



# THE GASLINE

**Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.**

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**January 2014**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**BMC CLUB MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 7th, 2014 – 6:00 P.M. greet & eat / 7 P.M. Meeting**  
**The Charcoal Pit at Price's Corner**

## *Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman*



Happy New Year, where did last year go? It seems like we were just having the March Lamb and first autocross of the year and now here we go again.

Since I received some positive feedback from last year's winter blahs go-kart meeting. I think we will organize another event; details are still in the works but come out to the meeting and we can discuss having it as a special activity, or as the monthly meeting. We will also start coordinating the other events of the year, rally, autocross and social events. We will be asking for help in these areas to spread out the work load.

I look forward to continuing as the club chair and hope to have more events this year with even more club participation. Come on out and join us for the January meeting at Charcoal Pit on Kirkwood highway on the 7th around 6:30.

*See you there,  
Paul*

## *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.

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

BMC  
P.O. Box 474  
Montchanin, DE 19710-0474

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!

## *Rally Chair - George Alderman*

No rallies are planned except Dave Teter's "March Lamb". If anyone has an idea for a rally or wants to organize one please give me a call, or talk to me at the meeting.

*George*

## *The Checkpoint Line - Dave Teter*



News on the rally scene both local and in the USA continues in its winter lull.

Our March Lamb date is set for Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. I'll be in touch with some regarding working. Flyer is included with this Gasline.

*Dave*



## Secretary's Report - Jim Martin

The 13 December 2013 Christmas Party and short meeting was held at Newark Country Club and chaired by Paul Alderman. We now have 82 members, which is five more than we had last year.

The 2013 slate of Club Officers was nominated again for 2014. The Club Officers were then elected to their new one year terms. One of our members, George Alderman, has been nominated to the Delaware Sports Hall of Fame. Let us do what we can to support his well deserved nomination and future election to the Hall of Fame.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

*Editor's Addendum: Following the announcement of George's Sports Hall of Fame nomination, Jim Irons welcomed George to the BMC Hall of Shame by passing along the Club's Goof Stein to him for driving through checkpoints one & two without stopping on the Trolls Tour Rally in October.*



## Autocross Update – Duke Wilford



Not much to report for this Autocross Update, as we're in hibernation mode and most people have their fun cars (or at least their fun tires) stashed away for the cold dark winter months. I trust that all had a good holiday season with friends and family, and are looking forward to 2014.

However, the short days and cold nights don't mean all is asleep at BMC. We're busy planning for the upcoming season. We face challenges – well, *opportunities*, let's call them – that need to be addressed. In addition to the eternal search for big empty parking lots, we will likely need to make some changes to how we insure our events. The PCA, who we have partnered with in the past, is changing their insurance requirements. Consequently, BMC must investigate new methods of covering our events. I will be discussing the situation with the Club committee so we can move forward.

Another topic under review is the timing and scoring setup. We would like to improve the equipment to allow for more cars on course, and possibly automate the scoring to a greater extent. I am putting together several options for this, including purchasing used equipment from larger regional clubs or investing in our own new setup. We will weigh expenses versus advantages to find the most cost-effective solution.

Over the winter, please think about what you would like to see in the autocross program this year! More events? Different formats? If you have any comments or suggestions about our program, please feel free to email me at: [BMCAutox@gmail.com](mailto:BMCAutox@gmail.com). We will make announcements on the BMC website and Facebook pages, as well as via Twitter [@BMCAutox](https://twitter.com/BMCAutox). We hope to see you and your friends in 2014.

*-Duke "Wish I had a heated garage" Wilford  
Autocross Chair*



## The Hard Drive Garage – By Mark Schroy

Greetings and Happy Holidays everyone!

This month is the annual wrap-up to the year that has flown by already. It's been a busy year for this column, helped by 9 irrational people who consider themselves car builders/tuners, 2 cars for sale-one previously owned by a member-and 4 drivers who clearly left their sanity in the change jar at home.

No, I'm not going to try and cram 15 people into the 12 Days of Christmas song. I need more adult beverages before I make that attempt.

But anyway, the year started off with a bang-or a Ginetta, if you will:



This Ginetta was found online on eBay in Hampton, Virginia. At the time I wrote this, the highest bid was \$21,200, and it was still titled for Delaware. The seller never had it transferred over. Some mods were made to it by an interim owner, and with some spare parts thrown in it could have been easily made into a track-only car. Now, after I had submitted this to the Gasline, Jim Irons tracked down the previous Delaware owner-our very own George Alderman!

The second car that was featured is one of my personal favorites, and it's all George Alderman's fault:



A 1972 Lotus Europa. I fell in love with these cars from the moment I saw Alderman's at a BCCD show. This car was another eBay auction, but close by in New Jersey, with a winning bid of just over \$10,000. From what I have seen recently, that's a good average price for a great driver with some issues to sort out, nothing crazy - cosmetics, small stuff really. I begged the wife to let me make a bid, but I just got "the look" and had the checkbook taken away.

The next month, things started to get a bit weird...



*Sarcasm by Jalopnik*

Yeah. Uh-huh. 8 months later and I still question Mosler Automotive about this one. This J-10 Sport was a one-off factory build. The idea behind it was to have a vehicle that has a "Smooth ride over rough roads and no roll/shake." Um, what? That's about as confusing as Lord Chapman saying "Simply, then add lightness." How does adding a second pair of wheels up front accomplish that? All four front wheels-wow, never thought I would write that here-have independent suspension, but it just seems like a waste of time and materials. Long story short, not my cup of tea.

Next up, Easyrods:



Better known as a poor man's 57 Chevy. Holy crap, this thing is ugly. I won't subject you to the other views for your sake, but it's amazing what some people will do with fiberglass and a crappy late 90's Camaro. I can only imagine that this came to the owner of Easyrods after a concussion caused by a slipping floor jack. I would say something worse, but I do have my limits.



## The Hard Drive Garage – Continued

Then there were the drivers:

“One picture is worth a thousand words”-1918 newspaper ad for the San Antonio Light.



Here's four pictures-a stuffed and stacked SUV from New Jersey; a “contractor” from Maryland, a pickup with nothing tied down near Dover; and a muddy Ferrari from Wilmington. ‘Nuff said...

Next up, another collage, but this one all about one color:





## The Hard Drive Garage – Continued

Okay, what the heck was going on this year? I understand wanting to stand out in the crowd, but when EVERYONE is using yellow, it's impossible to stand out. Now, I know the yellow axle doesn't quite fit here, but everything else on the Midget Trike is RED. Why a yellow axle? Did he run out of red paint? I don't have room to get started on the other builds here-let's just say good intentions, bad executions..

Here's one to wrap up with:



Yeah, no. Don't need it, don't want it.

Well, that's a nice and tidy wrap up for 2013. The podcast is doing well, and it keeps getting more subscribers every week. I will add more episodes after the holidays.

Enjoy!

-M

