



THE GASLINE

Brandywine Motorsport Club, Inc.

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BMC Holiday Dinner **6 P.M., Tuesday, December 1, 2015**

University & Whist Club, 805 N. Broom St., Wilmington, Dela.



Chair Chatter – Paul Alderman



Thank You. To all those who came out and made our club events successful. Thanks to all the hard work by those that designed courses, setup and worked events. Those that planned and drove many various roads, measured, checked, and rechecked rally routes. Thanks to those who planned other

social events just so we could get together.

As we get ready to celebrate with family and friends for the upcoming holidays. I just want to express my thanks to all my extended club family. See you at the party on December 1st. Have a great Thanksgiving.

Paul

Property Chair – Dave Mitchell

Holiday Greetings and best wishes.

Thanks to all of you folks that managed the club equipment and trailer this motoring season. The acquisition of major electronics, and course layout, communication, and safety equipment has been brisk this year and the race for space to keep these items stowed safely and protectively is noted. During the "off season" I plan on making a few enhancements to that end.

I do wish that all of our members and families enjoy a holiday season that fortifies the essence of the season, and that as we enter the New Year that it is healthy and prosperous to all.

*Seasons Greetings,
Dave M.*

BMC Holiday Dinner!!

BMC's Christmas Holiday Dinner (and very brief meeting) is on **December 1st** in place of our regular meeting on the first Tuesday of the month.

We have over 40 people coming this year, should be a good party. See you there!

Rally Chair - George Alderman



What a nice way to end the BMC rally season with the tour/rally that Jim Martin and Dave Mitchell organized to "Barbara's on the Bay" in Betterton Beach MD. We may have to run that route again in the summer just to see and enjoy Barbara's good food and drink again.

Looking forward to more fun rallies in 2016. See me if you would like to plan and organize a rally or tour next

Membership Chair – Anita Steward

A huge THANK YOU to all of our members for making our club so successful this year! We look forward to seeing you again next year. Renewals are coming up next month same rates as last year.

Please feel free to provide any feedback for what worked well or what needs improvement to me via email.

*Happy cruising -
Anita
neats1102@yahoo.com*

Secretary's Report - Jim Martin

The 3rd of November, 2015 meeting was held at the Hunter's Den Restaurant. The turnout was 10 members. The meeting was called to order by George Alderman at 7:00 PM. Paul Alderman was out sick.

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

Membership Report (Anita Steward) – At the end of October our membership stands at 116 members. This is a new high for the Club in many years (no one seems to remember when we were last at these levels.). It seems that the more our Club grows the more attendance at our monthly meetings drops?

Rally Report (George Alderman) – We are laying out our November Rally. Dave Mitchell laid out a drive to “Barbara’s On The Bay” in Betterton, MD. It will occur on November 21 and we will have lunch at Barbara’s.

AutoX Report (Duke Wilford) – Duke said we will need to purchase laptops for next season. It was also recommended that we give the School District a Thank you gift (\$500). We discussed several options for the AutoX trophies for the Christmas Party. Duke recommended that we meet to get the edits to the Club By-Laws behind us.

Property Report (Dave Mitchell) – Nothing to report.

Editor (Jim Irons) – Articles for the next newsletter need to be forwarded to Jim no later than Tuesday, November 24th (Tuesday previous to our Meeting).

Chair (George Alderman) –The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Bare Branch Bivouac at Betterton Beach – 11/21/15

Rally Masters: Dave Mitchell & Jim Martin

Suffice it to say that the weather could not have been much better. This rally was a little over 52 miles in length and ended with a Great Meal at “Barbara’s on the Bay” restaurant in Betterton Beach, Maryland. Dave Mitchell laid out a beautiful drive through the Eastern Shore of MD.

We had 9 cars registered and our friends at the Porsche Club of DE provided 4 beautiful cars. Some in the Porsche Club thought it was a race and posted the FTD.

Scott and Judie Clabaugh (Porsche) won the Rally and the team of Willis Weldin/George Alderman (Mini) came in 2nd place (they messed first by just 0.3 of a minute). The rest of the order was:

3. Lou Spinelli & Anita Steward – Chevy Volt
4. Scott Clapper & Miriam Targorski – Corvette
5. Larry and Connie Cordeiro – MGBGT
6. Mark Loch and Jon Stouffer – Porsche
7. Mark and Melissa Johnston – Porsche
8. Phil Worrell and Jim Irons – Honda S 2000
9. Fred Stapleford and Bill Taylor – Porsche –

arrived 19 minutes early. (FTD?)

Thanks to all who came.

Dave & Jim M.

Autocross Report – Duke Wilford



Very little to report this month, as we are winding up 2015 and have not yet begun serious preparations for the 2016 season.

I am pursuing a few additional venues in the area. As of this writing, we are still welcome at Glasgow High School; however, I would like to have at least 1 other local venue in order to vary the events, and avoid wearing out our welcome. Details will be posted as they develop. If you have any contacts or suggestions, please feel free to pass them on to me!

We’ve recently acquired another used laptop to replace a tiny, slow netbook and round out our timing tent equipment. We are also planning some changes to the way our wireless network operates, which should help the live results be more stable and accessible. Last but not least, we hope to purchase our own generator so that we don’t need to borrow Shawn Dewey’s little Honda for every event. Thanks, Shawn!

Next year, we plan to continue hosting 6 autocross events. I would be interested in feedback concerning the schedule. We have traditionally run 1 per month from April through August, skipped September, and then had our finale in October. This year we ran the finale in September and ended the season early. Another option would be to skip August (typically our most lightly-attended event) and run in September and October. What schedule would most people prefer? Please give me your input so we can begin planning our 2016 schedule.

I’m looking forward to seeing everybody at the holiday party next week. Thanks 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 “Hibernation Time” Wilford
Autocross Chair*

Delaware Sports Hall of Fame Nomination of George Alderman

Today I had the opportunity to nominate George Alderman for election to the Delaware Sports Hall of Fame. Here are my notes from my presentation to the board of directors used in my five minute presentation. If you agree, please take a moment to show your support.

George Alderman's racing motorsports career as a driver began in 1953 and spanned 49 years with his last major race at age 70. During his career George also took many a young driver under his wing, coaching them to a successful career in motorsports competition. One driver in particular is Brett Lunger, who began his career racing sports cars with George's guidance and went on to race Formula One as a driver for Dan Gurney's team and as a teammate to World Champion James Hunt. George still continues to coach racers to improve their driving skills.

Throughout his racing career George successfully drove race cars of all varieties, from open wheeled formula cars, specially built factory sports racing cars, and production-based race cars. Not only did George drive the cars, he was involved in their tuning and development.

George attained his SCCA (Sports Car Club of America) National license in 1956, the beginning of his racing at the national level. By 1960, George was winning national races and notched his first of several national championships.

During the next ten years, George's motorsports career really took off as he established himself as one of the most successful sports car racers in America. He won his second SCCA National Championship while setting and breaking lap records at several tracks, twice besting Roger Penske's track record at the prestigious Lime Rock Park. During this ten years of incredible success, George also competed as a teammate racing endurance races at Sebring and won the 12 Hours of Marlboro, Maryland race twice.

During this span George also began competing at the highest level of sports car competition driving a McLaren Chevrolet, winning the SCCA Northeast Division and nearly winning another National Championship.

George's success was recognized by the nationally established Road Racing Drivers Club (RRDC), and George was elected to join the ranks of other legendary hall of fame motorsports race car drivers including Mario Andretti, Roger Penske, Bobby Rahal, Dan Gurney and Parnelli Jones.

During the '70s George continued in his winning ways driving a variety of open wheeled formula cars, specially built sports racers, and production-based sports cars. This included driving a Ford GT40 at Twelve Hours of Sebring, driving an Alfa Romeo in the SCCA Trans Am series, and competing with several production-based race cars in the IMSA (International Motor Sports Association) series. His race win at Daytona International Raceway driving an AMC Gremlin in the IMSA series earned George yet another National Championship.

The IMSA organization, recognizing George for his sportsmanship and racing accomplishments, elected him as their president.

In the 1980's George began developing Datsun race cars for several competitors racing with Bob Sharp, and coaching his son Paul who raced heads up against the factory cars of Paul Newman. During this development, the cars were very successful winning races and setting lap records at several tracks.

At the age of 60, in 1992, George was asked by the factory Caterham Super 7 Race Team to lead their team in one of the toughest endurance races in the United States, the Nelson Ledges 24 Hour Race. Competing against the factory sponsored teams from Honda, Mazda, and Mitsubishi, George set the pace in the Caterham, posting the fastest lap of the team and leading them to a seven lap victory over the second place finisher.

George's last national race, two days before his 70th birthday, was at Lime Rock where his career as a winning race driver began. This is a track where he set several track records, including besting Roger Penske's record.

With a successful racing career that spanned nearly 50 years and included many victories, multiple national championships, and several track records, and coaching drivers who themselves rose to the highest level of motorsports competition, I am hoping that our fellow Delaware sports and motorsports enthusiasts will support the quest to have George inducted into the Delaware Sports Hall of Fame.

BMC Member Dave Back

Ralphie's Dad's "Special Award" Spoiler?

