



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org

February 2015

BMC CLUB MEETING

**Hunters Den Restaurant, 3517 Old Capitol Trail, Wilmington, Dela.
Tuesday, February 3rd – Meet & Greet @ 6:30, Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.**

**America On Wheels Museum Tour
Saturday, February 7th**

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



I thought things moved slower in the cold? Maybe the days are going quicker because we are all trying to keep warm. On a nice note, the 24 hours of Daytona weekend is finished and some local drivers won in their classes. Al

Carter in a GTD Dodge Viper, and Hugh Plumb in the Continental Tire Race on Friday. Now that race season has started that means it's getting warmer, right?

We will continue to work on our schedule and dates for events and will have them posted soon.

Feb 7th will be our winter tour to the America on Wheels Museum in Allentown PA. If you are interested let us know so we can plan vehicles to car pool in. (See next page for more details.)

If you have not had a chance to send in your renewal for this year take a minute to do so, or come out to the meeting; we would be glad to see you. Come on out and join us next week for our monthly meeting on the 3rd at Hunters Den in Marshallton. Hope to see you there.

Paul

Rally Chair - George Alderman



George just got back from Daytona, and there's no rally stuff going on right now. But look for BMC's rally plans in the March Gasline. - *Ed.*

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)

Membership Chair – Anita Steward

Reminder: Have you renewed your club membership? Not sure when your membership expires? Look for an email that has your renewal information in it. If you have already renewed - thank you, thank you!

If none of your personal information has changed, simply mail a check for \$15 single or \$25 family membership and make checks payable to "BMC" :

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

If your personal information has changed, please download the Application/Renewal form from the BMC website and mail it with your check.

Interested in a **FREE** BMC membership for next year?? Stay tuned for details.

Anita

Autocross Report – Duke Wilford



Just like with the Blizzard of 2015, there's very little news to report this month. All the irons mentioned last month are still in the fire. We hope to have the calendar firmed up and published in the near future.

Please stay tuned to the Gasline, BMC's website, and Facebook group, as well as our Twitter feed @BMCautox. If you have any videos for the BMC YouTube channel - please send us links or files so we can add content to our club's channel. And as always, please email any comments, tips, or suggestions to email BMCAutox@gmail.com.

-Duke "I really am busy" Wilford

Secretary's Report - Jim Martin

The 6th of January meeting was held at the Hunter's Den Restaurant. The turnout was 14 members (low turnout due to snow), thanks to all that showed up. The meeting was called to order by Paul Alderman at 7:20 PM.

Paul welcomed our new members from Media, PA. The Santonastaso's moved to this area from Colorado and found our Club on the internet in a search for Car Clubs and Rallying in the area. We welcomed Tony, Carrie, Noelle & Isaac and congratulated them on braving the weather to attend our meeting.

Our end of the year finances are in good shape, we have \$6,330.81 and now with our new members, our membership is 107 members.

Anita Stewart, our new Membership Chair, is going to work on developing a new program/award to recognize the member who brings in the most new members every year. She is also developing a New Membership package that will go out to all new members. As Chair, she is going to contact inactive members and those who have faded away to see what we can do to get them more involved in the Club, so don't hang up when she calls. She also asked Paul Alderman/Shawn Dewey to help us get PayPal set up so that we can renew our memberships online. Anita and Lou Spinelli modeled their new Club T-Shirts that they ordered on our on-line store (I don't know how they did it, I was cold).

Dave Mitchell, our new Property Chair, said he is in the process of inventorying/locating our property and will report on that when he is done. He also has some ideas of things (e.g., power generator) that the Club may want to obtain that he will share in future meetings.

Duke Wilford, Autocross Chair, proposed that we obtain laptops and scoring software for future events. Duke also presented a worksheet of our autox costs and income over the past year; if you want a copy, contact Duke. He recommended that we increase our entry fees this coming year to better cover our insurance & lot rental costs. This would be the first increase in a number of years and we will still be much lower than other Clubs in the area. He is working on our 2015 Autocross schedule and will present it at our next meeting.

George Alderman, our Rally Chair, headed up a lively discussion about our 2015 Rally Program. We agreed that we are going to focus as a Club on increasing the participation in our rallies; we now average about a dozen cars and would like to see that number doubled. The time and effort needed to lay out a Rally is substantial and we need to get more people to participate. This year we are going to set a Rally schedule for the year at the beginning of the year. We also need a committee to develop more Rallies that will interest a broader section of members. We are also going to have a seminar on Rallies and Autocrossing. George also presented an upcoming regional meeting by the National Motorists Association (NMA). It will be held at The America On Wheels Museum in Allentown, PA on Saturday, February 7th at 12:00 PM – 2:30 PM. A group from BMC is going (details on our website).

Gasline Report – Please submit any newsletter articles to Jim Irons by 1/27/15.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM..

BMC Tour of the America on Wheels Museum – Allentown, PA Saturday February 7th 2015

Willis Weldin and George Alderman have organized a trip to the America On Wheels Museum in Allentown, PA. A group will be leaving at 9:00AM from the Hollywood Grill on Concord Pike in Wilmington. If you don't feel like driving up, they have two vans going, so you may be able to car pool with them if you let them know soon. Contact Willis wweldin@aol.com or George 302-373-2111

The museum's current exhibit is "Supercars and Guitars." will celebrate the Supercars; metal horsepower machines from manufacturers such as Porsche, Lamborghini and McLaren, plus many others you may be seeing for the first time. Supercars are all about exotic engines, eye-popping acceleration, and breathtaking design. They have secured 15 Supercars for this unique exhibit. Including: 2005 Jaguar XKR, Lamborghini Countach, 1996 Dodge Viper GTS Coupe, 2011 Audi R8, 2012 Mercedes SLS Gullwing, Porsche GT2RS, 2005 Lotus Elise, 2012 Lamborghini Performante and more! For more information about the America on Wheels Museum, visit: <http://americaonwheels.org>

Willis and George are members of The National Motorist Association which is having a regional members' meeting at the museum. The NMA will be discussing motorist issues that interest and concern members, and what the Association can do to address these issues. They have booked the museum's auto art gallery, which holds about 90 people, from 12:00 to 2:30 for the meeting. The meeting is limited to members only, but will be open to friends of members after Jan 23rd as space permits. If you would like to join the NMA, go online to www.motorists.org and sign. They will be providing food and refreshments to supplement the NMA discussion.

The Hard Drive Garage

Well, heck. New Year, new cars for sale. It didn't take long for one to rise to the surface. This month's disaster was submitted by a fellow car nut-not to be named-and the email was to the point....

Subject: I just can't

<http://monterey.craigslist.org/cto/4822692116.html>

So I figure I need to take a look, and started reaching for the bottle of Clorox to help cure my eyes.



Holy. Mother. Of. God.

Did someone let a Mustang have relations with a Lotus? Usually a manufacturer will have test mules, but this Frankenstein is the very definition of a mule:



Wow. Is it me or do they even LOOK alike? Stranger things have happened...



So, after doing some internet mining, apparently this car has been shopped online for a WHILE. Photos from a finished build have a date stamp of March 2011, so the car has been in this state for almost 4 years.

Apparently, the price has been dropping since then too. The first sale price I found was listed at \$42,500. then the price drops to \$32,500 2 years later. On the builder's own website- www.sheetmetalhappens.com -the price has dropped to \$28,500. The Craigslist ad at the beginning of this article lists it for \$24,500, and that was created a month ago. The funniest part of the ad, and their website, says that the car is "**Appraised at \$75,000**" WHAT?!?!?!?

75K for a 7 YEAR OLD MUSTANG that looks like that? Seriously? There isn't a mention of what the motor is, just that it has a Vortec V-3 supercharger. It started as a wrecked silver Mustang:



From that picture it looks like a base 2007, which should have a V-6 in it. The Craigslist ad lists a V-8. A quick VIN check online tells us the truth.... **V-6**

Okay, maybe a mistake by the seller. I get that. But, they don't mention or clarify what is under the hood. That's not cool, I don't care who you are, even if it's worth 75K. For that money, at least upgrade the stock interior.



Honestly, I'm not even sure what it's supposed to be. Lotus looking front end with a squared off rear and late 80s Cadillac taillights? I can't come up with any way to connect those 2 things in a positive light. The side skirting on the door skins looks like a skinnier version of a Ferrari Testarossa, but I really don't think the New Year wants that '80s Miami Vice look already. Some things just need to be used for target practice, and this seller needs a high five-in the face-with a chair. It just may be the incentive to scrap this thing and move on...

Till next month!

-M