



# THE GASLINE

**Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.**

[www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org](http://www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org)

**April 2014**

## **BMC CLUB MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 1st, 2014 – 6:00 P.M. greet & eat / 7 P.M. Meeting**  
**The Charcoal Pit at Price's Corner**

### **Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman**



Well, it was a fun meeting last month. If you missed out on running with us at Mid Atlantic Grand Prix, keep your dates open for the club meetings. I would like to have another meeting later in the year, when it is a little warmer.

Thanks to everyone who came out and drove and even just watched. I'm sure it was as much fun to watch, and you didn't get banged into, or spun out. Shawn Dewey and Dave Carman (renewed previous member) both were able to just go a few tenths quicker than me during the our 2 runs. We ran one normal session and another 40 lap session. I still feel bad for some of the other guests that we were racing with. They probably still don't know what hit them.

April is going to be a busy month, with the March Lamb XVII on the 5th, Autocross I on the 12th and the 43rd Braille Rally on the 27th. Come on out to the meeting on April 1st( No Joke ) and you can sign up to run or work any or all of these events. Hope to see you at the Charcoal Pit on the 1st for food and fellowship.

*I'm not kidding*  
*Paul*

### **Rally Chair - George Alderman**

We need a few more BMC members to join Willis and I as we tour the countryside following the course of the 2014 March Lamb Rally on Saturday April 5th. This is a good chance to compete in a first class car rally by running the Tour version where the rally route is easy to follow. Although there will probably be many speed changes and other challenges for the navigator, if you just concentrate on following the route and drive at a brisk and comfortable speed, you will do OK in the Novice or SOP class, or even the GPS class that Willis and I will be running. To tell how you are doing during the rally, check your score at each checkpoint to see if you are driving too fast or too slow, then adjust your speed accordingly. I hope a few of you team up and give it a try, many times teams running in the Novice class turn in good scores and beat those of us with years of experience.

The next rally will be the Braille Rally on Sunday April 27th. Dave Mitchell, Willis Weldin, and I are working on the course layout and Scott Clabaugh is lining up the drivers. We need drivers as well as checkpoint workers, so give Scott or me a call if you can help. George 302-373-2111; Scott 302-545-0951

*See you at the Charcoal Pit on Tuesday April 1st.*  
*George*

## Secretary's Report - Jim Martin

The 4 March 2014 meeting was held at the Mid Atlantic Grand Prix. The turnout was 23 members, thanks to all that showed up. The meeting was called to order by Paul Alderman at 6:50 PM.

**Treasurer's Report** (Willis Weldin) – At the end of February, we had \$7,742.29 in our Club account. About 30 people have not renewed their annual membership.

**Rally Report** (George Alderman) – The March Lamb Rally is on schedule for Saturday, (4/5); details are on our website. The Annual Braille Rally that we co-host with the Porsche Car Club is set for 4/27 and the details are still being worked out.

**Autocross Report** (Duke Wilford) – Both Glasgow High School and Keene Elementary are both set for our season. We've scheduled 6 events for the season. We are buying the new Timing equipment and should have it at our next meeting. We are still working on the possibility of another Dover Downs Autocross if we can get some relief on the pricing.

**Property Report** (Mark Schroy) – Due to scheduling conflicts, the video taping of the Club's History had to be postponed until a later date. The Club Store setup is moving forward, Paul A. has to forward the signed agreement, and Shawn Dewey is going to forward a high resolution Logo to the Company.

**Gasline Report** (Jim Irons) – Please submit any articles to Jim Irons before 3/25 so they can publish in our next newsletter.

**Our April Club Meeting** (4/1/2014) will be held at the Charcoal Pit on Kirkwood Highway at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Videos of the Go Kart Racing can be found on our new Club YouTube site.

## March Lamb Rally



BMC has had a number of Rally events in the 60+ years of club activities. The March Lamb rally heralds the arrival of spring and big changes in weather. See if it will be cold & blustery or sunny and warm inviting a top-down fun rally run? March Lamb 2014 continues the long tradition of great rally events.

Actually scheduled for the first Saturday in April, this is one of the few times it has not been run on the last weekend in March. 2014 will prove to be another anticipated SCCA Rally weekend on the National Championship circuit in cooperation with SCCA-SJR's March Lion on Sunday April 6. Both events are Regional events, and earn SCCA members' points for either the Course or Tour Rally. Beginners or relaxed rally fans should run the "no-traps" Tour version of the route. Enjoy roads in DE, MD & PA with your only challenge to stay reasonably on time per average speeds, and an EASY to follow course.

Rallymaster Dave Teter's classic March Lamb will cover interesting back roads when the grass is just beginning to green, trees are budding and plants are sprouting again with the promise of more to come. It will be a challenging COURSE for the SCCA regulars, and a nice TOUR for those who need to get out of the cabin for a 'road trip.' With 4 choices of classes based on equipment used for time keeping, compete to earn a trophy. Preregister for the General Instructions early by eMail; see you there, be on time get a low score.

*Wayne Elvin (Dave Teter's Assistant)*

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## Can't Read Braille?? Don't Worry! Meet a Friend of Mine

For over 40 years, The Delaware Association for the Blind has been participating in an annual car rally.....and for countless years, the Brandywine Motorsport Club has helped support this organization, too. Once again, we've teamed up with the Porsche Club of America – Delaware Region, and together are presenting the “43rd Running of the Braille Rally”.

In past years, BMC and PCA members have volunteered their cars, an afternoon of their time, their ears, and more importantly, their vision to drive blind individuals on a Road Rally. This Rally is unique in the fact that the course instructions are written in Braille. The drivers have to rely on their navigators reading Braille for course direction, and the navigators must equally rely on the drivers to follow their instruction. Sounds simple, right?

On Sunday, April 27th, 2014, the Delaware Region will join BMC members for an afternoon of driving in the countryside and, of course, bragging rights to this year's title. We start at 1PM at Brandywine Springs Park off of Rt. 41. We'll have a driver's meeting, introduce you to your navigator and then off you go! The finish line and picnic is at the Landis Lodge.

Don't be scared!! If this is your first rally, plan on being amazed at the great time you'll have. This event is geared toward people who have never run a Road Rally. Rally Master George Alderman has set up a very nice course and BMC members are taking care of the checkpoints. We need 20 volunteers to drive their cars, and to help with the picnic. Family members can volunteer at the picnic, too. It's a great opportunity for younger family members to learn about giving back to the community.

But, it's not really about who wins. It's about working as a team. Please help the Porsche Club and Brandywine Motorsport Club make this team effort a success. Contact George Alderman - [galderman32@comcast.net](mailto:galderman32@comcast.net) if interested in helping on the course, or Scott Clabaugh - [cab996c4@verizon.net](mailto:cab996c4@verizon.net) if interested in driving the rally!

You won't regret a minute of it!

*Scott Clabaugh*

## Autocross Chair – Duke Wilford



BMC is shaking off this persistent winter by gearing up for the 2014 autocross season! Some big changes are in store this year. We have added new dates, a new venue, and a new class, all of which we hope will attract new members and bring some old friends back into action.

### More Events

First, we have expanded our program to 6 events this year, instead of the usual 4. Dates were published in the previous *Gasline*, as well as on the Club's Facebook page. Most importantly, **all 6 events are now open for preregistration at [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com)**. More on preregistration below.

### New Location

These additional events are possible because we have acquired a new, larger venue! We have secured permission for 3 summer dates at Glasgow High School, just a mile or so from our usual Keene location. We're excited about the opportunity for more varied layouts, as well as the possibility of more runs per event if we can safely have multiple cars on course. One item to note about this new site – the neighboring houses are *much* closer than at Keene, so we will be enforcing strict sound level rules. All cars must have an effective muffler, and we reserve the right to refuse entry if a car is deemed too loud. It's very important that we do not give any reason for residents to complain, so we must be polite and respectful when using this location.

### New Timing Equipment

Additionally, we continue to modernize our registration, timing, and scoring procedures in order to improve efficiency in running our events. With the arrival of our new timing equipment, we will be able to integrate our electronic preregistrations directly into the timing and scoring software. BMC offers many thanks to club member Tim Sheldon, who donated a laptop computer to be used with our new timing gear. We appreciate your effort and support, Tim!

### Preregistration

Our new equipment should make registration and check-in easier, but also makes it even more important that drivers help out by preregistering at [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com)! There is no cost to create your MSR profile, and payment is not due until you check-in at the event. Even if you are not sure you can attend, please preregister online at MSR. When you do so, we can pre-print registration cards and pre-load your information into the timing software. This will really speed the registration process and reduce pressure on the volunteers who handle check-in at the events.

### Know Your Class?

One other bit of homework will lighten the load at check-in time - please do a little research ahead of the event to find where your car is classed based on make, model, and modification level. We largely mimic the SCCA's Solo classing structure. The Solo rules have changed for 2014, with Stock becoming Street class as certain minor modifications have been approved.

(See: [www.scca.cdn.racersites.com/prod/assets/2014%20Solo%20Rules%20Book%201%20draft%20a%20reduced.pdf](http://www.scca.cdn.racersites.com/prod/assets/2014%20Solo%20Rules%20Book%201%20draft%20a%20reduced.pdf))

BMC typically waives any tire restrictions. If you have any questions about how your car should be classed, please contact me ahead of time at the email address listed below.

### New Classic Street Car Class

On the subject of classes, BMC has added a new category for 2014! **Our new Classic Street Car class is open to mostly-stock cars 1978 and older.** The intent is to create a fun, low-pressure playground for older cars that deserve to be driven, but may not be competitive in the open classes. So dust off your classic, bring it out, and introduce it to a new generation of enthusiasts. I'm sure you will both enjoy some driving exercise!

### BMC's YouTube Channel

Last but not least, **BMC now has a YouTube channel** featuring videos of our events and other activities. Please visit and see what we do – simply go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for our Club name. If you have videos to share, please get them to me for upload. If they are already hosted online, send me a link and I will add it to our channel. We will of course credit each video's owner. Thanks!

### Questions / Suggestions

For questions, comments, or suggestions about our autocross program, please feel free to email us at [BMCautox@gmail.com](mailto:BMCautox@gmail.com)

We will make announcements on the BMC website and Facebook pages, as well as via Twitter @BMCautox. There is much to do in support of our additional events this year - if you are interested in volunteering, please feel free to contact me or any other club officer. Thanks!

-Duke "What did I do all winter?" Wilford

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## The Hard Drive Garage

Okay gang. This installment isn't about a car. It's not about any vehicle in particular.

This time it's about the weather. Sort of. Mainly I needed to vent my frustration about drivers and their use of their high beams when it's definitely not necessary, due to roadway upkeep.

I'm going to construct a hypothesis, and hopefully prove it by the time we're done here.

My hypothesis is that the Delaware Department of Transportation - referred to as DelDot - is responsible for me getting blinded on a daily basis on my commute to work during the winter.

Here's the proof. Simple, but effective - I hope.

DelDot does such a crappy job with the roads during the winter months, that a higher than usual amount of road crud ends up on the headlights of daily commuters. These drivers, who shall remain nameless but who share some of the blame, fail to realize that their headlights are covered in higher than usual amounts of road crud. Since their headlights are not as bright due to the higher amounts of road crud built up on their headlights, they turn their HIGH BEAMS on to illuminate the roadway in front of them. Henceforth, (insert dripping sarcasm here) DelDot is to blame since it couldn't POSSIBLY be the driver's fault. But, since it's a government entity, I guess it can't be held liable here either.

Well, crap...

Now, here's the main problem I have with drivers and their high beams, really. THEY ALL END UP BEHIND ME, usually attempting to drive THROUGH ME.

I don't understand how difficult it is to wash off your headlights when you stop for gas. I do it all the time. Windshields, headlights, brake lights in that order.

Heck, when I get out the Rain-X for a re-application, I hit all the lights too. I don't know if it does any good, but it makes me feel safer. A co-worker complained one day that he thought his headlights weren't on one morning because of all the salt and brine. I explained to him my trick about the Rain-X, and basically was scoffed at for going the extra mile here. I mentioned about taking just a few extra seconds at the gas station with the squeegee, and was politely listened to - then laughed at.

Whatever.

One more point I feel the need to get out. I think DelDot needs to go back to school on salting and snow clearing. Maryland DOT does a great job keeping the roads clear, and they have considerably MORE blacktop to keep open. It always makes me feel like I am making an attempt at escaping from East Germany with the Berlin Wall still in place. Once I cross over into Maryland, the roads are clear, the salt/brine has been applied beforehand and has worked wonders, and everyone gives space to other drivers.

I don't get it...

I would ask what our taxes are going to, but I made a promise to the wife NOT to bring politics into this column. So, not going there...

Now, I understand that Mother Nature has been taking out her frustrations on the Mid-Atlantic area this season - for what reasons no one seems to know. I'm just as tired of dealing with snow and bad roads as everyone else. The only thing I ask for is NO MORE HIGH BEAMS - at least behind me.

Please?

*Till next month...*

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## 2014 Car Events Schedule

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- April** 5 **March Lamb Rally, Newark, DE - BMC**  
12 **BMC Autocross I – Keene Elementary School, Glasgow, DE**  
26 AHS&T Tour to the Whip @ 12 PM  
27 **Braille Rally, Northern DE – BMC & PCA**
- May** 3 Lewes Car Show, Lewis, DE – BCCD  
10 AHS&T Tour to the Wellwood Inn, Charlestown, MD  
17 **BMC Autocross II – Glasgow High School, Glasgow, DE**  
17 Carlisle Import Car Show, Carlisle, PA – AHS&T  
23 University & Whist Club Car Show – Wine & Cheese Wilmington, DE [www.universityandwhistclub.com](http://www.universityandwhistclub.com)  
31 Cars of England Show, Westtown, PA – BCCD - [www.dvtr.org/](http://www.dvtr.org/)
- June** 7 AHS&T Tech Session  
8 British Motorcar Gathering, Hellertown, PA – BCCD [www.keystonemg.com/hellertown.html](http://www.keystonemg.com/hellertown.html)  
14 **BMC Autocross III – Glasgow High School, Glasgow, DE**  
13-15 The Elegance Challenge (Hill Climb), Hershey, PA – [theeleganceathershey.com/event/the-grand-ascent/](http://theeleganceathershey.com/event/the-grand-ascent/)  
15-20 Healey Conclave, The Homestead, Hot Springs, VA  
20 Brits by The Bay – CC Farm Museum, Westminster, MD\  
21-29 The Great Race from Maine to Florida (Millsboro, DE 6/24 Lunch)
- July** 12 Road Trip to Boondocks’ Restaurant, Smyrna, DE – AHS&T  
13 British Invade Gettysburg – [www.lancomgclub.com/club\\_events.htm](http://www.lancomgclub.com/club_events.htm)  
19 **BMC Autocross IV – Glasgow High School, Glasgow, DE**
- Aug.** 6-9 Healey Encounter, Bethlehem, PA – AHS&T  
16 **BMC Autocross V – TBA**  
23 Chesapeake City Car Show -
- Sept.** 5-7 **US Vintage Grand Prix, Watkins Glen, NY**  
[www.theglen.com/Tickets-Events/Events/2014/US-Vintage-Grand-Prix.aspx](http://www.theglen.com/Tickets-Events/Events/2014/US-Vintage-Grand-Prix.aspx)  
13 AHS&T Road Trip to St. Michaels, MD  
14 Hagley Car Show – Greenville, DE – [www.hagley.org/hagley-car-show-2014](http://www.hagley.org/hagley-car-show-2014)  
20 Delaware City Car Show, Delaware City, DE – BCCD  
27 Classic & Exotic Car Show, Greenville, DE – PCA  
27 MG on The Rocks [www.mgsofbaltimore.com/](http://www.mgsofbaltimore.com/)
- Oct.** 11 **BMC Autocross VI – TBA**

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

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 Club of America



# AUTOCROSS I



Brandywine Motorsport Club

**SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2013**

**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**

**(BMC Club Members: \$20)**

**Trophies awarded by Class**

- 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.** Common Autocross Rules and Classifications will generally be followed. We reserve the right to modify/interpret these rules to suit the spirit of the competition.
- **New Classic Street Car Class for generally stock pre-1978 cars.**

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

**Duke Wilford**

[BMCAutox@gmail.com](mailto:BMCAutox@gmail.com)

**302-528-0612**

Provide your name, contact info, preferred car number, make, model, and year of car.

We will confirm by email or phone.

We offer online preregistration via [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com)  
It's free and easy! **Online preregistration is greatly appreciated.**

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