



Gimme a Minute: August 2017 Board Meeting

By Wendy Shoffit, Region Secretary

President David Robertson began the meeting at 7:03 with the largest number of attendees ever: 34. He introduced Joe Ferraro, a Maverick, and one of the winners of the 911 GTS PCA Raffle. Joe, with wife Susan, were both happy and excited to be there. Congratulations, Joe! Next, David reported he and Tracy attended their first Parade, in Spokane. He said it was fantastic with all the wonderful events, people, and environment. He highly recommended others attend next year in Missouri. He mentioned some of the trophy winners, but a full listing is in *Slipstream*. To make the job of Region Treasurer easier, we have decided that he or she will not be required to attend Drivers' Education events for the sole purpose of signing checks for corner workers. Instead, we will either pay electronically or mail checks after the event. David also mentioned that our bylaws need some updating, and Jim Hirsch will be heading up that committee. Those interested in helping should contact Jim. Lastly, David wants to increase our participation in charity endeavors. He will work with Chris Hamilton to encourage "boots on the ground" participation opportunities locally. A committee will discuss the many available options and make a recommendation.

Charity chair Chris Hamilton reminded us that our primary charity, the Huffaker Hughes Hope House, is a facility for battered women and children, providing housing, job assistance, food, etc. We will continue to support them, including the Holiday Party and gift giving. They always need maintenance help and funds. She also has other ideas of additional charities to consider, including the Dallas Wheelchair Mavericks.

Webmaster James Shoffit reported that he and Bill Orr won 2nd Place in the National Newsletter Contest at Parade. They will go through the judges' comments and continue to make improvements.

Treasurer Richard Solomon reported that we have about \$160K in our checking account, thanks in part to a healthy surplus from the COTA Club Race and Schnell Fest DE events this year. *Slipstream* is going to full color thanks in part to Advertising Chair Bill Kruder's efforts in securing our 33 advertisers at a bit of an increase to help defer those costs. The invoices have been sent.

Drivers' Education Chair Chris Tabor conveyed that the next DE event will be Sept. 23-24 on the 3.1-mile track at MotorSport Ranch. Entry fees have gone up slightly (by \$25) to help cover increasing track costs. The first ever Schnell Fest at COTA and was a fantastic opportunity for all levels of drivers. Chris will be searching for a new equipment manager and will work with Volunteer Chair Jimmy Gallegos.

Goodie Store Chair Chris Flaugh said that the Maverick Region license plate frames have been ordered and will arrive next week. We will give away free plates to the first 50 people who purchased the specialty PCA Texas license plates. The remaining will be sold for \$5 each, with a portion of the proceeds going to support one of our charities.

Calendar Chair Karl Poulsen stressed that when someone needs an event put on the online calendar, he needs as much information as possible, primarily What, Where, and When.

Monthly Dinner Social Chair Stephanie Ho said that there would not be an event in August, but is preparing for a big one September 21 to celebrate Porsche Heritage. She is moving this event to the more casual Uncle Buck's in Grapevine.

Tom Martin had questions about the upcoming off-road event and suggested that a preview article be written about it to encourage people to attend. He thinks it should be well attended.

Concours Chair Andy Kay will be attending Monterey week in August, including the Werks Reunion and Carmel by the Sea, and will report on it. He wants to increase interest in our Concours d'Elegance program by having a low key, no-stress event.

Mavs & Mochas Chair Bill Kruder stepped in for Tech Session Chair Nikolaus Klemmer at the tech event at Growler. Two cars to demonstrate and 40+ people in attendance made for a great event. There will be another tech session pop-up event on Aug. 19 at Garages of Texas in Plano, with a limit of 25 people. As Nominating committee chair, he reported they have a slate of officers lined up for elections. David Robertson and Jim Falgout will be running for re-election, Deborah Fike will be running for Treasurer, and Carey Spreen for Secretary. As Advertising Chair, Bill secured some new advertisers and ensured the revenue should pay for the increased cost of color printing. The Mavs & Mochas second annual event held at a local church for charity went well. The next one is in Fort Worth, complete with a pair of 718s brought out by Autobahn for test drives.

Autocross Chair Mark Schnoerr reported that the next event with Equipe Rapide will be at Lone Star Park in August. There have been two events recently that have gone well with multiple Porsches in attendance.

Slipstream Editor Jim Hirsch stressed that his deadline is August 10, particularly since there will be more to do making sure all the color elements are right. He reported that there are 2,582 total members, which had a rise in July and a slight drop in August.

Tour Co-Chair Mark Pitarresi said the next tour will be September 24, to MotorSport Ranch, where they will collect \$25 gift cards to donate to Hope for parade laps.

Sue Crimm reported for Carey Spreen on the Off-Road event, which is geared to not be scary for Porsche drivers. They will tend to errant branches to avoid scratches. A future event might be off-roading to a destination, maybe in Oklahoma.

Lastly, David Robertson announced that Mav of the Month is Bill Orr.