



# THE GASLINE

**Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.**

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

**March 2015**

## **BMC CLUB MEETING**

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

**Tuesday, March 3rd – Meet & Greet @ 6:30, Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.**

**W. David Teter Memorial Rally Weekend**

**March 28th & 29th**

### **Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman**



In like a lion...

If this past week is any indication, we are in for a really rough March.

We had a nice time despite the cold, heading up to Allentown to the America on Wheels museum. The museum did a nice job showing a variety of wheels. A Segway, Mack trucks, bikes, even a pair of Hupmobiles, restored and unrestored. The meeting with NMA was well attended and many people shared their thoughts on issues that affect drivers in this area. Check out their website for more information.

[Motorists.org](http://Motorists.org)

We are looking for interest in another museum trip, to Hershey, PA this time. The AACA (Antique Automobile Club of America) has an exhibit on Lotus through April 26th, and some of our more experienced members have even raced a few of the models that are on display. We will be discussing a potential date at the next meeting for another Saturday road trip. Stay tuned.

If you missed last month, Clyde Heckler is the rally master for the upcoming March Lion and Lamb rallies on the 28th and 29th. Please help us support the SJR SCCA in their National rally in memory of Dave Teter. The Sunday event will be the shorter of the two rallies, and there will be Tour and Course versions on both days. More info later in this newsletter.

Come on out and be part of the discussion at our meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd at The Hunter's Den. Hope to see you there.

*Keeping warm.  
Paul*

### **Rally Chair - George Alderman**



On Saturday Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, twelve BMC members George & Paul Alderman; Scott Clapper; Jim Martin; Pat Phalan; & Willis Weldin in his Honda, Phil Worrell & Doug O'Dell in a Pathfinder, Lou Spinelli & Anita Steward in a BMW, and new members from Colorado, Tony & Carrie Santonastaso with their two kids in a Toyota, drove to Allentown PA to check out the America on Wheels Museum and attend a meeting of the National Motorists Association. The museum was great with a wide variety of sports cars, race cars, old cars, classic cars and Mack trucks. The meeting of NMA members included discussions on how government's regulations on driving effect us all. NMA has testified against red light cameras, speed cameras and other motoring issues. See [www.motorists.org](http://www.motorists.org).

The next rally activity will be the March Lamb & March Lion Rallies on March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> - see the full information later in this Gasline. You can run or work one day or both days they could use help on checkpoints, no experience necessary they will show you what to do.

The next BMC rally is planned for April 25<sup>th</sup> so put it on your calendar. Willis and I are working on it and will bring more info to the March BMC meeting.

And at our April meeting, Jim Irons will be giving a Basic Rally School to prepare you for the upcoming rally season.

*George*

### **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)

## Autocross Report – Duke Wilford



I didn't give you readers much to go on last month, because much is left to be finalized for the 2015 autocross season. Though I may be premature in announcing some of them, I want to share a number of news items and potentially cool things coming for this year.

First, the bad news: As previously discussed, BMC is raising its autocross fees by \$5 per event. **BMC members will be \$25, and nonmembers will be \$30.** This is our first increase in at least 10 years, and we are still the regional autocross bargain. The additional revenue will be used to offset rising insurance costs, and to provide other benefits to the Club and our guests, as you will see below.

Now, the good news:

- **FREE RALLIES!** We want the success of our autocross program to carry over into our BMC Road Rally events, so we're encouraging autocrossers to try their hand at TSD rally. **For 2015, autocrossers rally for free!** Every BMC autocross entry will also include a road rally entry. There are a number of BMC-hosted rallies on our schedule, and every one is eligible for this discount. The more you drive, the more you save. So come on out and rally for free as many times as you'd like!

- **BETTER TIMING AND SCORING SYSTEM!** Although details are not finalized, BMC is moving forward with Phase II of our system upgrades. Last year we invested in a new wireless timing system. This year we are reviewing a software package that will vastly simplify the registration and scoring system. If all goes as planned, BMC will be able to provide faster check-in, PAX scoring, and even live timing results via your smartphone or tablet!

- **BIGGER EVENTS!** Again, details are not finalized, but BMC is working with other clubs to promote two interesting autocross formats this year.

First, at our June event, we welcome a variety of Mini owners from the **Mini Meet East**. We expect a number of Mini enthusiasts to join us on their way to the larger Meet in Easton, Maryland. Second, possibly for our August date, we are working cooperatively with our friends in the **South Jersey Region SCCA** to develop their Battle Of The Bay 2-day autocross event at Bader Field in Atlantic City. Much like the Nationals, this event would feature 2 separate courses, with drivers running both over the weekend, plus reversed for a total of 4 layouts! There will be daily and overall winners, plus team entries. Negotiations are preliminary at this point, but we plan to offer a 1-day option for those who do not want to commit for the whole weekend. We're excited at the potential fun this event can offer.

- **NOW WITH 100% MORE GLASGOW!**

As of this writing, we are approved to run all 6 events at Glasgow High School, compared to 3 last year. Our sincere thanks to the Christina School District administration for this support! We also have backup approval for the same dates at Keene, if necessary. Of course, we still anticipate hosting our **Lofland Memorial Cup season finale at Dover Speedway** in October. We are working with their staff on scheduling the final date.

It's shaping up to be our biggest year yet for BMC autocross. As the events above are finalized, we will publish details via the Gasline, BMC's website, and Facebook group, and our Twitter feed @BMCautox. We will also open our schedule for preregistration at [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com) shortly. And don't forget the BMC YouTube channel - please send us links or files so we can add your autocross and rally videos! You can also email any questions or feedback to **BMCautox@gmail.com**.

*-Duke "Wish I Had Another Month" Wilford*

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### Membership Chair – Anita Steward

Does a FREE membership for the 2016 season interest YOU?

Attend any of our monthly BMC meetings throughout the year and bring a guest with you. If that guest becomes a BMC member that evening, YOUR name will be entered into a drawing. Yes, you can bring more than one guest at a time and you can be entered into the drawing multiple times.

We will draw the name at the Holiday party to see who won! Good luck and I look forward to meeting your guests!

Please watch the newsletter, Facebook, or Twitter for meeting locations/changes.

*Anita*

### Property Custodian – Dave Mitchell

Yes it is true; we possess property. Quite a large and varied array I must say. Recently I spent some time at "The Depository" and we seem well equipped to host just about any club event we might want to. There is also an incredible amount of archival materials in mostly well organized folders, boxes, and large manilla envelopes.

I am looking forward to spending time unearthing what appears to be the history of an extremely active and well oiled organization which I hope will aid our current body in efforts to recharge and renew our organization.

Membership numbers are impressive and thanks to some forward thinking and unified support of the club, these activities/events will help to re-introduce the like minded to BMC.

*Dave*

## ***W David Teter Memorial Rally Weekend – March Lion and March Lamb Rallies March 28th & 29th 2015***

*BMC sadly lost long-time member Dave Teter this past year. Dave was a past BMC Rally Chair and for several years put on the annual March Lamb Rally, co-sponsored by BMC and the South Jersey Region of SCCA. As noted below, the So. Jersey Region is commemorating Dave with a rally weekend. BMC members are encouraged to participate. The Tour version of the March Lamb would be the most appropriate class for our members – Jim Irons*



The weekend events are being held to memorialize W. David Teter. David was a long time member of South Jersey Region-SCCA and Brandywine Motorsports Club. He also was an avid Road Rally enthusiast. He was rallymaster for many events for both organizations. Saturday's March Lion will be an all day event. Sunday's March Lamb will be a half day event starting early to help contestants with their travel arrangements. The entry fee for the March Lion is \$120. That fee includes dinner at the end of the rally and a Memorial Tee shirt. The entry fee for

the March Lamb is \$40 and includes a toast with friends of David providing David's favorite after dinner cocktail, a Martini, to all contestants of legal drinking age. For contestant's entering both the total fee is \$150. Please note on the entry form there is a space for Tee shirt size. We need the size by March 13 so that we can get everyone a properly sized shirt. General Instructions will be e mailed beginning at least 2 weeks prior to the events.

To enter the event, mail completed form and a check payable to SJR-SCCA for the proper admission to the Registrar. E-mail registrations will also be accepted. Cost March Lion \$120; March Lamb \$40; Both Rallies \$150. Please make the check payable to SJR-SCCA. Generals will be sent to all prepaid entries received by March 25. Pre-registration is highly recommended. All minors must have a **Minor Release Waiver** signed by both parents/guardians. Please request the Minor Release Waiver in advance. Note: Included in the entry fee is a weekend membership in SCCA.

**The flyer/ entry form can be downloaded from the SJR website by clicking:**

<http://www.sjr-scca.org/images/rally/2015/2015ml-mlflyer.pdf>

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## Secretary's Report - Jim Martin

The 3<sup>rd</sup> of February, 2015 meeting was held at the Hunter's Den Restaurant. The turnout was 17 members and one guest, thanks to all that showed up. The meeting was called to order by Paul Alderman at 7:18 PM.

Paul welcomed Clyde Heckler, our guest from South Jersey Region, Sports Car Club of America. He is the Rallymaster for the upcoming March Lamb Rally.

Our end of January finances are in good shape, we have \$6,920.61 and our membership is 107 members. Don't forget to renew your membership before it expires.

Our new Property Chair, Dave Mitchell could not make the meeting but has been doing inventory and finding many interesting items in our archives at the Alderman Automotive Machine Shop. He will report on his findings at our next monthly meeting. I think he is beginning to realize that since we have been around since 1952, that we have an extensive archive.

Anita Stewart, our new Membership Chair, had a prior commitment and could not make the meeting but pay attention to your email, she has been sending out emails confirming your renewals amongst other things that I am sure she will share at our next meeting. Also, note that those that were having problems with our Club Store have now received the items that they were looking for and appeared to be satisfied.

Our Rally Chair, George Alderman, led a discussion on our Rally schedule for the year:

- March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> W/ David Teter Memorial Rally, So Jersey Region, SCCA
- April 25<sup>th</sup> – BMC Rally – Willis Weldin
- June 20<sup>th</sup> – BMC Rally – Open
- August 29<sup>th</sup> – BMC Rally – Jim Irons
- October 18<sup>th</sup> – BMC/PCA Braille Rally – Scott Clabaugh

This year will be a big step for us as a Club since we are trying to kickstart our Rally program with more scheduled events. We will need help; we will be forming a Rally Committee to help in the process, please contact George Alderman ([galderman32@comcast.net](mailto:galderman32@comcast.net)) if you are interested in helping us improve our Rally program.

*(In addition, Jim Irons announced that he is planning to put on a Basic Rally School at our April 7<sup>th</sup> Club meeting. – Ed.)*

Duke Wilford, our Autocross Chair, proposed the following schedule for the year:

April 11<sup>th</sup> – BMC Chair – Duke Wilford

May 16<sup>th</sup> – BMC Chair – Duke Wilford

June 28<sup>th</sup> – BMC Chair – Duke Wilford

July 25<sup>th</sup> – BMC Chair – Duke Wilford

August 15<sup>th</sup> – BMC Chair – Duke Wilford

September 12<sup>th</sup> – BMC Chair – Duke Wilford

Duke also presented several proposals that we voted on:

- Raise our Autocross fees by \$5/event for the year. This will cover our increased Insurance needs to support our improved Autocross and Club needs. This was discussed and passed by all attending members.

- Our Autocross earnings will be applied to our rally program to assist in moving the rally program forward. All Autocross participants will receive a free pass to the next Rally. This was discussed and passed by all attending members.

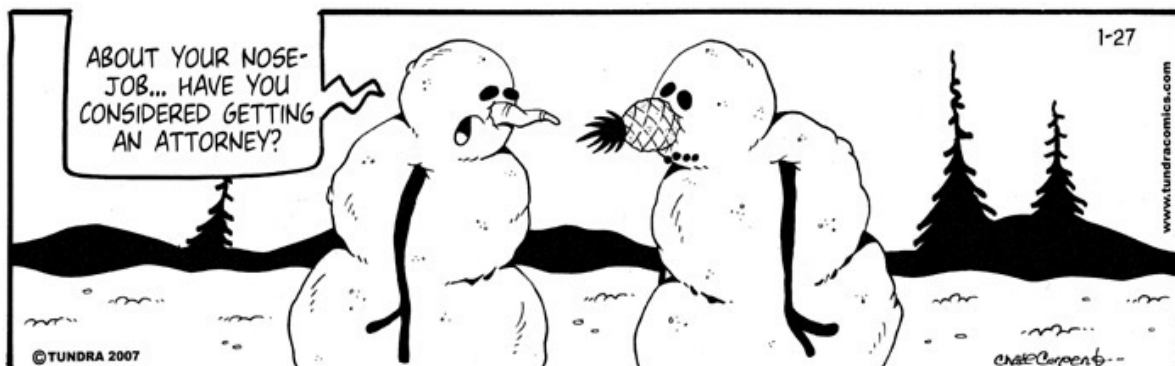
- Duke also presented 3 different scoring softwares for our Autocross program and recommended that we purchase AXti,me RM (\$699) along with several laptops and wireless router. These will automate our scoring and allow those with tablets and smart phones to get live results. Duke will be presenting more information on this in our next meeting.

Jim Irons, our Newsletter Editor requested that all material for next month's Gasline be submitted NLT February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Our members, Don and Charlotte Short asked that we support Newark Days on June 13<sup>th</sup> by bringing some of our cars to the Newark Country Club that afternoon for a Car Show. Details will be posted when they become available.

Once again a very busy meeting with a lot being accomplished, please attend and become involved in your Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.



## The Hard Drive Garage

Wow. Once again, the internet abides.....um.....provides.

When I first laid eyes on this vehicle, my first thought was "*I think this would be at home in The Hulk's sandbox.*"

Now, after the amount of winter that we have had this year, I think this would be the perfect vehicle for the frozen vortex we find ourselves in-maybe even staying on TOP of the snow instead of plowing thru it like the rest of us. It's not every day that you find a vintage 1972 Honda with this kind of hardware, but for some reason I really like this build.



Yes. I said it. **I REALLY LIKE THIS BUILD.** Deal with it-I'm allowed one or two a year!

The spec list in the Craigslist ad is short-very short actually. It describes a Chevy 2.8 automatic, which I am assuming means a 2.8L V6, probably out of a S-10. That would explain the Chevy bowtie in the grill. The seller also mentions Samurai running gear, so I'm making a guess of the front and rear axles. The Mack bulldog on the front hood is an odd addition, considering it's almost



as big as the vehicle itself....

The wheelbase of a 1972 600 is 78.2 inches. There isn't any model year of the Samurai running gear, so based off of production specs, the Samurai wheelbase is 80 inches-less than 2 inch difference. So with the frame mods and the GIGANTIC Mickey Thompson 39 inch tires, dropping the body on the frame doesn't have a huge amount of challenges. I'm not all together sure why the builder thought the fender arches were REALLY needed, considering that the stock bodywork doesn't even contain



the tire, but at least some of the mud would be deflected.

One selling point written into the description is a AM/FM CD Player. He doesn't mention from what, but I guess he plans on that being a major selling point. Honestly, with the '72 Honda body, why not go retro and drop an 8 track player in there?

So the one thing I haven't mentioned is the exoskeleton. Honestly, I think it's a pretty cool addition. It'll help keep the body in good shape, plus give you a place to bolt the spare tire. One downside? Zombies can hold on if you're using this for your getaway vehicle. Always take Zombies into account. You just never know when it'll



happen.

All in all, for \$7500 or trade, I think this build could be a lot of fun on the East Coast. I'm not sure how you could have it moved across the country, but maybe The Hulk could lend a hand...

See what I did there? "Lend a hand?"

Yeah, I neeeeed to get out more. Gotta start chewing thru the straps...

*Till next month!*

-M