls Tour and had a memorable time doing it, so I'm sure she will be trying the 2013 event. We also want to invite members from the BCCD and DE PCA plus any other local car clubs that are interested. So when the flyer comes out, get the early entry discounted registration fee.

George Alderman
BMC Rally Chair
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Trolls Tour Rally - October 20



Late October is a great time for a fun ride in the country to enjoy the colors. Our Trolls Tour Rally will provide just that, with an easy, Sunday afternoon 50-mile time-speed-distance rally along winding country roads. It is designed for inexperienced rallyists with helpful information throughout the instructions, but it also should be an enjoyable challenge for more experienced types. Be assured that this rally is being pre-checked thoroughly to ensure a quality event.

The Trolls Tour name came up because of the many bridges along the route, especially in Southern PA. As you may know, trolls are supposedly mythical creatures that live in caves under bridges. Mythical or not, I swear I had to deal with several of them when first laying out this rally in the early 80s. They are still around today, and you just may spot one as you run the 2013 Trolls Tour.

Final details are still being confirmed, so make a note of the date and watch for a flyer in your email soon.

Jim Irons, Rallymaster & Troll Believer

Autocross Update – Duke Wilford



Duke's Autocross Update is with the results from the Aug. 10th Autocross III later in this Gasline. Complete run-by-run results for that event can be found on the BMC website.
www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org

BMC Picnic Rally Report

The weather was threatening on Saturday morning, but held off for the rally. The few sprinkles we got in the afternoon did not put a damper on our picnic fun after the rally.

The first part of the rally was taken from my 2001 Photo Fun rally. Phil & Kathe Worrel were first in Novice class in that 2001 rally and were first in the SOP class on Saturday. Dave Teter showed what a rally computer can do, getting a total of only 13 points. The three Novice Class entries were most impressive, beating the three SOP Class entries. Scott and Judie Clabaugh took first in Novice with remarkable 51 points. (Scott swears he drive it in true seats-of-the-pants style with no calculations, hmmm.) Grant Banning did a great job running without a navigator, turning in a very respectable score. Autocross Chair Duke Wilford was lured away from the cones into his first rally ever and did very well with Maryanne and the girls.

The club's autocross canopies shaded the group from the little bit of the sun and the few sprinkles we received in the afternoon. Marie did a great job in the kitchen; I was a bit slow cooking the burgers, but no one complained too loudly. And thanks to the folks who brought side dishes.

Thank you to those that ran the rally and came to the picnic. We hope you enjoyed it as much as Marie and I did. So what do we do next year?

Jim Irons

No.	Class	Driver/Navigator	DIY 1	DIY2	DIY3	Total
9	Equip.	Dave Teter	4	1	8	13
4	GPS	George & Jade Alderman	15	34	28	77
2	GPS	Jim Martin / Paul Alderman	3	197	45	245
5	GPS	Martha & Willis Weldin	10	141	188	339
8	SOP	Phil & Kathe Worrell	200	184	28	412
1	SOP	Ed Trahan / Rick VanSant	200	152	172	524
10	SOP	Melodie Bechtel / Jane Dillon	200	200	200	600
7	NOV	Scott & Judie Clabaugh	15	13	23	51
6	NOV	Grant Banning	200	9	78	287
3	NOV	Duke & Maryanne Wilford	26	200	133	359

The Checkpoint Line - Dave Teter



A REALLY sparse month of activity with our own Picnic Rally and a SCCA National Tour just this past weekend in Steel Cities Region. This event resulted in me being able to report another colossal screw-up.

We misapplied the application of Time Delay which had been altered from the usual minute plus ½ minute to be in just whole minutes. We used the extra half-minute six times for SIX MAX penalties!!!! These screw-ups are an undesirable habit not welcomed by me in any way.

In the nearby area, I am aware of no rally events in September with next being on 10/13 in So Jersey Region.

In SCCA rallies, I will be going to LaCrosse in about two weeks for a pair (Tour / Course) of National events.

Dave

Upcoming Events Calendar

A full list of most local area sports car club events for 2013 can be found on the BMC web site at: www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org Click on the Events heading and then on Agenda under Month.

- Sept. 15 Hagley Museum Car Show
- Sept. 21 Delaware City Car Show - BCCD
- Sept. 28 Greenville Crossing car Show - PCA
- Oct. 13 Autocross IV - BMC
- Oct. 20 Trolls Tour Rally - BMC

AHS&T – Austin Healey Sports & Touring Club

BMC – Brandywine Motorsport Club

BCCD – British Car Club of Delaware

PCA – Delaware Chapter, Porsche Club of America

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

6 August BMC Meeting Highlights

The August 2013 meeting was held at Charcoal Pit on Kirkwood Highway and was attended by 20 members. The meeting was chaired by Paul Alderman, who welcomed our newest member, Scott Stewart. We are planning for our special guest speaker, Brett Lunger, to be available for our November meeting.

Our Treasury now stands at \$8,384.93 and membership stands at 67 members.

Thanks go out to Jim Irons for organizing a Great Rally last weekend followed by a fantastic picnic at The Irons' Ranch hosted by Marie (& Jim). Congratulations to Scott & Judie Clabaugh for 1st place in the Novice Class of the Rally.

The Rally Crew is looking to stage another Rally in the Fall (October 19th?).

Autocross Chair Duke Wilford reminded everyone that our next autox will be 8/10 at Keene Elementary. The autox crew had a meeting with the people at Dover Airbase and that is still moving forward. After some discussion, Duke was given the go-ahead to get more detail and input from the Porsche Club about both Clubs spending upwards of \$2500 (total) for the rental of Dover Speedway lot for an October autocross. Duke will report back to the Club members at the next meeting. BMC is going to look into making a donation to Keene Elementary School to thank them for their support for our autocross site.

Mark Schroy is investigating a way to incorporate some videos and his blog into our Website; he will be contacting Shawn Dewey for some support.

All articles for the next Gasline need to be in Jim Irons hands by 8/27.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36.

Secretary Jim Martin



Greenville Crossing Annual European & Exotic Car Show

September 28, 2013
10 A.M. - 3 P.M.



Benefiting the Boys and Girls Club of Wilmington



Note: The email box for pre-registering entries for the Greenville Show is now open. greenvilleshowforkids@gmail.com

Classy Vacation Time



The Hard Drive Garage – By Mark Schroy

or.....KILL IT WITH FIRE!!!!

Yup. Another month has gone by. Somehow, though, the crazies are still out there. My inbox has had a number of suggestions this month, but I came across the winner for this trip. I'm not entirely sure how to describe it before the revealing the photo, so here goes:



Yup. Screaming yellow and green. With skulls. Portholes. Flames. Mickey Thompson tires. OHMYGODWHATTHEFS@KPLEASEKILLITNOW Whew. Had to get that out.

Anyways, this USED to be a 1987 Jeep Comanche.



Whoops. Forgot the diamond plate on the front. Skull! Here's the description on the Craigslist ad:

Hand built custom Jeep Comanche. Top chopped 5 1/2 inches. 383 Chevrolet fast burn engine. 450 H.P. 700R4 transmission with over drive. Heavy duty suspension. Rear pan hard bar. Car is extremely fast and light weight. Possible trade for newer truck in good condition.

Wait. Just wait. FAST BURN engine? What? I had to google that one. Who in their right mind would want to trade a newer truck for that?

Now, what would you guess this masterpiece of rolling engineering cost? Remember the EasyRods body kits for early 2000 Camaros? Almost the same price-\$6999 and it's yours.



I have shown this to a couple co-workers, and the general consensus was derision and spasms from trying to hold down their lunch. The green flames up the hood from the right front headlight seems to go nowhere, the "hood scoop" looks like a plastic bowl with 2 slots cut into it. The rear of the bed was cut in flame shapes and painted to match the green flames on the hood, and if you look REALLY close, you'll see skulls coming out of the flames at the rear of the bed too:

Oh yeah. The exhaust. Forgot about that. I really have no idea what the heck is going on here. There's nothing in the description about why it comes up thru the bed, or why it has these cutouts. I have to point out the nozzles too. Honestly, I'm terrified as to WHAT the reason is. I'm certainly not going to ask-don't want to give this guy any hopes of me buying it.



Brake lights anyone? I wonder if the skull under the brahma bull spoiler lights up too?

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The Hard Drive Garage – Continued

Now to the interior:



Cut down steering wheel-check. Stripped carpet and bad paint job-check. Badly patched trans tunnel-check. Diamond plate behind pedals-check. Pool noodle for crash protection-check. Plastic seat from child's cafeteria for passenger-HUH?!?

The custom driver's seat features a skull headrest, and flattened spine/ribs. Good lord. I can only guess that he's trying to tie in the whole theme. There's a better picture of

the cafeteria seat too, with the poorly green painted seatbelt buckle. There's a picture of the rear wheel with Mickey Thompson tires, and a badly painted drum brake behind the possible Cragar wheels, but I will spare you that.

I did share this find with another BMC member, and he



responded kindly:

I'll keep who it was a secret...

Here's the link to the Craigslist ad:

<http://peoria.craigslist.org/cto/3890148079.html>

Yikes.....

-M

Single Life



The Hard Drive Garage Podcast is ALIVE!!!!

Yes, internet users, Apple has graced me with their stamp of approval for my monthly diatribes. Good lord, they have no idea what is coming down the pipe.

Here's the direct link for it:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/mark-schroys-podcast/id693165870>

If you lose this link, plug Mark Schroy in the search window. There will be a subscription button on the side, so you will get notified of new podcasts when I get them finished. I will try to get thru my backlog of articles by the end of the year.

Enjoy!

-M



BMC - PCA AUTOCROSS III RESULTS
Keene School Site - AUGUST 10, 2013



Class #	Name	Car	Time
SS 68	Paul Alderman	'08 Caterham 7	51.158
SS 6	Tim Sheldon	'06 Porsche 911	59.688
SS 22	Mark Loch	'11 Porsche Cayman S	59.931
SS 93	Steve Gray	'03 Dodge Viper	61.124
SS 32	George Alderman	'08 Caterham 7	61.359
AS 13	Scott Clapper	'07 Corvette	61.959
BS 20	Chris Grimanelis	'08 Subaru STi	63.708
CS 23	Jim Irons	'02 Miata	57.853
CS 31	Nick Gurnas	'05 MS Miata	59.116
DS 65	Duke Wilford	'03 BMW 325i	58.659
DS 53	John Allard	'0X Mini Cooper S JCW	61.268
ES 11	Lou Montella	'87 Toyota MR2	55.190
FS 71	James Williams	'02 BMW M3	58.507
FS 76	Marti Williams	'02 BMW M3	61.696
FS 5	David Ameen	'13 Mustang GT	62.862
HS 33	Phil Worrell	'89 Honda CRX	60.424
HS 53	John Allard	'13 Subaru Impreza	65.420
HS 124	Matt Stavros	'93 Mercedes 400E	66.621
SMF 51	Joshua Nash	'95 Honda Civic	53.556
SMF 10	Daniel Ritter	'04 Ford Focus	67.496

Class #	Name	Car	Time
SSM 50	Mark Clay	'87 Pontiac Fiero GT	63.322
STC 57	Ryan Wheatley	'03 VW Passat GLS	60.019
STC 25	Grant Banning	'03 VW GTI 1.8T	62.404
STF 77	John Williams	'09 Honda Civic	56.711
STR 11	David Hughes	'00 Mazda Miata	*50.494
STR 98	Gerry Caceres	'03 Toyota MR-S	53.792
STR 4	Stephen Zack	'06 Mazda MX-5	54.181
STR 86	Nuri Heckrotte	'03 Toyota MR-S	56.217
STS 171	Ian Smith	'94 Mazda Miata	59.143
STS 117	Mike Nussbaum	'94 Mazda Miata	62.718
STU 34	Michael Sparacio	'13 Subaru WRX	56.547
STX 87	Joe McCormick	'94 BMW 325i	55.646
STX 36	Jacob Zellman	'94 Chev. Silverado	60.028
STX 187	Liz Schlack	'94 BMW 325i	67.195
BSP 89	Dave Dabell	'06 Porsche CaymanS	55.104
DSP 85	Mike DiMaio	'85 Dodge Omni GLH-T	58.198
XP 47	Bob Nash	'92 Mazda Miata V8	56.497
XP 711	Matthew Harding	'82 Chev. Citation X-11	64.393

* *Fastest Time of the Day*

Autocross III Report – Duke Wilford

Our third autocross of the season is bound for the record books – most cones hit, most variable weather, worst course conditions, oddest assortment of cars, you name it. As Dave Dabell noted, “Today was... *challenging.*”

It started with the course conditions: damp and covered in goose droppings. It seemed as if the lot was home to an army of vegetarian poodles between events. The call went out, and many people brought or fetched brooms, shovels, and even leaf blowers. With plenty of volunteer help, the course area was cleared enough to set up the cones. Thanks to all who pitched in and kept the event from cancellation. Thanks also to pinch-hitting course designer Nuri Heckrotte, who took my general instructions and carried them out very much like I envisioned. Slaloms on both sides avoided the worst of the damp paving and bus-related oil slicks, while changing up our usual layout.

Because of the poor surface, we kept the course tight and slow. This was reflected in times ranging from a mid-50 up through the 60s – about 6 or 7 seconds slower, on average, than the last configuration. The tight course also made itself felt in the number of missed gates and hit cones among drivers of all levels. Light rain plagued Run Group A in both morning and afternoon heats, but overall the weather improved throughout the day.

In addition to most of our regular crowd, we had a few returning competitors from earlier in the year, as well as some new faces with various experience. Rookie Tim Sheldon brought his 911 back, still sporting chalked numbers from our first event. Lou Montella returned in his AW11 MR-2, looking very '80s in its 2-tone paint. Formerly a regular at our Dover-area events, Gerry Caceres co-drove Nuri's MR-S (and avoided enough cones to beat him in his own car). The Williams family showed up, with Marti and James sharing an E46 M3, and John driving a veteran Civic coupe.

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Our www.motorsportsreg.com affiliation is paying off, as Joe McCormick and rookie Liz Schlack discovered us there and brought Joe's E36 track rat down from Pennsylvania.

The two most eye-catching cars were both Chevis, however: Jacob Zellman's bright red Pro Touring-style Silverado pickup with its massive chrome wheels, and Matt Harding's bright yellow Citation X-11. Recently purchased via eBay, the gutted and caged racer appears to have history as an Improved Touring A car and as a hillclimber. Both drivers are novices and we hope to see both Chevis back on course. Steve Gray drove his silver Viper in the morning heat, but left without running his second set.

The most eye-catching *performance* came from a deceptively quiet-looking sedan. A notch up from the more common 300E, Matt Stavros's Mercedes 400E showed off its V8 power in a huge, smoky drift through the exit of the lower sweeper. Matt held it beautifully, and the run was a real crowd pleaser. That being said, ummm, please try not to do it again.

At the opposite end of the attention-getting spectrum, the Fastest Time of Day was snuck in by David Hughes in his blue NB Miata. David is new to our events, but obviously not to autocrossing. He quietly nailed down a series of runs in the 50s, with his last run being a clean 50.494. Amid the fury of flying cones from regular hotshoes Paul Alderman, Nuri Heckrotte, and Josh Nash (among others), David was the only driver to dip below the 51-second mark.

Thanks again to all who came out, and especially those who rolled up their pants cuffs and helped clear the track. A huge debt of gratitude also to the registration, tech, timing, and scoring volunteers Ed Trahan, Jim Martin, Jim Irons, Martha and Willis Weldin, and all the others who helped out. We couldn't do it without your time and energy.

Looking forward to a great season closer in October! Don't forget, our last event features the BMC's Lofland Memorial Cup for fastest time of day. Looks like our regulars have some new competition.

*-Duke "Still stuck in my DD" Wilford
Autocross Chair*

Cleaning Up the "Goose Grease"



Busy Cone Resetting Crews

