



Maverick Region Board Meeting minutes

April 2018

By Carey Spreen, Region Secretary

The meeting began at 7:00 pm. President David Robertson was out of town on business, and April is VP Jim Falgout's busy time of year, so Secretary Carey Spreen presided over the meeting. David's agenda noted that the club has had an eventful (and event-full) last few weeks, with every weekend featuring a club gathering of some sort. Of special note, congratulations are in order for Tours Chair Mark Pitarresi and Concours Chair Mike Mahoney for each putting on very well-attended events (the Mitas Hill Winery tour and the Porsche Promenade Concours, respectively) on the same day at about the same time, which was unintentional but unavoidable. This is a first in recent memory for the club, and is a testament to the enthusiasm of our amazing chairpersons, volunteers, and members.

We discussed the recent shortfall of April *Slipstream* copies due to an unexpectedly large mailing list for that issue. Andy Mears (*Slipstream* mailing coordinator) noted via email that we currently continue to mail *Slipstream* to members whose memberships have expired up to 90 days previously. After some discussion, we determined that we still want to mail *Slipstream* as a courtesy to members whose memberships lapsed fewer than 60 days ago, but we will also email them with a reminder that their membership and subscription have expired.

Drivers' Education was the next topic of discussion. DE Chair Chris Tabor told us that the DE team is considering classifying the White (advanced) run group as an Instructor group, which would allow extended passing privileges. This concept was successful at the March DE at COTA. Another change at COTA, which we are considering, is to allow each driver to place him- or herself in running order from fastest to slowest within the run group, so as to minimize the need for passing. This also seemed to work well at COTA.

We also got into the details of the 4-door Porsche run group idea. A couple of suggestions were offered: run the main session with helmets (instead of without helmets, which is the norm for the first Green run group of the weekend) to give the participant a better feel for the DE "experience" and optionally allowing the student to ride with his/her instructor in the subsequent Blue run group, either in the student's 4-door Porsche or the instructor's car. Neither suggestion will be implemented for this DE but will be taken into consideration for future events.

There was more discussion about optional run groups for 4-door, vintage (up to 1989), and Time Trial participants. Chris volunteered to head a committee to look into the possibility of adding some or all of these as standard DE run groups.

Chris also noted that all of our local Porsche dealers would like more involvement in the DE program, and pointed out that the recently purchased and renovated Eagles Canyon Raceway may appear back on the DE schedule next year. Finally, he gave us a brief recap of the insurance waiver situation. Everyone at the track, driver or not, must sign two waivers: the facility/track waiver, and the PCA waiver, and must at all times wear the wristband indicating that they have signed. Attaching it to a hat or other clothing that can be removed is not acceptable.

PCA Store Chair Chris Flaugh said that Jim Hirsch now has the new Maverick Trivia stickers and has been mailing them to recent winners.

Incoming Monthly Social Chair Clark Randall noted that he and Co-Chair Vanessa Fernandes have scheduled upcoming events at Bazille Nordstrom (Northpark Center) in April and at Sixty Vines (Plano) in May. Welcome aboard Clark and Vanessa!

Also new to the Maverick board is David Tierney, who was with his wife Susan at the meeting. David is our new Event Ad Designer, taking over from Kurt Scaggs, who of course is now *Slipstream* Editor. Welcome David!

Treasurer Deborah Fike presented the Treasurer's report. The club's cash on hand as of March 31 was \$156,789, not counting another \$13,454 from registration for the April DE. Our net use of funds in the first quarter of 2018 was -\$6678. We received over \$23,000 from the February DE, but had \$30,412 in expenses, with an overall net use of funds for that event of -\$4000, including the \$3000 sponsorship from Autobahn Porsche. As for accounts receivable: we are waiting for payment from three *Slipstream* advertisers; expecting payment for the Mavs & Mochas tent from our event sponsor; and expecting sponsorship funds from our new Concours sponsor, Porsche Plano. She also recommends that the club develop a minimum working capital reserve, and create a giving plan to charity for excess funds above that reserve amount.

Deborah also inquired about "the Truxster," a 1985 Chevrolet box truck that served the club for many years housing and transporting autocross and time trial equipment. However, now that we have partnered with Equipe Rapide for autocross, and our time trial series is dormant, we should consider selling or donating the Truxster to avoid continuing to pay insurance on it. Autocross Chair Mark Schnoerr to check with Equipe Rapide to see if they want it, and Carey Spreen will follow up with former Time Trial and Autocross Chair Travis Howard to determine the current status of the Truxster.

Jeff Sebert related that he is confident that the 4-door DE Intro event should help improve 4-door Porsche attendance at DEs, and noted that the track at Eagles Canyon Raceway is significantly better than it was, due to recent renovations by its new owners, recommending that we consider using that facility again for DEs.

Rally Co-Chair Don Sebert reminded us of the Easter Bunny Hop Rally scheduled for April 7, noting that typical Rally participation in the past was 30 to 35 vehicles, but for this event he and Co-Chair George Luxbacher had already received 58 entries. He is looking forward to a fun third edition of this rally.

Volunteer Chair Jimmy Gallegos has lately been receiving lots of volunteer offers, particularly after a request for assistance for the Easter Rally went out. Jimmy thanked Marketing Chair Bill Orr for those recent email blasts, which garnered the volunteers needed to work Rally checkpoints. He is always looking for parking assistants at Mavs & Mochas events too. As always, if you or someone you know would like to get involved in Maverick Region events, please contact Jimmy at volunteer@mavpca.org. Also, he reminded the event chairs that coming up with descriptions of the duties and responsibilities associated with their events is very helpful when finding replacements.

Calendar Chair Karl Poulsen advised that the Google Calendar that the club has used for several years has some limitations, such as the inability to include graphics and photos. All that is possible now are links to "click for details." Our website now offers a new calendar display that offers more room for event information and graphics. Karl recommends that we discontinue the Google calendar in favor of this new one, and asks that members check out the new calendar for comparison at <http://mav.pca.org/Calendar/>.

Slipstream Editor Kurt Scaggs thanked David Tierney for taking on the role of Event Ad Designer, and reminded us to send event details to them at editor@mavpca.org and eventads@mavpca.org.

Tours Chair Mark Pitarresi announced that his new Co-Chair is Brant Worrell. Welcome aboard Brant! Mark went on to note that there was a passing incident in the Mitas Hill tour. Passing a fellow tour participant is not allowed while the tour is in progress, so that driver is no longer welcome in our tour events. Otherwise, the tour attracted 93 cars and 160 people. Forty-nine of the participants were first-timers to a Maverick tour, and this was the first PCA event of any kind for 23 of them. The tour also took in \$416 in donations to Patriot PAWS. The Bluebonnet Tour in April had already filled up, with a few entrants on a waiting list. Mark expects to have to cap tour participation in the future to 100 to 120 cars, which is about the limit for efficient tour group management.

Autocross Chair Mark Schnoerr told us that there are over 70 autocross events put on by various groups across north Texas each year, with our partner Equipe Rapide putting on 10 of those events per year. The recent MirrorCross at Mineral Wells Airport drew 114 entries, who each got 12 runs (6 on each mirror-image course). With a pair of cars starting about every 20-30 seconds, competitors made a total of about 1300 timed runs in six hours. Mark also noted that there will be an intermediate-level autocross school held at the Mineral Ring in May. He reminded us that Equipe Rapide ends each season with a fundraising event called Guns & Hoses, where local first responders compete for donations. Mark suggested that Maverick Region make a donation this year.

Tech Session Chair Michael Baynton told us that the double Tech Session at Innovative Autosports drew a total of 90 attendees (up to 50 in each session). This plan worked so well that he may try back-to-back sessions again for large groups in small venues. Bill Orr has sent out a survey to attendees to get their feedback on the event, with one question being whether members would attend a weekend evening or Sunday event. The next Tech Session will be on June 2 at Zims Autotechnik to discuss "Mechanical Myths." He is also planning a session at Discount Tire and hopefully one at Growler Labs later this year.

Marketing Chair Bill Orr announced that the long-awaited PCA license plates should be released for production on April 22, with the plates being delivered in May. He also reminded us that phase 2 of Porsche Parade registration opened on April 2, and that upgrades are being made to the Maverick Region website in anticipation of the national website contest.

Coffee Meets Co-Chair Derrick Tate related that the inaugural Motoring Mavs @ Mayo brought in 120 cars and quickly obliterated the supply of donuts on hand. This event occurs on the third Saturday of each month at Mayo Performance Specialties in Euless. If you want a donut, get there early!

Concours Chair Mike Mahoney debriefed us on the March 25 Porsche Promenade Concours. Fifty cars entered, including three Panameras, with at least 100 spectator enjoying food and music in addition to the car show. The next Concours will be a People's Choice event on Sunday, June 24, location TBD. Meanwhile, upcoming Concours events include The Heights Car Show on April 7, the Concours d'Elegance of Texas on April 22 in Arlington, and the All British and European Car Day (ABCDE) on May 6 at White Rock Lake Park.

To wrap up, David's pick for Maverick of the Month was Mike Mahoney, who is an excellent example of what makes our club great. Mike has taken our Concours d'Elegance program from 0 to 60 in a very short time, revitalizing an important part of our club's legacy, with more to come. The Porsche Promenade Concours was a huge hit and we can't wait to see what the next event will bring.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.