



# THE GASLINE

**Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.**

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

**April 2015**

## **BMC CLUB MEETING & RALLY SCHOOL**

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

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

## **BMC AUTOCROSS I**

**April 11th – Glasgow High School Site - See Flyer**

## **BMC BRIDGES ON THE BRANDYWINE II RALLY**

**April 25th – Greenville Center - See Flyer**

### **Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman**



Now I can answer what an SCCA National Rally is like. What a day! Since George and I had not run a rally together in over thirty years it seemed like a good idea to jump in the deep end and test our skills. The folks from SJR SCCA did a great job planning and organizing the W. David Teter Memorial Rally. It was well attended and surpassed their expectations.

We had an exciting time, each of the 26 control legs were between 7 and 10 miles each, and it kept you busy with speed changes and following the course. I was busy "grinding pepper" with the Curta calculator and trying to keep accurate time for dad. He was busy also reading the route instructions and finding the clues, while keeping the car on time. While our score was not close to the overall winners' 10 points (6 seconds over the whole day) or the class winning 68 (40 minutes). Our score of 422 was pretty respectable, considering the level of intensity needed for this event. We had a few legs that were right at the max of 50 and we had a few in the single digits under 6 seconds.

The regional rally on Sunday was a bit easier and after all the practice, I had from the previous day we went to the break with a score of 10, but I messed up a do it yourself checkpoint afterwards. We fell down the order again, but we did have a zero on a leg along with some ones. Now to find a better hundredths odometer.

In other club news, we had a nice time visiting the AACA museum in Hershey PA. Thanks to everyone who came and joined us for the museum and dinner. I learned some additional information about the Lotus cars on display. Some of our members had raced many of these same types of cars.

I will be heading out of town for Easter break, but I hope you can come out and join everyone else for the meeting. Jim is planning a rally school to help you understand how to run a rally. We will be having the first Autocross of the season next Saturday the 11th followed by the rally on the 25th. I'll see you then after I get back in town.

*Happy Easter  
Paul*

### **April 7th Rally School**

After our club meeting's business on April 7th, we will have a class on road rallying. It will cover the basics of what a rally is through understanding how to run them. This course is intended to encourage inexperienced rally drivers and navigators to enter and enjoy the fun of road rallying.

Rally terminology, timing and scoring, checkpoint procedures, and route instructions will be discussed. Participants will receive printed handouts of the school's topics to follow along.

BMC meetings are open to all, so come on out and bring a friend who may be interested in rallying.

*Jim Irons*

## Autocross Report – Duke Wilford



We're less than 2 weeks away from our autocross season opener on April 11 at Glasgow High School! Where did the off-season go, and what about all the stuff I wanted to get done?

We are making progress on the new registration and scoring system. While I had hoped to have it up and running by this time, we're not quite there yet. Nonetheless, we have some new hardware in hand, and hopefully we'll get to debut the system at Autocross I. We have purchased an integrated software package called AXti.me RM, which we expect to provide a much smoother event management system. It will also offer new features such as PAX scoring and live timing results via your smartphone or tablet. Since we won't have much (if any) practice using it at Autocross I, please bear with us as we make the transition. You may still see the dreaded paper cards make an appearance as backup.

The new scoring system integrates directly with our online preregistration at [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com). I'm sure I sound like a broken record (or a badly-ripped mp3) at this point, but **please preregister via the event listings at [motorsportreg.com](http://motorsportreg.com)**. Although responding to Facebook events or emails is helpful, that still requires a lot of time and effort for us to coordinate. When you preregister online, we can download your complete information directly into the scoring system! That will speed up your time spent checking in and streamline event setup. Starting an account at [motorsportreg.com](http://motorsportreg.com) is free, and since you don't pay entry fees until the day of the event, preregistration is **non-binding** and doesn't lock you in to attending. We will still accept walkups if necessary, but we're *really* trying to reduce the amount of data we have to enter on site at the autocross. Event mornings are always busy, and the quicker we can get set up, the sooner we can get cars on course. Thanks for your consideration.

When you *are* preregistering at [motorsportreg.com](http://motorsportreg.com) (see what I did there?), you may notice that Autocross VI, our Lofland Memorial Season Finale, has 2 options available. Option A is to hold the event on September 12 at Glasgow HS. Option B is to hold the event on September 19 at Dover Speedway. Even with our new fee structure, the Speedway location represents a very substantial investment for the club. To be blunt, we lose money on it, and revenue from each season's earlier events has been used to subsidize the finale's cost. While we all enjoy running there, this year we must reconsider the financial viability of the Dover site. The best way to make the Dover option a reality is to come out to as many BMC autocrosses as you can. The next best way is to demonstrate your support by preregistering for Option B – the more attendees we have there, the better! You may preregister for both options, but a final decision will not be made until later in the year.

All 2015 events are open for sign ups now. In addition to the 6 autocrosses, we also have 3 TSD road rally dates. Don't forget our Free Rally offer – If you have never rallied before, your first time is on us! And if you're not sure what a TSD rally is, rallymaster Jim Irons will be conducting a Rally School at our next monthly club meeting on April 7. So why not kill 2 birds with 1 stone, and come participate in a club meeting while learning something new about a historic form of motorsport.

As always, feel free to contact me at **[BMCautox@gmail.com](mailto:BMCautox@gmail.com)** with any questions or comments. Thanks!

*-Duke "Really Wish It Was Last Month" Wilford*

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## Rally Chair - George Alderman



Paul and I ran the March Lion and March Lamb Rallies in southern New Jersey the last weekend in March. What a challenge that was!

● Saturday's March Lion Rally started at 8 am and ended about 5:30 pm. We drove about 250 miles, stopped at 26 checkpoints and changed average speeds too many times to count. The March Lion winner only had a total of 10 points, that's 6 seconds, our points total was over 4 minutes, and the maximum score per checkpoint was 50 points, that's only 30 seconds. Wayne Elvin helped out by working on checkpoints both days, and long time BMC member Jim Crittenden from

Madison WI ran the Course rally both days with previous BMC member Bruce Gezon. Both rallies were considered a big success and a wonderful tribute to Dave Teter as 20 teams from across the USA competed in both rallies.

Our first BMC rally for 2015 is Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> and if you plan to compete in it I would suggest that you attend our rally school at our April 7<sup>th</sup> club meeting. We will be handing out the General Instructions for the Bridges Over The Brandywine Rally and answering questions about them and other rallies in general.

*George*

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## Middletown Cars 'N Coffee

A "Cars 'N Coffee" group gathers in Middletown on the third Saturday of each month from 10 AM to Noon. They meet at the parking lot behind the Starbucks on Main St. (Rte 299). A good mix of fun cars show up, sports cars & sedans, pony cars and Vettes. Check them out on Facebook and stop by if you're in the area.

## Secretary's Report - Jim Martin

The 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, 2015 meeting was held at the Hunter's Den Restaurant. The weather was questionable but we had members drive in from NJ, PA, and MD. The turnout was only 8 members, thanks to all that showed up. The meeting was called to order by Paul Alderman at 7:15 PM.

Our end of the February finances are in good shape, we have \$7,055.86 and our membership is 107 members. Don't forget to renew your membership before it expires. This number will be dropping in the near future as we drop those members that have not renewed.

Wayne Elvin reminded everyone about the upcoming W. David Teter Memorial Rally Weekend -put on by SoJersey Region, SCCA. March 28<sup>th</sup> is the March Lion Rally and March 29<sup>th</sup> is the March Lamb.

It was also pointed out that our website had the wrong date for our April Rally. (That has since been corrected.) We also need a Rally Master for our June Rally which is coming up fast. George Alderman reported that our April 25<sup>th</sup> Rally, *BRIDGES ON THE BRANDYWINE*, is moving along and we be all set by the April 25<sup>th</sup> date. Please support our Rally Program by attending our Rallies.

We also set up a Winter Blues Tour to the Antique Automobile Museum on Saturday, 3/14 at 10 AM. They are having a show of the Lotus: The Art of Lightness.

We talked about setting up a credit card payment system on our website for use at our events. We are investigating the pros and cons of PayPal, Square, and ProPay. We need one supplier that will allow for online payments and mobile payments. Since Anita Steward uses ProPay for her business, she volunteered to do the research and will get back to us.

Duke Willis, our AutoX Chair kicked off the discussion about our upcoming Season. All AutoX's will be held at the Glasgow High School except for our last one in

September. Dover is scheduled for 9/19 (Glasgow is also scheduled for 9/12 as a backup); we will firm up the final date as we get closer. There are some scheduling conflicts and insurance questions that will need to be answered.

Duke reviewed his financial projections for the Season that we support the purchase of some AutoX software and hardware that would help us finalize our upgrade on our AutoX equipment. These additions will go a long way towards eliminating a lot of our pencil/paper log jams that we currently have. It will also allow for local Wi-Fi reception of real time results via smart phones, tablets, etc. The total cost is projected to be about \$1700. The Executive Committee that was in attendance (quorum) voted unanimously in favor of the action. Duke will get technical input from Willis Weldin and get it ordered so we have it at our 1<sup>st</sup> AutoX.

We are currently exploring the possibility of upgrading our Club insurance. Dave Mitchell has a friend who is an Independent Insurance Agent and he is going to meet with him to review what we have and may need. Our current policy does not expire until June.

Dave Mitchell, our Property Chair reviewed the inventory of items that we have and is developing a note book that lists everything. It was brought up that we will need more trophies for the coming season. George Alderman suggested that we try Del-Val Engraving (Steve & Kris Garrett) who supplied trophies to the British Car Show last year. He pointed out that they both participated in our AutoX program last year.

Anita Steward, our Membership Chair reviewed the new letter that new members will be getting when they join the club. She also showed a mock-up of BMC business cards that new members will get and be able to pass out to potential members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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### Membership Chair – Anita Steward

Calling all members! Still haven't renewed your BMC membership yet? Are you new to the area or want to become involved in our club? Come out to one of our club events; Autocross, Road Rally, or attend the monthly club meeting and sign up to get involved.

Have questions about becoming a member? Email us at [BMCautox@gmail.com](mailto:BMCautox@gmail.com).

Stay tuned to social media for the latest club events and activities!

Anita

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### Property Custodian – Dave Mitchell

Hello All. This month's report registers the purchase of new electronics coming into our inventory. These components will enhance our efficiencies as well as safety during club motoring events. I will defer to Duke to enlighten you to the benefits and capabilities.

Our club has adhesive emblems, lapel pins, and sew-on patches for very reasonable prices; they will be available at future meetings & events. Also keep in mind that our web based vendor, Firefox, has many high quality apparel items available. I encourage all to check it out.

Lastly, a few members have expressed an interest in Grille badges. A supplier is being sought, most have a minimum order as well as one-time design and set up fees. Should anyone have a genuine interest in obtaining one let me know, this will help to keep costs reasonable.

Until next issue,  
Dave M.

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### BMC Online

- **BMC Website:** [www.brandywinemotorsportclub.org](http://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

Well, my hardly readers, this month I bring to you someone's interpretation of a trike. This kind of build scares me for a couple of reasons. First, I'm sure the idea for this build may have been born from the noxious fumes of a meth lab in the back yard of a trailer park. Second, the money invested in this build probably should have been used for more supplies for said meth lab. Third, I agree with the old saying that "Everyone needs a hobby" but some people should KEEP LOOKING for their hobby...

Careful - it's like staring into the sun too long:



Yup. Weird...

There's no mention of what brand/model/type of motorcycle donated the forks, but I'm sure a reader can figure it out. Actually, now I'm kind of curious in a morbid sort of way...



The rear of the trike was created out of a Pontiac Fiero. No mention of what year, but the seller does state in the Craigslist ad that it has a 2.8 V6 motor with an automatic transmission. The engine OR the transmission was rebuilt 12,000 miles ago-commas, people, commas. OF COURSE, as with every Craigslist ad, it RUNS AND DRIVES GREAT-my use of caps lock, not his. That front bodywork looks like he bought a highway tollbooth at the county auction and decided it needed wheels and a handlebar...

Another gratuitous build shot:

Honestly, I like the gold color of the Fiero. For some reason, I always liked that color.



From this side shot, the driver must be very tall. Anyone who needs that much space between him and the controls has to have a reach like Shaq.

WAITAMINUTE....why does this trike have a transmission tunnel down the middle of the vehicle? Last time I checked, the Fieros have the transmission setup much like a front wheel drive car. It looks like this builder took the center console from the Fiero, moved it 6 feet forward, and placed it between his knees. There isn't a picture really showing the controls, except for the other photos. I can only assume the gas is on the right of the tunnel and the brake is on the left. Also, take note of the proximity of the passenger seat to the driver seat. That's cramped quarters, I don't care who you are...

Also mentioned is the "lots of motor work":



...it looks like this motor has done a LOT of work. Talk about a dust bowl. It looks like an aftermarket intake may have been installed, but it still looks like the standard intake manifold. There is no mention of any actual motor work, just the suggestion of it - like the builder opened the engine bay and showed it a picture of a Northstar V8... Dang. Wish I had a V8...

ANYWAYS, this gem is available for \$2,000 or trades. I'm betting the wheels alone set him back a couple hundred, so I would just sell them off and scrap the rest of it. Oh, wait....Chances are he can't sell them off since he ONLY HAS TWO OF THEM. The last line of the article states that it "needs very little to be a nice trike". No, Virginia, this thing needs a lot....

Craigslist ad: <http://lincoln.craigslist.org/mcy/4953510174.html>

*Till next time!*

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# AUTOCROSS I

Brandywine Motorsport Club

**SATURDAY April 11, 2015**



**Glasgow High School • Route 896 • Glasgow, DE 19702**

Right at 3rd traffic light north of Rte 40

Left at 2nd traffic light south of I-95

**Setup begins @ 8:00 AM**

**Registration 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM**



**Entry Fee: \$30**

**(BMC Club Members: \$25)**

**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.*
- **Minimum age of 18 years for Drivers.**  
Parent/guardian signatures required for those in attendance 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.
- **Classic Street Car Class for generally stock pre-1978 cars.**

**Pre-Register Online and Reserve your Car Number at:**

**[www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com)**

**Free & easy online pre-registration provides faster check-in at the event.**

**No online payment required.**

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***.com***

**You can also pre-register by contacting:**

**Duke Wilford at [BMCAutox@gmail.com](mailto:BMCAutox@gmail.com) or 302-528-0612**



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# **Bridges On The Brandywine II Road Rally**

**Saturday, April 25, 2015**

This Rally is about 50 miles long and should take about 2 hours to complete. It covers roads and bridges around the Brandywine River.

The finish location at the BBC Tavern & Grill (Brandywine Brewing Company) will be setup for our group, where you can order on your own from the menu.

**Start Location:** Greenville Center – Buck Road & Kennett Pike (Route 52) in Greenville, DE. Entrance is off of Buck Rd.

**Registration:** 12 PM in the parking lot next to Greenville Center sign.

**Start:** 1 PM plus your car number.

**Finish:** BBC Tavern & Grill (Brandywine Brewing Company)  
4019 Kennett Pike, Greenville, DE 302-655-3785

**Cost:** Free to anyone who has not run a rally, Otherwise \$10/car at Registration.

Trophies will be awarded for Novice and Experienced classes.

**Please R.S.V.P.** by April 23th to [galderman32@comcast.net](mailto:galderman32@comcast.net) or 302-373-2111 so we can plan with the restaurant and have enough route instructions.