



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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November 2015

BMC CLUB MEETING

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

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



Boy, it seems like months since I last wrote a column. Yup, it has been.

Well since September:

- George and I went to Lime Rock Park for the Vintage Fall Festival in my Mustang.
- We awarded the Lofland Trophy to Nuri

for his performance in the rain and dry at the final autocross in Dover.

- We had the Dealers Choice Rally (Trolls Tour #2) with 14 entries.
- I displayed cars at Hagley promoting the machine shop, and then followed that with a rainy trip to Carlisle for the Fall swap meet and missed the newsletter deadline.
- Oct. 18th saw the 44th running of the Braille Rally with finishing times that would please seasoned rallyists. Nice job Scott (and Judy) with all the work helping our friends at Blind Sight Delaware. A few of the rally cars came upon our checkpoint and said “Hey, look at that nice Mustang” before realizing we were timing them. We figured out why... Our checkpoint sign got blown over.

Come on out to the meeting at Hunter’s Den on Nov 3rd and we can talk George into a race report from the USGP at COTA.

See you soon, Paul

Rally Chair - George Alderman



At press time, George was still in Texas after the F1 race at COTA.

The only rally activity was the Braille Rally which Scott Clabaugh reports on in this issue.

George did mention that if anyone is interested in setting up a tour to someplace fun, they should contact him or see him at the meeting.

Ed.

Autocross Chair – Duke Wilford



Please indulge me while I continue to complain about the weather. As you recall, we moved our season finale autocross to September this year, only to have the rain dump on us anyway. To add insult to injury, the original October date provided flawless blue skies, light breezes, and mild temperatures. We can’t win!

There is not much to report this month, as we enter the off-season. As mentioned last month, Nuri Heckrotte secured the Lofland Memorial Cup (for his second time) by posting the fastest raw time at Autocross VI. However, the season’s autocross festivities aren’t over yet!

At our holiday party /club meeting in December, we will read the results of our individual Class Championships, as well as announce the PAX-based Driver Of The Year award. All Class Champions will get an heirloom-quality *Certificate of Awe-inspiring Autocross Accomplishment™*, suitable for framing (or taping to your toolbox). Those who attend the holiday meeting may find themselves in possession of an additional prize, as well as a hearty handshake from Yours Truly and the personal satisfaction of having heard their names read aloud to a group of fellow enthusiasts who are hopefully paying attention and applauding politely. Details on the party/club meeting will be forthcoming via email. We hope to see you there!

I do have some catching up to do with videos and links for the Club’s YouTube channel. If you have already sent me videos or links, I’ll get them up soon. If you have some videos you’d like to share, please feel free to get them to me either as links or electronic files. Thank you!

It’s been a fun and productive autocross season, and thanks go out to everybody who came out to autocross or rally with us in 2015. We hope you had a good time and we hope to see you again in 2016.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at BMCautox@gmail.com. You can also post on our Facebook group page or the Club’s website. Thanks!

*-Duke “Weatherman” Wilford
Autocross Chair*

2015 Braille Rally – Scott Clabaugh

The 44th Running of the Braille Rally is in the history books as another great one! A Chilly October day, even with a few wet snowflakes thrown in, didn't dampened spirits, that's for sure!

Again, with our friends at PCA-Delaware Region, BMC put on a great Rally for the BlindSight Delaware. Each year, Navigators look forward to having the bragging rights of being the winner of Rally.

After gathering at Brandywine Springs Park, the navigators were paired up with their drivers for the day. First car departed to run the Rally course promptly at 2:01 and 11 more cars were off at one minute intervals. Three drive-by checkpoints on the course made things a little easier this year so you only had to wave as you went by. The course took about 2.0 hours and everyone made it safely back to the Landis Lodge – although some were scratching their heads how they missed a turn or two!

After some refreshment and some pizza, the awards were presented. This year's winner was Navigator Christina Fontello and BMC Driver Jim Martin. Second place went to Navigator Marsha Blalock and PCA Driver Alex Witham. Third Place went to Navigator Stan Smith and PCA Driver Jon Walton. All of these folks received trophies and T-Shirts; the Navigators also received a cash prize in the form of a Visa Gift Card. Last place also received an award. This award, "The Renee O'Leary Best Chance of Improvement for the next Braille Rally" was

"won" by Navigator Kenny Galvin and his first time PCA Driver Bob Ferris. Kenny received a Visa Gift Card for his efforts. We continue the last place prize each year paying homage to Renee O'Leary's mother, Mom G., who donated a cash prize of \$5 to the last place navigator and driver each year.

All Navigators received a 2016 Braille calendar courtesy of the BlindSight Delaware Specialty store and a specially designed T-Shirt for the event. Porsche of Delaware continues to generously support this event each year donating T-Shirts to all Navigators, Drivers, and Course workers. They've been doing this since the Delaware Region became involved in this event back in 2002. Thanks, Porsche of Delaware!

This Braille Rally is a success because two car clubs work together. The BMC folks provided the knowledge and the expertise for the route and the scoring. Special thanks go to George Alderman and Willis Weldin for coordinating the route and timing, and to driver Duke Wilford. Checkpoints were "manned" by Don and Charlotte Short, Jim Irons, Renee O'Leary (Braille Rally founder), Wayne Elvin, Paul Alderman, and Seth Motes. Thanks also go out to my wife, Judie, for baking plenty of cupcakes. Lastly, our clubs could not have done it without the help of Executive Director Janet Berry and Program Manager Kristi Harmon at Blind Sight Delaware.

A GREAT TIME was had by all!

Car#	Navigator	Driver	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Total Score	Award
9	Christina Fontello	Jim Martin	10	30	8	48	1st Trophy, \$75 Visa Gift
10	Marsha Blalock	Alex Witham	7	19	50	76	2nd Trophy, \$50 Visa Gift
3	Stan Smith	Jon Walton	32	14	34	80	3rd Trophy, \$25 Visa Gift
5	Suzanne Howell	David Owen	17	27	70	114	T-Shirts, Braille Calendar
8	Fred Noesner	Debbie Cooper	50	56	42	148	T-Shirts, Braille Calendar
2	Art Cohen	Bob Bloser	95	49	6	150	T-Shirts, Braille Calendar
4	Mary Orester	Duke Wilford	2	148	42	202	T-Shirts, Braille Calendar
12	Rocco Long	Rick Roll	60	76	123	259	T-Shirts, Braille Calendar
1	Kat Bottner	Bill Cooper	3	149	233	385	T-Shirts, Braille Calendar
11	Bev Weiland	Bruce Chernesky	500	90	18	608	T-Shirts, Braille Calendar
7	Dayon Stevens	Ron Johnson	240	240	339	819	T-Shirts, Braille Calendar
6	Ken Galvin	Bob Ferris	500	280	236	1022	T-Shirts, Braille Calendar



Secretary's Report - Jim Martin

The 5th of October, 2015 meeting was held at the Hunter's Den Restaurant. The turnout was 13 members, thanks to all that showed up. The meeting was called to order by Paul Alderman at 7:26 PM.

Treasurer's Report (Willis Weldin) - At the end of August our finances were \$11,365.71.

Membership Report (Anita Steward) – At the end of September our membership stands at 114 members. This is a new high for the Club in many years (no one seems to remember when were last at these levels.). But, it seems that the more our Club grows the more attendance at our monthly meetings drops?

Rally Report (George Alderman) – We had 14 teams register for the Dealer's Choice Rally. It was a great day for rallying. On the 18th of October, with the help of the Porsche Club of Delaware, we are going to have the 44th running of the Braille Rally. The turnout will be limited by the number of navigators we get. It is open to everyone.

We are planning another rally for November. Help us expand the participation in this up and coming activity.

AutoX Report (Duke Wilford) – We completed our AutoX season once again in Dover with a Great turnout in spite of the weather. Under Duke Wilford's leadership, our AutoX program has reached new highs this year, we were knocking down fences to get this far.

Property Report (Dave Mitchell) – Nothing to report.

Editor (Jim Irons) – Reminded everyone that all articles for the next newsletter need to be forwarded to him no later than Tuesday, September 29th (the Tuesday previous to our Monthly Meeting).

George Alderman and Willis Weldin suggested that we have the Christmas Party at the University and Whist Club in Wilmington Delaware. The date for the Christmas Party maybe the same date as our monthly meeting (Tuesday, 12/1).

Chair (Paul Alderman) –The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Membership - Anita Steward

Calling all members... Are you ready to reconnect with your Autocross and Road Rally buddies? Save the date for our annual holiday party. See the info below.

See you then!

Anita

BMC Holiday Party

BMC's Annual Holiday Party is being planned for our regular Tuesday meeting night on December 1st. The location and other details are still being worked out at this time, but the club will again subsidize part of the cost for our members.

Full info will be sent via email and posted on the BMC website as soon as it is available, but save the date!

Audi Tag Fun

