



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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March 2014

BMC CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, March 4th, 2014 – 6:30 P.M. Greet/Eat /Meeting/Karting
Mid Atlantic Grand Prix - Rte 13, New Castle, DE



The Club will supply pizza & subs for the March meeting at Mid Atlantic Grand Prix at a cost of \$10 a head. We need a head count so we know how much food is needed and if you will be karting.

Call Paul Alderman at 302-373-8787 or email him at tranam68@aol.com to let him know.

Go to www.midatlanticgp.com for karting prices & info. Hope to see you there!

Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



Hey, I think it's getting warmer. Well only for a day or two. It's hard to believe that it would be in the 40's and it was like a heat wave. Don't worry spring is coming after some more snow.

We have our spring thaw meeting at MAGP on the 4th, I hope you can come out and have some fun on the track. If you have never run before, it is a fun challenge. For those that have, look out. If you have not run lately the karts are more sensitive to the cold - less traction. I figured it out after I was facing the others in my group in the first corner. Whoa! We plan on meeting and eating at 6:30 and having a short meeting and then karting.

We also will have the March Lamb rally on April 5th and the Braille Rally on the 27th. Make sure you mark those dates down and come run or staff the event. We could use everyone's help with registration, checkpoints, & scoring. Let George know you are available and we can put you to work, experience not required.

We could also use your help in other areas of the club, Duke would love to have more members on his committee to help with the auto crosses for the season.

Come on out for some fun on the 4th and let us know you'd like to help, we will be glad to have you.

Paul

Are You Still A Member?

BMC membership renewals were due by March 1st. Those not renewed will be dropped from the next mailing. Download the Application/Renewal form from the BMC website. Or, even better, bring your membership renewal to the next club meeting!

Rally Chair - George Alderman

The BMC/SCCA March Lamb Rally is scheduled for April 5th. Full details are in the flyer with this Gasline.

As soon as the snow melts, I plan to continue laying out the 2014 Braille Rally that is planned for Sunday April 27th. As in previous years, Scott Clabaugh, who is also a Porsche Club member, will be soliciting drivers from Delaware PCA and BMC. So if you would like to drive in an easy rally where your navigator will be reading you the route instructions that are supplied to him or her in Braille, then give Scott or me a call. The rally will be followed by a pizza party at the Delaware Association for the Blind which is near Brandywine Springs Park where the rally has started for many years.

George: 302 373 2111 or galderman32@comcast.net

Scott: 302 234 4212 or cab996c4@verizon.net

George

Autocross Chair – Duke Wilford



As of this writing, the first warm days of 2014 are hinting at the spring to come. With them comes the rush to accomplish those off-season tasks we all assumed there was plenty of time for... or is that just me?

At our February meeting, the Executive Committee voted in favor of investing in new wireless timing gear for the 2014 season. If all goes well, by our first event, we should be operating with new equipment that is capable of timing multiple cars, and will allow us more flexibility in start/finish locations. We're excited about this development!

Speaking of the first event, here is our preliminary autocross schedule for 2014: 12 April – 17 May – 14 June – 19 July – 16 August – 11 October.

The sharp-eyed among you will notice that this list is slightly longer than usual. An informal poll at several previous club meetings indicated that there is support for adding more events to the calendar. Although locations are still being finalized, it appears that we will have at least one new venue for season. Stay tuned for announcements as we receive approvals.

As soon as we have confirmed locations, our events will open for preregistration on www.motorsportreg.com.

All dates are Saturdays, because another informal poll showed an overwhelming preference for Saturday events. If this proves to be an issue, we will consider adjusting some later-season events to Sunday. Please feel free to contact me if you have any comments.

With recent changes to the SCCA Solo II rulebook, please take a few minutes to research where your car will wind up for the 2014 season. Although we typically make minor adjustments, we largely mimic the SCCA's classing structure. It helps reduce the registration-desk scramble if you already know what class your car should be in.

Also, to get everyone excited for the upcoming season, our March club meeting will have indoor cart racing to follow – please see the details elsewhere in this Gasline. Come on out and have a good time!

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions about our autocross program, please feel free to email BMCAutox@gmail.com. We will make announcements on the BMC website and Facebook pages, as well as via Twitter @BMCAutox. There is much to do in support of adding events this year - if you are interested in helping out, please feel free to contact me. Thanks!

Duke "Wow, it's March already" Wilford

Secretary's Report - Jim Martin

The 4th February 2014 meeting was held at the Charcoal Pit on Kirkwood Highway. The turnout was 21 members; thanks to all that showed up. Your input and support inspires us for all the work that we are putting in. The meeting was called to order by Paul Alderman at 7:01 PM.

Treasurer's Report (Willis Weldin) – At the end of January, we had \$7,492.29 in our Club account and we currently have 83 members. Don't forget to renew your membership, last year's membership expires on March 1st, as a result, our membership number in March will reflect only those members that have renewed their membership.

Rally Report (George Alderman) – The March Lamb Rally is on schedule for Saturday, April 5; details are on our website. The Annual Braille Rally that we co-host with the Porsche Car Club is set for April 27; details are still being worked out.

Autocross Report (Duke Wilford) - With the help of Pat Phalan, we are approaching Dover Downs with an Optional Payment Plan that will not require us to lose money if we stage another event there. We are also planning on approaching Delaware Park. We are currently waiting to hear back from the Principal at Glasgow High School. We currently have Keene Elementary as a site but we are looking for bigger sites. We are also looking at updating our timing equipment that will allow us to have more than one car on the course at a time.

Tentatively, we have set 4/12 or 4/13, 6/14 or 6/15, 8/9 or 8/10, and 10/11 or 10/12 for Autocross dates. We are also looking at expanding to one Autocross per month. As we find available sites, we will firm up the schedule.

Property Report (Mark Schroy) – Mark is planning on setting up a Video Interview on March 7th of long time members so we can capture some of the our Club History. It will become available on our Website at some future date. Scott Clapper reported on setting up a Club Store similar to the Beachcombers Corvette Club of Southern Delaware (<http://beachcomberscorvetteclub.clubstore.us.com/index.php?cPath=100000>). There is no cost to our Club. (It will actually generate money for our Club.) We can set up a similar link to our Website. We currently need to provide a high quality image of our Logo and we will be set to go forward (Bob Turner is going to work this out for us).

Gasline Report (Jim Irons) – Please submit any articles to Jim Irons before 2/25 so they can publish in our next newsletter.

Our March Club Meeting (3/4/2014) will be held at Mid Atlantic Grand Prix on North Dupont Highway at 6 PM. If you want to eat, it will cost you \$10. We will have the Club Meeting first followed by inside Go Kart Racing. I tried it last year for the first and had a blast, dress in layers because it maybe cold.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

The Hard Drive Garage – Mark Schroy

Okay gang, no by-line for this one. I can't even think of anything positive to say about this build. Seriously! I shared this one with a club member and got this response, back-edited for those with sensitive constitutions:

“What The Actual &\$@#”

Yup, it's a monster:



Holy screwball S-10 Fire Truck. From what I can find about it, this frankenstein - apologies to Mary Shelley - was completed in 2011. How it has stayed a secret from my searches has me befuddled.

It's 6 wheeled, with a GMC dually rear axle propelled by a 1941 Seagrave/Pierce Arrow V12 engine. YES, a motor out of an ACTUAL FIRE TRUCK. The stats on the motor itself are fairly tame-202 HP and 375 ft lbs of torque, so it's not winning many drag races down Main Street. Heck, I'm not sure that body can hide the embarrassment that motor must feel. I can see that the spare tire in the bodywork is trying to hide also...

The cab of this thing is from a 1998 Chevy S-10 extended cab pickup-here's a before pic:



I'm a bit perplexed about the rear pickup bed, but I'm going to leave that part to your imagination. I really want to show you the interior:



Bright red vinyl dash and transmission tunnel, combined with grey seats, gauges, and a yoke for a steering wheel.

HUH?!?!?

I am a bit amazed at the level of work this builder put into this thing. I've got more pictures, but I will spare you the rest. This "vehicle" has been shopped around on different websites for sale, with the price dropping pretty drastically. When it was first offered on eBay in 2011, the asking price was \$45,000. By the end of the auction, the highest bid was under 10 BUCKS.

I don't think he hit his reserve....

About 2 weeks ago when I found it, it was being offered on the New York Craigslist - there goes that website again - for \$20,000. When I checked the site this weekend, it was gone. Now either someone bought this "short range car show, show stopper, and parade vehicle" for a prank, or the seller put it out of his misery. Either way, I don't need this thing responding to any fire calls in my neighborhood...

Till next month, enjoy!

-M