



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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January 2015

BMC CLUB MEETING

**Hunters Den Restaurant, 3517 Old Capitol Trail, Wilmington, Dela.
Tuesday, January 6th – Meet & Greet @ 6:30, Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.**

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



Here we go again...

Well, another year has flown by and we have reached another milestone, over 100 members. Thanks to all who talk up our club, bring folks out to our events, and ask people to join. I wanted to go over a few goals and targets from last year, but I am already going crazy with work and I don't want to bore everyone at the start of another term, so here's the short version. Welcome to Dave Mitchell who is taking over property chair for Mark Schroy. (Thanks Mark) We have property and we also have items we don't inventory on the club store. (Thanks Scott Clapper) Anita Steward is coming onboard to assist with our membership outreach and growth. (Thanks Anita) Thanks also to Anita and Jim Irons for the nice Christmas party that we had last month. Keep your calendars open for the W David Teter Memorial Rally, aka March Lamb, we will need your help to make this rally a success. I will be working on some more details for these and other items.

Come on out for the meeting on January 6th at the Hunters Den.

Happy New Year!
Paul

Rally Chair - George Alderman



So far no rallies have been completed for next year, although Willis is hoping to have one for February or March 2015. Ed Trahan would like to organize a tour on some "fun driving roads" that end up at an interesting place to dine or explore, we can talk about it at our next meeting.

Have A Happy Rally New Year,
George

Membership Renewal Time

Club membership renewals are due January 1st and must be renewed by March 1st. Dues are still just \$15 for a single memberships or \$25 for family memberships.

Note: If you joined BMC after October 1st 2014, your membership is good through 2015, no renewal is needed.

If none of your personal information has changed, simply mail a check made out to "BMC" to:

BMC, P.O. Box 474, Montchanin, DE 19710

If any of your personal information has changed, download the Application/Renewal form from the BMC website, fill-in your updated information, and mail it with your check to the above address.

Or, even better, bring your membership renewal to the next club meeting!

Holiday Dinner Report

Thirty-one BMC members and guests enjoyed a fun Holiday dinner meeting at the Hunters Den restaurant. Thanks go to new Membership Chair, Anita Steward, for planning and coordinating this event.

George Alderman brought the large silver BMC Goof Stein, newly engraved with the names of the most recent recipients, and filled it with a wonderful holiday punch for all to enjoy. George offered to share the recipe with the membership, and while it's too late for Christmas parties, maybe you can enjoy it for New Year's.

Marilyn Alderman's Family Christmas Punch

750cc Mateus Rose' Wine
1 can Frozen Lemonade Concentrate
1 pt. Raspberry Sherbet
Chardonnay wine

Mix lemonade and rose' wine.

Add sherbet and break it into pieces

Add chardonnay wine as needed for add'l. volume

Enjoy!

Secretary's Report - Jim Martin

The 13th of December, 2014 meeting and Christmas Party was held at the Hunter's Den Restaurant. The turnout was 31 members and guests; thanks to all that showed up. The meeting was called to order by Paul Alderman at 8:10 PM.

Paul provided a little history on the Lofland Trophy, which is awarded to the Fastest Time of The Day at our last Autocross of the year. He also talked about our Goofstein Trophy which is awarded to those who make a major error in a club event.

Wayne Elvin introduced Jim Wakeman of the Sports Car Club of America, South Jersey Region (SCCA SJ). Jim spoke about the upcoming Memorial Rally for Dave Teter. Every year we have helped sponsor the March Lamb Rally which was held in conjunction with the March Lion Rally (SSCA SJ Region). This year, the 2 day Rally will honor Dave Teter and will be part of the SCCA National Tour Rally with an award to honor Dave Teter. The SCCA SJ Region will lay out the 2-day rally with 24 check points. The Rally is scheduled for March 28th and March 29th. They are asking for our help to man the checkpoints, if you are interested please contact our Rally Chair, George Alderman.

Dave Back gave an update about the DE Sports Hall of Fame and asked that everyone sign up (application on our Website). We want to support George Alderman get elected to the Hall of Fame.

As a Club, we had nominations and elections for our 2015 Board of Directors and the following were elected:

Paul Alderman – President
Weldin Family – Treasurer
Jim Martin – Secretary
Jim Irons – Editor
Anita Steward – Membership
Dave Mitchell – Property
Duke Wilford – Autocross
George Alderman – Rally
George Alderman – Member At Large

Gasline Report – Please submit any articles to Jim Irons before 12/30 so they can be published in our next newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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)

The Hard Drive Garage

Mark Schroy is on vacation, but wishes you all a Happy Holiday and New Year. HDG will be back in next month's Gasline.

Autocross Report – Duke Wilford

Not much to report from the Autocross desk this month. We are in holiday mode, and I'm sure many of you are doing the same. But planning and preparing for next year's autocross effort can't wait too long! Veterans will be shopping for or installing parts and tires. Others will be considering a New Year's resolution to try autocross for the first time. If you haven't yet come out and tried your hand among the cones, I strongly recommend you give it a shot in 2015!

As mentioned last month, BMC is potentially partnering with a marque-specific club to make one of our summer events more interesting. We are also exploring ways to get the word out to a wider audience. And, as always, we are looking to expand our portfolio of potential venues. So if you know of a club or group that you think might like to try autocross, or (better still) know a person or organization who might be willing to host an event, please let us know! All suggestions and leads are appreciated.

We had a very successful year in 2014, and paid off the Club's purchase of our new and improved timing gear. However, we need to make further investment in a registration and scoring system, which is currently under discussion. Additionally, our event costs continue to rise, in particular our insurance expenses. BMC hasn't changed our entry fees in a decade or more, but we anticipate a small increase in fees for next year. We will look at the numbers carefully to minimize the impact on our participants, and we expect to remain the region's best autocross bargain. More information will be provided as decisions are made, but I want to thank everyone in advance for their understanding and support.

In the next few weeks, we will also schedule autocross weekend dates for next year and publish our calendar. The 6-event format seems to have been successful, with consistent turnout all season. Our August event was the most sparsely attended, although there may be more one reason for the reduced driver count. Would September be a better time for Autocross V? That month is usually chock full of car shows, but weather should be more pleasant, and it also pairs nicely with our finale in October. Please give us your input on event scheduling.

As always, we publish news and event information via this newsletter, the BMC website and Facebook group, as well as via Twitter @BMCautox. And don't forget the BMC YouTube channel - please send us links or videos so that we can share them! 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 everyone back in 2015.

*-Duke "Hibernation Time" Wilford
Autocross Chair*