



# THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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

December 2014



## BMC Christmas Holiday Dinner & Meeting Saturday, December 13, 2014



Hunters Den Restaurant, 3517 Old Capitol Trail, Wilmington, Dela.  
(Reservations Req'd, See Flyer for Details)

### Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



Eight Hundredths of a Minute....

What is that, you may ask. That is the difference between the first two places in the Turkey Trot Rally. Thanks to Dave Mitchell and all who helped put on our latest rally. (George A, Wayne E, Jim I). It was just like he advertised, a nice scenic drive through Cecil County MD.

Thanks to all who came out and ran the event. We had to get more tables for everyone to sit down at Wesley's.

I have figured out that I can finish better in a rally by not driving. Thanks to my wife, Heather, for driving the winning van; it came down to 4.8 seconds as the difference between the Alderman's and the Weldin's. This is probably the first time Heather and I have rallied together since we have been married. We tried it 20 or so years ago, but since I would get off course and upset at the navigator, it became apparent that it was better for us, as a couple, to not rally. So now we have a winning formula, put me in the other seat and I can keep us on time. I still need some practice to get better, but I enjoy the navigating even more than driving.

Come on out and chat with us if you would like to know more about driving with precision to a hundredth of a minute. We would love to tell you about it. Keep on the lookout for another rally in the new year so we can get the rally program even stronger, like our Autocross program has become with Dave and Duke's hard work these past number of years.

If you have not already signed up for the Christmas Party, do it now. The party is on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> in place of our regular meeting. See flyer for more details.

See you then,  
Paul

### Don't Forget to RSVP for the Christmas Holiday Dinner!!

BMC's Christmas Holiday Dinner (and very brief meeting) is on **December 13<sup>th</sup>** in place of our regular meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. Full info and a Reservation form is in this Gasline.

We hope to see you there - **but you have to let us know by December 7<sup>th</sup>!**

### Rally Chair - George Alderman



Read all about the Turkey Trot Rally in this issue of the BMC Newsletter.

There will not be any rally in December but there is talk that Willis Weldin is working on a rally for next year. See you at the Christmas Party and if you need "Route Instructions" to find the Hunter's Den give me a call.

George

### Happy Thanksgiving Too!



## Autocross Report – Duke Wilford

With our 2014 Autocross season in the can and Thanksgiving upon us, I'd like to take the first part of this Update to thank each and every one of the folks who came out to run with us this year. So, Frank Adkins, thank you..... well, with 160 people on the list, that's going to take too long. We'll skip a few: Mike Yoder, thanks for coming by. Apologies to the rest of you in the middle of the alphabet – but we sincerely hope to see all of you back in 2015!

Thanks to such good participation, the BMC autocross program has grown! The 6-event calendar seems successful, and the Dover finale enjoyed even bigger turnout than last year (despite more uncooperative weather). We invested substantially in (and paid off) modern timing gear that is more capable than our old system. We added Christiana HS to our catalog of venues as well. And along with the autocross program, our Club has grown as well. BMC is now over 100 members, an increase of 20-25% over our usual roster. So, thanks to all new members who have joined this year; we're glad to have you aboard! And, as always, thanks to those renewing members who have kept our club alive for so many years.

Just like I did above, the Club officers have a habit of referring to BMC as “our club.” But in reality, it's not “our club” – **it's YOUR club.** You've helped us build new momentum to bring BMC into the second half of its first *century* of existence. Where do you want to go with that momentum? The Club Exec committee is a capable group of folks who can steer the wagon, but choosing the destination is not just up to us. We've attracted a bunch of new faces, so we're doing some things right, and we want to continue growing sustainably. But we also want to retain our current members and serve your needs as car enthusiasts. We want to introduce autocrossers to road rally (and vice versa) - and we want to get *all* members to be active members. We want to continue offering fun events and value to sports car enthusiasts throughout the region.

We are always open to feedback on what we currently do, and welcome suggestions for new events or programs. We are in contact with local automotive technical programs and other regional clubs, exploring partnership opportunities to help reach a wider audience and larger variety of people within the car hobby. **So if you have ideas, please make them known! Come to a club meeting, email or call a committee member, or approach us at an event.** There are also opportunities to join the Club leadership, if you are interested and enthusiastic. As I've said, this is your club – help us make it what you want it to be.

In addition to attendees and members, I can't let Thanksgiving go by without a huge note of gratitude to all the volunteers who make our events work. Jim Martin, Jim Irons, Paul and George Alderman, my own wife Maryanne and daughters Lizzy and Allie – all help with registration, timing and scoring, and managing the equipment trailer, among others. Jase Johnston, Josh Nash, Nuri Heckrotte, Gerry Caceres, Alex Cabinian, Bob Turner, Ed Trahan, and many other folks all volunteer regularly to tech cars, give instruction, and help out wherever required. The people who show up before the trailer does, and don't leave until the site is clean – we couldn't do it without you, and your contributions are noticed and appreciated. Thanks to all, and I hope I can continue to count on your support next year!

Over the winter, we will publish news updates and event information at the BMC newsletter, website, and Facebook pages, as well as via Twitter **@BMCautox**. We also have a BMC YouTube channel, so as you pull those run videos off of your camera, please send us links or files so that we can get them up for everyone to enjoy. If you have any comments, tips, or suggestions, please feel free to email **BMCautox@gmail.com**. And thanks for coming out in 2014! We hope to see all of you (and meet new friends) in 2015.

*-Duke “Thanks, Eddie” Wilford  
Autocross Chair*

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### BMC Online

- **BMC Website:** [www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org](http://www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org)
  - **Facebook:** Brandywine Motorsport Club
  - **Twitter:** @BMCautox
  - **YouTube:** Brandywine Motorsport Club (autocross videos submitted by members and friends)
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## Secretary's Report - Jim Martin

The 4<sup>th</sup> of November, 2014 meeting was held at the Hunter's Den Restaurant. The turnout was 21 members, thanks to all that showed up. Your input and support inspire us for all the work that we are putting in. The meeting was called to order by Paul Alderman at 7:10 PM.

**Treasurer's Report** (Willis Weldin) – At the end of October, we had \$7,300.15 (we lost \$1,657.85 at the Dover AutoX) in our Club account. Our membership has increased to 102 members. Compared to last November 2013 (\$6836.04), our finances have improved by \$400+ and our membership has increased from 79 members to 102 members. Also, during this time we acquired new timing equipment and more loaner helmets.

**Rally Report** (George Alderman) – Dave Mitchell is working on the Turkey Trot Rally (November 15<sup>th</sup>). The route has been checked out several times and the Rally is ready to go. 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. Registration opens at 12 noon with the first car off at 1 PM. The cost will be \$10.00.

**Autocross Report** (Duke Wilford) – Dover was our last AutoX of the year (the last of 6 for the year). Duke is going to explore the cost of new Club insurance and the possibility of including the Dover requirements in the new policy. He will also explore the possibility of increasing the registration fee to cover the additional insurance costs. He will report back to the Club his findings in future meetings. We have been approached by Mini Meet East to help them organize an AutoX near Saint Michaels, MD (one hour drive) for their Annual Meet. The preferred date is 6/28. The challenge will be locating a lot to run the event. Duke will investigate this and let us know.

**Property Report** (Mark Schroy) – We need someone to replace Mark.

**Social Activities** (Anita Steward) – After checking out about a dozen locations, we have settled on Hunter's Den for our monthly meeting. It was suggested that we also find a location further south that would benefit our members that are below the canal and maybe meet there once a quarter. We have scheduled our Christmas Party for 12/13 (Saturday) at 6 PM, it will also be located at Hunter's Den. A flyer will be published in the future.

**Other News** – The Delaware Sports Hall of Fame (<http://www.desports.org/>) has put George Alderman's on the nomination list for 2015. Only members of the Hall of Fame (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, he would do it for you.

Our BMC Club Store vendor is in the process of reorganizing and working on improving their customer service and open for business. If you want anything for Christmas, you should place your orders now since it takes about a month to receive the product.

Dave Back is 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).

Dave Mitchell proposed that we put a program together for the local Technical Schools/Colleges that would introduce BMC to the local schools. Also, it was suggested that we set up a display at the Newark Public Library.

**Gasline Report** (Jim Irons) – Please submit any articles to Jim Irons before 11/25 so they can be published in our next newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.



## ***BMC Turkey Trot Rally – November 15, 2014***

### **Experienced Class**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Car#</b>	<b>Driver / Navigator</b>	<b>CkPt 1</b>	<b>Ckpt 2</b>	<b>Ckpt 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	7.	Heather Alderman / Paul Alderman	6	7	4	<b>17</b>
2	2.	Willis Weldin / Martha Weldin	73	79	713	<b>25</b>
3	11.	Joshua McCaskill / (None)	28	118	8	<b>154</b>
4	1.	Jon Love / Jaclyn Love	146	59	15	<b>220</b>
5	12.	Phil Worrell / Kat Worrell	39	200	80	<b>319</b>

### **Novice Class**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Car#</b>	<b>Driver / Navigator</b>	<b>CkPt 1</b>	<b>Ckpt 2</b>	<b>Ckpt 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	8.	Frank Adkins / Bruce Thorngate	12	41	0	<b>53</b>
2	3.	Glen Gimble / Martina Gimble	25	76	34	<b>135</b>
3	5.	John Kegelman / Inge Rousk	41	75	40	<b>156</b>
4	9.	Warren Shanks / Lou Spinelli	74	87	61	<b>222</b>
5	10.	Duke Wilford / Jim Martin	136	97	3	<b>236</b>
6	4.	Scott Clapper / Miriam Targonski	42	274	15	<b>331</b>
7	6.	Ed Trahan / Rick Van Sant	500	398	10	<b>908</b>

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### ***THANKFUL FOR A SUCESSFUL TURKEY TROT RALLY***

In the spirit of the season I would like to thank all of the folks who made a club event and afternoon get-together so enjoyable. The fact that enough of our members as well non-members participated is reassurance that even a late in the season event has appeal.

I would like to thank publicly, George Alderman, Wayne Elvin, and Jim Irons for their love of 1/100<sup>th</sup> of a mile accuracy, and insistence that this course be measured, re-measured and just for more accurate needs, a third measure using two identical navigational aids to calculate the most accurate mileages. (Dave Teter, if you are watching from above, you can be proud of this dedication to accuracy.) Next time we might have to consider sneaking in at least one trap or trick into the event.

The checkpoints were manned by the trio mentioned earlier, along with help from Mac Morgan; the scoring at the end was handled by Willis Weldin.

I hope that you enjoyed this motoring experience and will participate in and promote future efforts.  
*Turkey Trot Rallymaster - Dave Mitchell*

## The Hard Drive Garage

Wow. I thought last month's bizarre combo of a GM classic with a VW power plant was odd. Once again, my avid readers, the interwebs universe has spewed forth another vehicle that needs to be thrown back in the primordial junkyard.

It's another Craigslist find. Surprised? I'm not anymore. It seems to be the breeding ground for bad automotive combinations and solutions that no sane person EVER dreams of. Next month will be the best of Craigslist for the year, but this month's find is too good to keep to myself.

It started life as a 1985 Chevy S-10 Blazer. It's currently titled as a S-10 two door station wagon-with



running boards.

No, you read that correctly... Wait. Station Wagon? Last time I checked, that was a small SUV. How in the heck did it become a station wagon? Where did the front end go? WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?!?!?!?

Something tells me this builder REALLY wanted a 1930s Ford 3 Window Coupe, and decided that the S-10 would be a good donor vehicle. Either that or he had a Doc Brown moment from Back To The Future and slipped in the tub. Only serious, undiagnosed brain damage can explain this one.



Good lord that front end is bad. It looks sad-like Old Yeller sad. It looks like it's begging for the sweet mercy of a cutting torch. I'm really confused by the Chevy bowtie

on a 1930s Ford grill shell. Isn't that asking for trouble-like playing with a Ouija board on Halloween trouble?



Check out that engine - No word on what it came out of. It's supposedly a Chevy V8 mated to a slushbox trans, Edelbrock air cleaner, carb and intake, plus a dual exhaust with cherry bomb mufflers out the back. Aftermarket valve covers help dress up the...nevermind. Not worth going down that road. This whole thing sits on a "custom built 2x4 hot rod chassis."



At least the interior doesn't look too rough: Just ignore the tripping hazard of the wiring harness at the passenger's feet. All the lights work, but with the wiring sitting out there, I wonder what happens if you step on the wiring...

Two other pluses that the seller mentions near the end of the write up? "You can stand on the running boards", and "the tailgate opens". Now, I'm glad the tailgate still works. But, the running boards are an issue to me. WHY would you need to stand on them? Al Capone's dead.

The Craigslist ad is listed as a "hot rod rat rod - 3000 OBO". At the end of the write-up, the seller claims he has \$12,300 invested. "Car needs to be finished, does run, but..." Needs to be finished? Needs to be cut up for parts.

Here's the link for the ad: <http://toledo.craigslist.org/cto/4698726869.html>

Enjoy!

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# **BMC's Holiday Dinner Party**

**Saturday, December 13th, 2014**

**Hunter's Den Restaurant**

**3517 Old Capitol Trail • Wilmington DE 19808**

**Cocktails 6 P.M. - Cash Bar**

**Buffet Dinner 7 P.M.**

**Roast Beef w/Au jus**

**Chicken Cordon Bleu**

**Seafood Chesapeake**

**(Shrimp & Scallops in Parmesan Cream Sauce)**

**Green Beans • Carrots**

**Potatoes Au Gratin • Fettuccine**

**Coffee • Tea • Soft Drinks**

**(Salads & Desserts available at extra cost)**

**Just: \$15.00 per person**

**Send info below with check payable to BMC:**

**Jim Irons**

**509 E. Creek Lane**

**Middletown DE 19709**

**Reservations must be received by December 7th.**

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**Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_**

**No. of Guests \_\_\_\_\_**

**Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**