



MR-PCA Board Meeting minutes, Sept 6, 2017

By Carey Spreen

Region President David Robertson started the meeting at 7:00 pm. He began by presenting a framed copy of the first-ever full-color issue of *Slipstream* (September 2017), in recognition of Jim's efforts in pushing Maverick Region's newsletter/magazine to the high level of quality it enjoys today. Jim thanked other region members for their various contributions to the ongoing team effort. Well deserved, Jim!

David announced a couple of staff changes: the Concours d'Elegance Chair position has been filled by Mike Mahoney. Mike owns a 1976 911 Targa nicknamed the Green Hornet, and a 1995 993. Although he is not a Concours veteran, he looks forward to learning from our local experts, and plans several events per year. David also announced that Tom Gomer is replacing Bill Orr as the PCA Tours Co-Chair, who will run the touring events with Co-Chair Mark Pitarresi. Tom will be looking for new tour routes and learning the finer points of the Garmin GPS. Bill, meanwhile, has been named as Maverick Region's official Marketing Chair, and will be in charge of promoting region, zone, and national events to our members and potential members. Bill has already been performing this task unofficially for about a year, so this appointment makes it official. Congratulations Mike, Tom, and Bill!

David then brought up the subject of charity donations. With the hurricane and flooding at the Texas gulf coast, he has been in discussion with Jimmy Gallegos, who works for United Way, about how to get donations to the affected areas, which can be challenging to set up. Coincidentally, the Lone Star Region, based in Houston, had their meeting this same night, and were to discuss how to partner with us on the best course of action. Also, Maverick Region will continue to support the Huffaker-Hughes Hope House with Walmart gift cards and proceeds from various events in which participants contribute charitable donations, such as parade laps at Drivers' Education events, and the popular Silent Auction that takes place at our annual celebration at the end of the year. The Hope Shelter is continuously in need of household items, such as sheets, towels, and toiletries, so please keep them in mind if you have extras that you don't need.

Treasurer Richard Solomon was not able to attend, so David gave the Treasurer's Report. Our total cash on hand as of August 31 was \$189,715, with another \$27,000 outstanding advertising payments not received to date. Our largest single-event income so far has been the Drivers' Ed event at Circuit of the Americas (COTA) in May, which brought in just over \$18,000 for each regional partner. Printing cost of *Slipstream* is now about \$5,300 per issue, which could not have been possible without our advertisers agreeing to a rate increase to help cover the additional printing costs. Thank you one and all, *Slipstream* advertisers, for your continued support!

Social Chair Tracy Robertson reminded us that 2017 is Maverick Region's 55th anniversary, and plans are under way to celebrate that milestone. Debi Gibson is working with Tracy to increase attendance at our year-end event, which many of us know as Founders' Day, although they are looking to re-brand that annual party with a new name and a new look and feel. In fact, the plan is developing to hold not one, not two, but three events on one day, Saturday, December 2, to celebrate our 55th birthday. The final banquet will take place at Texas Harley Davidson in Bedford, which sports the largest Harley showroom in Texas, at 72,000 square feet. We have already secured sponsorship from Autobahn Porsche as well. More to come on these events, but be sure to reserve that date on your calendar!

Drivers' Education Chair Chris Tabor reported that the September 23-24 DE will use the 3.1-mile course at MotorSport Ranch, and should be sold out by the day of the event. The October 21-22 DE will run the 1.7-mile course at MSR, and on November 11-12, the combined PCA Club Race and Solo DE takes place, again at MSR. November 17-19 will be the second full DE (including Novice and Intermediate students), called Austin Schnell Fest, at COTA.

In conjunction with the September DE, PCA Tours Co-Chair Mark Pitarresi noted that the route has been finalized for the September 24 driving tour that ends at MotorSport Ranch, allowing tour participants to watch the DE and drive parade laps (with a donation to charity) during the lunch break. A prior scheduling conflict for the October tour to Ray Roberts Lake has been straightened out, and will happen on Sunday, October 15.

Autocross Chair Mark Schnoerr reported that, at the August event at Lone Star Park, Steve Krysil of PCNA took top Porsche time of the day in a 2017 Carrera GTS. Mark noted that there are two Autocross events in September, both at Mineral Wells Airpark, and both run Mirrorcross style, with mirror-image courses. The October and November events will take place at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, the latter of which will benefit Guns and Hoses, the police and fire dept. charity.

Tech Session Chair Nikolaus Klemmer said that the August event at Growler Motor Labs in Plano was well-attended and well-received. Upcoming tech sessions will cover ceramic coatings and brakes. Any shop owners who are willing and able to host tech sessions for Maverick Region are encouraged to contact Nikolaus.

Slipstream Managing Editor Jim Hirsch, filling in for Membership Chair John Hamilton, told us that we now have 1,728 primary members and 864 affiliate members, for a total of 2,592. We have had an increase of 228 members since January, and even taking into account drops and transfers, our net increase is still about 40 for 2017.

James Shoffit, reporting for DE Registrar Wendy Shoffit, noted that the September DE Green group is full, with a waiting list, but the other groups still have openings. James also announced that Wendy has taken over as PCA National Autocross Chair, and that James is a member of the National Nominating Committee.

2018 Treasurer nominee Deborah Fike and her husband Blaine were present at the meeting, as was new member Derrick Tate. Derrick said that he is ready to jump in to help wherever he is needed.

Goodie Store Chair Chris Flaugh told us that Maverick Region license plate frames are now available for \$5 each, with the proceeds going to the Hope Shelter. He had a box full of frames, and sold quite a few after the meeting. On a side note, we need to hit our goal of 200 PCA license plate orders before they

can be produced. We are about 40 orders short, so get those orders in! If we don't get 200 orders by early December, the plates will not be produced and payments will be refunded.

Dan Amado advised us that Connecticut Valley Region (PCA) hosted a DE session oriented toward Cayennes, Panameras, and Macans as part of one of their full DEs. Maverick Region may consider doing this if there is enough interest.

To wrap up, David announced Co-Mavericks of the Month: Bill Kruder and Debi Gibson, for their various efforts for the region, including coordinating advertisers, assisting with Mavs & Mochas events, and working on our year-end anniversary event. Congratulations Bill and Debi!

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.