



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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November 2014

BMC CLUB MEETING – New Location!

Hunters Den Restaurant, 3517 Old Capitol Trail, Wilmington, Dela.

(www.huntersdenrestaurant.com)

Tuesday, November 4th – Meet & Greet @ 6:30, Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.

TURKEY TROT RALLY

Saturday, November 15th - Newark Park-N-Ride, Rtes 4 & 896

BMC Christmas Holiday Dinner & Meeting

Saturday, December 13th - Hunters Den Restaurant

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



Well, another autocross season is wrapped up and everyone survived the weekend. The Lofland Sprint (autocross) was again a wide open and windy affair with great competition. Some new and many returning competitors, and some new members. Thanks to all who helped with registration, timing and scoring

and for the event, it was a challenge with the car totals, finishing gate view, and the small (?) breeze. Everyone was great and jumped in and helped where needed. Thanks to Duke for all the hard work getting everything ready this year.

The next event is the Turkey Trot Rally, referencing the holiday not the competitors. Dave Mitchell has been learning the details of putting together a rally with some help from a few “old hands.” Thanks Dave for all your work, and everyone that helped. Come out and support the event on Saturday the 15th (see flyer for details).

We also are quickly approaching the end of the year and I need to see if anyone would like to help us in the administration of the club. I need someone to help with the property chairman position, and if anyone would like to help with the other offices. Give me a call at 302-652-3733 and we can chat about it. I also would like some help with programs for the meetings, I need ideas and I need some one to help coordinate speakers. Let me know.

*See you at the Hunter's Den on the 4th,
Paul*

Rally Chair - George Alderman



A great rally is coming up on Saturday November 15th thanks to rallymaster Dave Mitchell, with pre-checks by Jim Irons, Wayne Elvin and myself. The course runs through Cecil County MD and is more like a Tour than a serious Rally. There are mileages at all turns and only one average speed of 30 MPH. The three checkpoint locations are indicated in the route instructions with their approximate locations, so that there is no need to drive at 30 MPH until you get near the checkpoint locations. Drivers who enjoy motoring quickly may have to stop once in a while to keep from getting to far ahead of the 30MPH average speed. Any timing and calculating equipment is OK in either the Novice or Expert Class. (*A Garmin-type GPS navigation device is helpful to maintain your average speed. - ed.*)

So why not give this rally a try? It ends at a great restaurant near Fair Hill MD called Wesley's, where classic BMC mugs will be given to the two class winners. Drivers and navigators from all car clubs are welcome to attend.

George

December Holiday Dinner Meeting

We now have a great new location for our club meeting and for our annual Christmas Holiday Dinner on December 13th, thanks to the efforts of new member Anita Steward

More info on the Christmas Dinner will be in next month's Gasline, but mark the date now!

Secretary's Report - Jim Martin

The 7th of October, 2014 meeting was held at the Veritas Wine & Craft Beer Shop. The turnout was 14 members and 4 guests, thanks to all that showed up.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Dan Zier, Director of River Front Security, along with Brian Witte & Harold Bozeman from the Wilmington Police Department gave a presentation on the Riverfront Security. To begin with, there is a Security Office that is manned 24/7 along with numerous cameras that are monitored 24/7 that cover all parts of the riverfront. They said it has been years since a crime has been committed in the District.

The meeting was called to order by Paul Alderman at 7:12 PM.

Treasurer's Report (Willis Weldin) – At the end of September, we had \$7,404.15 in our Club account. (Including \$1,382.00 for the additional insurance for the Dover AutoX.) Our membership has increased to 92 members, only 8 people shy of breaking 100 members.

Rally Report (George Alderman) – Dave Mitchell is working on the Turkey Trot Rally (November 15th). It will cover 50 miles and start at the Park & Ride on the corner of Rt. 896 and Rt. 4 in Newark, DE. We will finish up at Wesley's Restaurant on Rt. 273 in Elkton, MD.

Autocross Report (Duke Wilford) - We had no Autocrosses scheduled for September due to the many car events scheduled for September. We will be staging the last AutoX of the year at Dover Downs on October 11th, with the rain date for the following week (Sunday). We already have 36 drivers pre-registered and at this point the weather could be a problem.

Property Report (Mark Schroy) – No news.

Other News (Dave Back) – Anita Stewart volunteered to research other locations for the monthly club meetings and find a site for our annual Christmas Party. She will report on the results at the next meeting.

The Delaware Sports Hall of Fame (<http://www.desports.org/>) has put George Alderman's on the nomination list for 2015. Only members (as of 12/31/2014) are eligible to vote. George has earned this and we need to help the vote over the top by all joining the Hall of Fame this year and vote for George.

Our Club Store is now set up and can be found on our website.

Also, we are exploring taking a trip to the 3 Dog Garage in Boyertown on a Saturday for a tour of Russ Myer's Car Collection (there is no charge to tour his collection).

Gasline Report (Jim Irons) – Please submit any articles to Jim Irons before 10/28 so they can be published in our next newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

We then saw videos of Shawn Dewey racing at the New Jersey Speedway.

BMC Online

- **BMC Website:** www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org
- **BMC Facebook Page:** Brandywine Motorsport Club
- **BMC YouTube Page:** Brandywine Motorsport Club (autocross videos submitted by members and friends)



BMC AUTOCROSS VI RESULTS
Lofland Memorial Sprint
Dover Speedway Site – October 19, 2014

<u>Class #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Class #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Time</u>
SS 45	Steve Konizer	'06 Porsche 911 4S	58.391	STF 78	Matt Collins	'08 VW Rabbit 2.5	58.938
SS 6	Tim Sheldon	'06 Porsche 911Carr S	59.205	STR 86	Nuri Heckrotte	'03 Toyota Mr2 Spyder	54.824
SS 981	Anthony Verratti	'13 Porsche Boxster S	59.746	STR 71	David Hughes	'00 Mazda MX-5	56.167
BS 8	Larry Waltemire	'05 Porsche Boxster	59.998	STR 89	Gerry Caceres	'03 Toyota Mr2 Spyder	57.27
BS 30	Richard Wortmann	'14 BMW Z4	62.876	STR 111	Aaron Thorsgard	'04 BMW Z4	57.642
CS 79	Ken Houseal	'13 Subaru WRX	58.227	STR 171	Jared Schmidt	'00 Mazda Miata	58.964
CS 39	Geoff Germono	'07 Nissan 350Z	60.074	STR 117	Nick Gurnas	'05 Mazdaspeed Miata	62.104
CS 94	David Nettleton	'94 Porsche 968	61.229	STU 731	James Nelson	'04 Sub. Impreza STi	55.817
CS 48	Scott Jones	'11 Mazda MX-5	62.512	STU 41	Michael Katsimbris	'05 Sub. ImprezaWRXSTi	56.899
CS 137	Emlyne Forren	'05 Mazda RX8	63.834	STU 50	David Ameen	'13 Ford Mustang GT	57.541
CS 194	Maggie Nettleton	'94 Porsche 968	73.380	STU 10	Herbert Peng	'04 Subaru Legacy	68.66
DS 17	Will McGowan	'15 Subaru WRX	59.280	STU 134	Scott Ketcham	'06 Chrysler 300	68.801
ES 11	Lou Montella	'87 Toyota MR2	59.002	STX 128	Morgan Krause	'13 Scion FRS	57.753
ES 63	Bob Turner	'02 Mazda Miata	63.719	STX 75	Michael Bowser	'13 Volkswagen GTI	60.060
FS 116	David Connatser	'06 BMW 325i	60.286	STX 19	Mike Yoder	'08 Mazdaspeed 3	60.912
FS 65	Duke Wilford	'03 BMW 325i	60.727	STX 81	Jake Waltemire	'86 BMW 325es	65.408
FS 103	Tyler Stevens	'98 Mitsubishi 3000GT	64.716	CSP 916	Alexander Brooke	'91 Mazda Miata	60.597
FS 1444	Tom Saville	'13 Hyundai Genesis	66.230	DSP 85	Mike DiMaio	'85 OmniGLH-T	61.242
FS 36	Charles Bellmyer	'10 Chevrolet Camaro	72.366	SM 555	Jeffery Gregory	'07 Subaru WRX	57.317
FS 444	Rebecca Saville	'13 Hyundai Genesis	76.902	SM 1	Travis Whiteside	'96 Subaru Impreza	57.816
GS 16	Elizabeth Wilford	'02 Subaru Impreza	63.907	SM 919	JB Krause	'95 Nissan 240SX	58.066
HS 100	Tyler Donnelly	'94 Honda Civic EX	63.967	SM 51	Joshua Nash	'95 Honda Civic DX	58.135
HS 333	Nevin Dawson	'10 Mazda 3	64.671	SM 47	Shawn Douglas	'13 Hyundai Genesis	62.478
HS 140	Dan Stephenson	'01 Hyundai Tiburon	67.447	SM 182	Gerry Caceres	'93 Nissan 240SX	63.278
CSC 66	Lou Spinelli	'66 AC Cobra	65.229	SM 20	Walt Jones	'94 GMC Sonoma	65.036
CSC 44	Frank Adkins	'65 Plymouth Valiant	73.528	SM 82	Seth Caceres	'93 Nissan 240sx	67.624
STC 80	Jason Johnston	'89 Nissan 240SX	58.304	DM 68	Paul Alderman	'09 Caterham Super7	*54.361
STC 27	Alexander Cabinian	'86 VW Scirocco	58.980	DM 32	George Alderman	'09 Caterham Super7	61.904
STC 101	Ryan Cox	'02 Mazda Protégé 5	62.322				

*FTD (Fastest Time of the Day) Lofland Trophy

Autocross Report – Duke Wilford

BMC's expanded 2014 season came to an end at Dover International Speedway. Like last year, we rented the Monster Mile's south-side parking areas in order to spread out and enjoy a faster, longer course than we can host in our usual venues.

Rather than ending across The Hump like last year, this course got across it early in the run, followed by some fast and free-flowing esses. A short slalom

covered the transition between the two lots, bending into a longer optional slalom. It was possible to carry quite a bit of speed through here and into the second half of the course. Times were only slightly higher than last year, even though the course was significantly longer.

Everyone who stayed got 6 competition passes, but afternoon conditions put the brakes on any fun runs.

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Autocross Report – Continued

Although we've enjoyed great weather for events all year, like last October, nature didn't cooperate this time. About 20 cars showed up in the pouring rain on the original date, but on-site conditions failed to match the forecast, which called for light precipitation and clearing. We opted to postpone to the rain date, 19 October. That Sunday was dry but cool, so grip was a little sparse in the morning until the clouds blew away and the surface warmed up a bit. Of course, as I write this, we've just enjoyed one of the nicest weekends all year... if only I could preregister the weather! It would be nice to see how many cars show up if we have good conditions on the original date for once.

56 cars took the green light, a solid turnout given the adjusted date. Super Street was an all-Porsche class, with visiting Reisentöter Region drivers Steve Konizer and Anthony Veratti bracketing BMC regular Tim Sheldon. Unfortunately, the date change kept some of the other visitors away – maybe next year. B Street was the playground for German luxury roadsters, with Larry Waltemire's Boxster edging rookie Richard Wortmann's Z4. CS had 6 participants, from Ken Houseal's "Superpu Blueper" WRX down to the Porsche 968 cabriolet shared by David Nettleton and his wife, first-timer Maggie. Ken's fast time would have put him on top of the podium several classes above; nice run, Ken! DS saw new member Will McGowan unopposed, and ES pitted Lou Montella's classic 2-tone AW11 MR-2 against Bob Turner's NB Miata. We're glad you made the trip, Lou! F Street was another 6-car class, led by E90 (Dave Connatser) and E46 (yours truly) BMWs, followed by Tyler Stevens' red 3000GT and first-timer Charles Bellmyer's V6 Camaro. Tom and Rebecca Saville shared their Hyundai Genesis coupe, with times improving all day. We hope to see more co-driving couples! Street classes were rounded out by Lizzy Wilford's green Subaru (all alone in GS) and HS, where Tyler Donnely took the top spot in his back-up car, a 1994 Civic "beater with a heater", after his primary car balked on the trip down.

Classic Street Car (and Delaware Tech) were represented by Frank Adkins' blue '65 Valiant and Lou Spinelli's blue '66 Cobra. Unfortunately, Frank only had time for 1 pass before heading off to another commitment, leaving Lou lonely but in first place. Boy, that big Ford mill sounds good.

A whopping 19 cars filled out the ranks of Street Touring, from Nuri Heckrotte's quick AW30 MR-S (shared by Gerry Caceres) to first-timer Scott Ketcham's fire-breathing hemi-powered 300C. Jase Johnston took STC in his newly-reacquired 240SX; Matt Collins ran alone in STF; Nuri dominated STR; James Nelson's blob-eye STi nailed down STU, and Morgan Krause's Frizbee was solidly in front of STX.

Alex Brooke (CSP Miata) and Mike DiMaio (DSP Omni GLH-T) both ran unopposed, but battled each other (and cones) all afternoon, with Alex about 7 tenths in the lead.

Largest single class of the day was, surprisingly, SM (although technically Josh Nash should be in SMF). Walt Jones continues to develop his black cherry Sonoma into an autocross beast, while rookie Seth Caceres (and father Gerry) brought out Seth's S13 240SX project. JB Krause's immaculate turbo S14 was in the hunt, along with Travis Whiteside's radical RWD 2.5-powered GC Impreza. In the end, though, Jeff Gregory in the 555 WRX was the drama-free leader of the SM pack.

Last but not least, Dad-man and Son-boy team George and Paul Alderman shared their D Mod Caterham Super 7, freshly shod with sticky Hohos. Despite some grumbling about his performance, George seemed happy that the course didn't include any Chicago boxes or other oddball features.

Any run under 60 seconds put you in the top half of the field, with the Top 10 all under 58 seconds. ST drivers David Hughes and Mike Katsimbris both broke into the 56s, with James Nelson edging into 55 territory. The ultimate battle was between Nuri in the MR-S and Paul in the Super 7, though. Nuri's afternoon heat posted an amazingly consistent string of high 54s – all 3 runs were within a few hundredths of each other! Paul's 5th run FTD – a smoking 54.361 – was backed up with his final pass at 54.595 to reclaim the Lofland Memorial Cup from last year's winner, Nuri.

If you have any pictures or video to share, please send them to us or post links on the BMC Facebook page. We also have a Youtube channel for club-related videos. Look for content to appear there as it is submitted or edited.

Thanks to all the volunteers and drivers who came out not once but twice to help make this event a reality. The Dover race, though it represents a substantial expenditure for the Club, is a great way to cap our autocross year. This year, we were able to recruit enough new members that BMC is now over 100 enthusiasts strong! We look forward to seeing everybody in the 2015 season. In the meantime, why not check out the Turkey Trot road rally in November? Details are included in this newsletter.

We are of course looking forward to 2015, always with ideas to continue improving our autocross program. Please feel free to send me any and all feedback on how we can make the program and events better. My email address is BMCAutox@gmail.com. Thanks again to all who participated and volunteered to make this season a success!

*-Duke "my Miata for sure next year, again" Wilford
BMC Autocross Chair*

The Hard Drive Garage

Well, my loyal readers, this month was a toss up between 2 vehicles. The first option was a 1995 Buick Roadmaster, up for sale in Albuquerque-wait, that's how you spell that?-for \$4300 CASH ONLY:



This rolling, wingless jet fighter was still advertised on Craigslist until just a few days ago. Either it was sold, or the seller couldn't part with it. I'm hoping it spontaneously combusted, but chances are slim on that one.

SO, since that prize was taken away, I had to go back to the interwebs to discover my next gem. It's amazing what is given in return:



At first glance, it doesn't look all that bad. A Corvette Stingray that needs a bit of work. I have seen worse things in.... WAITAMINUTE..... WHY is the engine peeking thru the hood? WHY does it look like a 4 cylinder motor was swapped in? WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?!?!?

Well, my gentle readers, this seller decided-for reasons NEVER explained-to take this 1974 Stingray and swap in a 2002 VW TDI diesel engine. Honestly, I'm almost speechless. TDI engines have been around for a long time-not as long as this Stingray, mind you-but probably never considered to push this classic around.

Here's the SHORT spec list for the car:

- 1974 Stingray Corvette with T-tops
- 2002 VW Diesel Engine
- Toyota truck 5 spd transmission
- Acme Adapters adapter plate to put them together
- New tires last fall

Wait. Just hold on a second....

ACME adapters? What the hell does that mean? Did this guy pull parts out of the same catalog that Wiley Coyote and Elmer Fudd get kits for their Looney Toons exploits? Well, that explains it all right there. Anyone thinking to themselves "**I can put a TDI into a Stingray using ACME parts!?! If it never killed Wiley, it'll DEFINITELY work for me**" clearly needs shock treatment and a new script for Vicodin. From the brief description, this is a "...one of a kind project car." Wow, never heard that one before. It's also been a daily driver for the past 3 years, putting down 55+ MPG on a regular basis. I know those TDI engines are efficient, but last time I checked even the recipient car is still fairly heavy. I'm not convinced that he's pulling that MPG. Call me skeptical...

Anyhow, further down the description he mentions "**The inside is rough and needs the attention to detail and wiring prowess that is beyond my level of patience.**"



Um...yeah...how about that patience? Ain't no one got time for that! Wow. Never thought I could use THAT internet meme in an article. Cross that off the bucket list!

The seller wants \$4,000 or OBO. He states that he invested about \$12,000 to put it all together. The next paragraph states "**If you are in the market for a TDI motor than you will know that they don't come cheap. Get this one that runs and drives and in a project car you can make all your own!**"

Yikes. That's all I can say to wrap this one up. Here's the link for this one:

<http://newlondon.craigslist.org/cto/4724134308.html>

Enjoy! -M



Brandywine Motorsport Club

Turkey Trot Rally

Saturday, November 15th, 2014

This is an easy to follow, fun 2-hour rally on great Cecil County MD roads with just one average speed and mileages given at many turns to keep you on course and let you enjoy the view.

There will be checkpoints along the route where your arrival times will be recorded as you drive by. We will calculate your scores for you at the finish.

Start Location:

Newark Park-N-Ride, Rte 896 & Rte 4

Registration opens at 12 Noon

First car off @ 1:00 PM plus car number

Finish: Wesley's Restaurant, Rte 273, Fair Hill, MD

Cost: Just \$10 per Car - Payable at Registration

Classes: Novice & Experienced - any equipment

Classic BMC Trophies will be presented to the Class winners

Rallymaster: Dave Mitchell 443-309-9303 or drm@boo.net