



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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December 2013



BMC HOLIDAY DINNER & MEETING

Friday, December 13th, 2013 – 6:30 P.M. Cocktails / 7 P.M. Dinner

Newark Country Club – See Flyer

RSVP Deadline: Friday, December 6th



Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



Help Wanted

Friendly and outgoing BMC'ers to assist the club chairs in the operation of the club. Apply within.

Thank you. Thanks for everyone helping with all the fun events we have had this year. I look forward to another great year in the club.

We enter another year and a (repeated) slate of officers. I have been working on some ideas to help share the burden of the club operations for all involved. I figured I would start with this simple little request: If anyone is interested in helping in any area of the club, let me know. If you have a desire to autocross and have some ideas that would help Duke, speak up. If you have an idea for a fun scavenger hunt-type rally or want to help plan one, see George. If you have an idea for a meeting speaker or a video we could show, talk to me. If you would like to help Jim Irons with this great newsletter, share your thoughts.

I want to make this club better for the members, so think about what you would like to see us do to make the meetings and events even better. I will be working with the executive committee to come up with some ideas to improve the club. Stay tuned.

The December meeting will be a combined party/short meeting. The only order of business I was planning is the election of officers. So send in your reservation for the 13th and come out and enjoy the company of other club members to celebrate the Christmas Holiday. See you then...Happy Thanksgiving!

*Thankful,
Paul*

Rally Chair - George Alderman

We have no road rallies this month, but we hope to have a good turnout for our annual Christmas Party on Friday evening December 13th. Thanks to BMC members Don and Charlotte Short, who are also members of the Newark Country Club, we were able to arrange a very nice menu for your enjoyment. As in past years, the club is splitting the costs with the members and we need to have a count of who is coming. Please send Charlotte your check and fill out the flyer and let us know you are coming ASAP. We would not want anyone to miss out on this gala affair.

George

The Checkpoint Line - Dave Teter



A very inactive month both in BMC and SCCA rally competition. The Bucks County Express (BCX), which runs in place of the Pine Barrens Express, took place this past weekend and was received well by all who ran it. Top scores in Equipped were 19 points for 1st and 34 for 2nd taken by experienced teams (Friedman/Goldfarb & Schneider/Cochran). Results can be found at: (<http://www.sjr-scca.org/rally.html>)

The format of the event is noon registration, start at 2 PM, followed by about 3 hrs of competition. There is a dinner break and another 2 hrs of night competition; then the finish and awards. Most everyone was on their way home by 10:30 PM.

Dave

Autocross Update – Duke Wilford

The off-season is upon us, and Nature is emphasizing the point: as I write this Update it is 37 degrees and raining. No fun to be had in a parking lot now, but the memories are still fresh from our 2013 season, my first as Chair.

With this philosophical mood in the air, I have an announcement concerning the Autocross IV results and the Lofland Memorial Cup. During the event and after, several participants commented that the orange #68 Caterham made back-to-back runs during the afternoon heat. No protest was filed, and in fact, there is no formal rule that prevents the action. Driver Paul Alderman came to me during the event and asked if this was a problem, but at the time I didn't feel there had been much (if any) advantage gained. However, as officers of the Club, we have decided that the perceived integrity of BMC's event management is more important than a few tenths of a second. Consequently, Paul is withdrawing his last (and fastest) run from the results. **This means that Fastest Time of the Day, and by extension the 2013 Lofland Memorial Cup, is hereby awarded to Nuri Heckrotte.** Nuri drove his STR Toyota MR-S to a 53.836, the only other car to break below 54 seconds. Belated congratulations to Nuri!

But enough looking back! Let's look forward to the 2014 autocross season instead. BMC's experiment with renting a larger lot was successful, considering our limited opportunity to advertise the event. Uncooperative weather and the postponement also cost us a few attendees. However, as a proof-of-concept, we met our goals for attendance and revenue. The data will help us develop ways to make this autocross format a sustainable proposition for the club. We want to continue offering fun events and improving our turnout, club membership, and value to sports car enthusiasts throughout the region.

In the off season we will continue to research larger venues, in order to offer more course variety and attract larger turnouts. We are also investigating the feasibility of purchasing more sophisticated timing equipment that will allow multiple cars on course and facilitate scoring larger numbers of cars. The current gear is not an issue at Keene, but at bigger lots, a different setup will allow faster throughput and more runs for everybody. Hopefully the economics will work out so that these investments can pay for themselves over time as the Club grows.

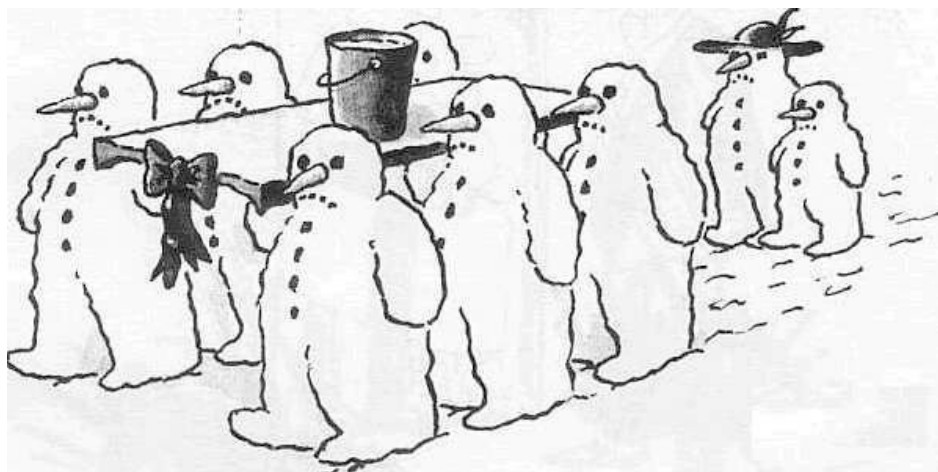
As I draw this Update to a close, I want to thank some individuals who definitely made my job easier this year: Martha Weldin and Paul Alderman at the Registration table, Willis Weldin and Jim Martin in Timing and Scoring, Jim Irons for timing/scoring and compiling the Gasline, Ed Trahan the Tech Inspector, George Alderman for managing the equipment trailer, and Dave Dabell for all-around technical support and invaluable advice. Many other volunteers pitched in at every event, but these folks gave a lot of time and effort to making our entire season a success, even if they were not competing themselves. Thanks to all, and I hope I can continue to count on your generosity next year!

Over the winter, we will publish news updates and event information at the BMC website and Facebook pages, as well as via Twitter [@BMCAutox](#). If you have any comments, tips, suggestions, rants, or raves about our program, please feel free to email BMCAutox@gmail.com.

And thanks for coming out in 2013! We hope to see you and your friends in 2014.

-Duke "Silly season" Wilford
Autocross Chair

Snowman Funeral



Secretary's Report - Jim Martin

The 4 November 2013 meeting was held at Charcoal Pit on Kirkwood Highway, was attended by 18 members, and chaired by Paul Alderman.

Our Treasury now stands at \$6,836.04 and our membership is 79 members.

Our Autocross Chair Duke Wilford reported that our Autocross held at Dover Downs was a success, even though the original date was postponed due to the threat of rain. It was the biggest lot we have had in recent memory. Both BMC and the Porsche Club of DE will split the loss of about \$1,000. (Keep in mind that both clubs are ahead financially for the 2013 autocross season.) We thanked Bill Jacobson of Sports Car Service in Wilmington for his \$100 donation to help offset the club's loss on this event. We should point out that Bill and his father were long-time members of BMC and Bill is now a member for the coming year. We would also like to thank Pat Phalan for continuing his efforts to pursue a lower rate for future use of Dover Downs. Our timing equipment (which can only handle 1 car at a time) had problems before the event was over and we had to resort to backing it up with a stopwatch. We talked about what we need in terms of "new" timing equipment. Duke said he would do some research and get back to the Club with some options. Willis Weldin suggested that we need to discuss where we want to go as a Club in terms of growing the autocross events and the impact on the Club. Paul suggested that we may want to do more than 4 autocrosses/year. It was also brought up that we may be able to get sponsors to help us offset the cost of new equipment and use our club trailer as a way to recognize our sponsors with their logos. Needless to say, those that participated in the autocross at Dover Downs were really excited about future autocrosses.

Jim Irons reported on the fantastic Trolls Tour Rally. Although we only had 9 cars participate, those that didn't missed a fun rally on a great Fall day. Duke & Allegheny Wilford had by far the best time of the day in the Novice Class. Eric Salminen & Dennis Blevin had the best time overall in the Equipped Class. It should also be noted that your Club Secretary came in 2nd in the Equipped Class with the tremendous help of his navigator, Paul Alderman. We also are talking about having a rally during the winter months on a week night, if anyone is interested.

In terms of Club property, we talked about finding a way to get Club baseball caps, etc. Several suggestions were made that would not involve expense by the Club. Duke and others are checking with other Clubs to see how they do it. I also volunteered to modify/improve our trailer, so we can get more use of it (it was cold and windy as I ran the timing equipment, there has to be a better way.)

Charlotte Short reminded everyone to sign up for our Christmas Party on Friday, 12/13/2013

Mark Schroy is having Great Success with newly launched "Podcast". The best way to find it is to go into the Podcasts section of iTunes, and search for Mark Schroy.

Gasline articles and pictures are needed for the next newsletter no later than the last Tuesday of the month.

All Club Officers were reelected to their positions for the coming year (until they get it right).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM..

Secretary Jim Martin



Santa's New Ride?



The Hard Drive Garage – By Mark Schroy

or Yellow? Why Yellow?!?

I have been noticing a disturbing trend lately. There seems to be some type of virus weaving it's way thru the bad custom car universe.

Color

More specifically, one color keeps popping up lately.



Yellow!

What the heck? This is the third bad build that has found it's way into my clutches this year alone. Here's a recap of the others.

1987 Voyager Pro-Street:



The El Cede conflagration:



And, yes, even the Midget Trike has something to offer:



Really? Yellow paint on the rear axle? WHO CARES?!?

I can't begin to guess what the heck is going on. My first thought is that all of these builders have one thing in common-color blindness. There is a blue-yellow color blindness, where people have trouble distinguishing between the two. Maybe these vehicles were supposed to be blue and they couldn't figure out which end of the color palette they were on? That doesn't explain the axle on the trike then.

Maybe it was the paint shops then. Could there be a rash of blue-yellow color blind Maaco painters? No, probably not.

The only logical reason is that these builders needed attention. The El Cede build is actually well executed, just an ugly color. The Voyager is a bad build, with a bad color. The Comanche Burning Man build is just horrible all around, no second guessing there. The yellow axle on the trike is supposed to tie into the USMC theme, but why would anyone care?

I guess I have become a bit jaded with all this mess. The first builds I went after were all different colors, and now it all seems to follow the same poor judgement.

WAIT! I FIGURED IT OUT!!!

All these builds reside in the Southwest! The El Cede, the Midget Trike...

Wait. Nope. That's not it. The Voyager is in New Hampshire, and the Comanche is in Illinois.

Dang. I thought I had something there.

Alien abduction maybe? No.

Most likely, way too much connection between alcohol and bar fights. That's the only thing I can think of.

Till next time!

-M

BMC Holiday Dinner Party

Friday, December 13th, 2013

At the Newark Country Club
300 West Main Street • Newark DE 19711

Cash Bar @ 6:30 P.M., Dinner @ 7 P.M.



Our Dinner Buffet Includes:

Roasted Pepper Parmesan Soup

Spinach Salad w/condiments

Chicken Schnitzel w/Caper Lemon Butter

Salt Roasted Salmon w/Ginger Tomato Jus

Herb Smoked Gnocchi w/Pepper Vodka Cream

Grilled Asparagus

Petite Artisan Dessert Platters

BMC Members: \$15.00 Guests: \$30.00

Event Chairs:

George Alderman: galderman32@comcast.net

Charlotte Short: ceshort2@verizon.net

Send info below with check payable to BMC:

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930 Rahway Drive
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Reservations Must be received by December 6th.

Single & Family Memberships - \$15 pp

Guests - \$30 pp

Name(s) _____

No. of Guests _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____