



Maverick Region February 2018 Board Minutes

By Carey Spreen, Region Secretary

The February board meeting opened about 30 minutes early to allow a presentation by Patriot PAWS, a non-profit organization based in Rockwall, which trains and provides high-quality service dogs to disabled American veterans and others with Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS) and mobile disabilities. It costs \$5000 to train a dog as a service dog. Our region recently made a donation to Patriot PAWS with funds raised by raffling off a Porsche quilt created by Ginger Heuerman last year.

The board meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm, with Region President David Robertson asking for ideas as to how to raise money for Patriot Paws. Chris Tabor immediately made a motion that Maverick Region sponsor a service dog, naming it Maverick. The motion was seconded and voted on, and passed.

Mike Brodigan, a past Region President, told us that with Wendy Shoffit's retirement as Drivers' Education registrar, Mike's son Jason Brodigan will be taking over in that position. Jason worked closely with Wendy last year and is ready to take over as the full time registrar. Thanks Jason!

Treasurer Deborah Fike announced that as of January 31, the region has about \$136,000 across all three accounts. Our net use for January 2018 was about \$27,000. We had an excess of funds in the amount of \$49,000 for all of 2017. Her transition into the position from outgoing Treasurer Richard Solomon is almost complete. She noted that we are canceling our 10 x 10 storage rental in Hurst at the end of February, which will save us about \$107 per month. The few items remaining at that facility (mainly *Slipstream* and scrapbook archives, as well as a couple of stacks of autocross cones) will be moved to our climate-controlled garage space at MotorSport Ranch in Cresson. Tracy and David Robertson, along with Carey Spreen, volunteered to sort through the items at the Hurst facility in an effort to completely empty it out.

Jimmy Gallegos was pleased to report that almost 20 Mavericks volunteered to help park Porsches at the All Member Party in January. In fact, five of them offered to volunteer for any position that was needed! Jimmy noted that we have a Monthly Social (aka Happy Hour) Chair position open, so anyone interested in setting up these very popular social events are encouraged to let Jimmy know that you are considering this (or any other) position: volunteer@mavpca.org, or send him a message at <http://mav.pca.org/contacts/contactus/?sendto=Vounteer>.

Tech Session Chair Michael Baynton briefed us on January's tech session about oils and lubricants at Park Place Porsche. Over 60 people turned out for the event that was sponsored by Exxon Mobil. A post-event survey received over 20 replies. As a bonus, Park Place offered the use of the upstairs conference room (in which the tech session was held) to the club any time we wanted to use it. The next tech

session will be held March 31 at Innovative Autosports in Carrollton, covering suspension alignment and track preparation. A May tech session is planned but details are not firm yet.

Marketing Chair Bill Orr reminded us that if any event chairs want to put out a survey regarding their events, Bill is ready to help. He is still in the process of uploading the digitized *Slipstream* archives to the Maverick website. He also explained that he currently has the iPad that is owned by the Region, and that other loaner iPads are available for event use from PCA National.

Slipstream Editor Jim Hirsch requested updated photos for the Board page in the newsletter. He also reported that the February issue got printed and mailed early, arriving in late January for some members. However, Jim's big announcement was that our Event Ads Coordinator, Kurt Scaggs, will be taking over as the new Editor. Jim will work with Kurt to bring him up to speed on the position, and the transition has already begun. Thank you Kurt!

Derrick Tate noted that the turnout at the January Mavs & Mochas was very good, with 120 to 130 cars in attendance, including one of those gorgeous 911s "reimagined by Singer." Quite a treat!

Tours Chair Mark Pitarresi said that the club needs a standard procedure for collecting donations designating the charity for which the donations are intended. David Robertson responded by saying that Chris Hamilton, our long-time Charity Chair, is considering forming a Charity Committee to deal specifically with our growing list of organizations to which the club donates. More to come on this topic.

Continuing, Mark reminded us that the first tour of the 2018 season will be on Sunday, March 25, to the Mitas Hill Vineyards, although using a different route than last year's tour to that location. This will be the first tour that incorporates the new Vintage vehicle class, which drivers can join for a more relaxed touring experience.

Tours Co-Chair Tom Gomer announced that he has to step down from the position due to upcoming overseas travel for work, so we are looking for someone who is interested in working with Mark on our Tours program.

Bill Kruder put on his Advertising Chair hat and related that we are now caught up on our annual newsletter advertising revenue, although we had to drop an advertiser due to non-payment. He then put on his Coffee Meets hat and announced that Derrick Tate is now officially the Coffee Meets Co-Chair. Congratulations Derrick! Bill also noted that Park Place Porsche is now our official Mavs & Mochas sponsor. For any weekend on which a Mavs & Mochas takes place, Park Place will be supplying a Porsche SUV (duly equipped with Mavs & Mochas logos) for transporting our M & M equipment, which will include a 10 x 10-ft pop up tent. Donuts will also be provided, again courtesy of Park Place. A big thank you to Park Place Porsche for your sponsorship! The March M & M will be hosted at Zims Autotechnik in Euless, while the April event takes place at Nordstrom in NorthPark Center. Future M & Ms will take place in Fort Worth and in Plano. Bill has found that these venues now actively want us to have events in their parking lots, which is a win-win for all concerned.

Bill also announced that we will be adding a regular Coffee Meet in the mid-cities, located at Mayo Performance in Euless. This event will be known as Motoring Mavs at Mayo, taking place on the third Saturday of each month, and starting precisely at 9:11 am. As a final note, Bill reminded us to keep June 9 available as the Park Place Porsche celebration of 70 years of the Porsche marque.

George Maffey, President of the 356 Tub Club, attended the meeting as a guest. Welcome George!

Debi Gibson, who is taking over as Social Chair from Tracy Robertson, shared a thought regarding collection of charity donations – we could use a gasoline can designated for that purpose, with a logo or sign indicating that its contents are “fueling” the charity. She also announced that May at Mayo’s is on the calendar for Saturday, May 5. She is also looking for ideas for a family-oriented event in the spring of 2019.

Rally Co-Chair Don Sebert updated us on the Easter Rally, to be held on Saturday, April 7. It will start in or near Frisco, and end at the Hard 8 Barbecue near the Nebraska Furniture Mart. He and Co-Chair George Luxbacher are looking for three to four volunteers to assist with the club’s Rally series.

Secretary Carey Spreen noted that he delivered the remainder of the missing *Slipstream* digital archive files to Bill Orr, who is in the process of uploading them to the mav.pca.org website.

Jeff Sebert asked about further developments on the proposal to have a 4-door run group at the upcoming Drivers’ Education event at MSR. There was not enough time to put anything in place for the February DE, but the next step is to put out a survey to the general membership to get their feelings on what sort of events in which they would like to participate with their 4-door Porsches. Carey and Jeff said they would come up with some questions for the survey, and Bill Orr would distribute it soon. Maverick Region is working to develop events for our Porsche SUV and sedan drivers, so if you have any idea for a 4-door event, please let us know! Meanwhile, watch for that survey online.

Region VP Jim Falgout reminded us that he needs at least three weeks’ notice of any “moving car” events, since each event requires that we notify PCA’s insurance carrier so that the event is covered. Jim also told us that, the last couple of times he attended the Maverick Lunch at Spring Creek Barbecue in Richardson, nobody else was there. He recommended that we drop that event from the calendar due to lack of interest.

Concours Chair Mike Mahoney announced that he wants to put on four car show events per year: two of the Shine and Show variety, including judging, and two Peoples’ Choice events, wherein all attendees vote on their favorites. The first event will be the Porsche Promenade at Brookhaven Country Club in Farmers Branch on Sunday, March 25. Mike also was able to get Porsche Plano to sponsor the Concours series, contributing \$2500 per Show and Shine event and \$250 for each People’s Choice event. Nice work Mike!

Member Jeff Klaumann was at the meeting as a guest and potential volunteer. Welcome, and thanks Jeff for your participation!

Drivers’ Education Chair Chris Tabor informed us that the March 2-4 DE at Circuit of the Americas sold out in very short order. This year, our local Porsche dealers will each sponsor a different DE at MotorSport Ranch for \$3000 per event. Chris is totally onboard with expanding 4-door Porsche participation at DEs and is ready to dedicate at least one run session to SUVs and sedans. It was too late to get the word out for the February DE, but we are shooting for running 4-doors at the April DE, although specific details need to be ironed out.

Safety Co-Chair Bob Kramer said that he has worker assignments all set up for the February DE, and that he had one worker opt for the “work-for-play” plan, where the worker gets credit to drive at the next DE for a reduced price.

Outgoing Social Chair Tracy Robertson recounted that we had 275 people and 125 cars attend the January All Member Party, which Autobahn Porsche helped underwrite. Thank you Autobahn Porsche for your generosity!

Before adjourning the meeting, David announced his choice for Maverick of the Month: Derrick Tate, for his contributions to Mavs & Mochas over the last year or so. As Maverick of the Month, Derrick received a \$75 gift certificate to the Silver Fox restaurant in Grapevine. Congratulations Derrick!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.