



Maverick Region March 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

Carey Spreen, Region Secretary

The meeting convened at 7:03 pm with President David Robertson congratulating Debi and Bill Kruder on their recent nuptials. Best wishes to both! David followed with a recap of the Zone 5 Presidents' Meeting held in Little Rock in February. The 2018 Region Procedures Manual is now available for download at pca.org (requires your login); Bill Orr kindly emailed copies to our board members.

Some of the items covered at the Presidents' Meeting:

- No drones are allowed at any PCA events due to the possibility of drones damaging cars or property.
- No PCA-sponsored go-kart events are allowed.
- Our continued low event insurance rates are made possible by PCA's strong safety standards
- It is difficult to manage "flame wars" on our club social media feeds such as Facebook, etc. Our admins are constantly monitoring for poor behavior on our social media, and will not hesitate to delete comments or entire conversations that do not meet our standards, including (but not limited to) posting of commercial ads, cursing, and photos of auto accidents.
- There are lots of Region subsidies available from PCA National, such as New Member events, charity events, and multi-event weekends.
- From the National Risk Chair, a reminder that all events that involve moving vehicles (including tech sessions, in which cars may be moving up and down on lifts) require insurance requests. Events that do not involve moving vehicles are automatically covered.

On a more local level, Maverick Region is now using a new financial tracking system that makes it easier to generate financial reports for individual events. We will also have a new job description form (coming soon) that will be useful for transitioning chairmanships from the outgoing to the incoming chair.

Speaking of transitions: Kurt Scaggs has officially taken over as Managing Editor of *Slipstream* from Jim Hirsch. Jim received a well-deserved round of applause for the significant improvements he made to our newsletter over the last three years. Nice work Jim!

Dan Amado (for DE Chair Chris Tabor) recounted the February Drivers' Education event, noting that it was very safe despite the persistent rain and very wet track. The event had to pause on Saturday due to lightning, but Sunday turned out to be sunny. The fact that February weather is unpredictable may influence a change in the DE schedule next year to start the DE season in March, and perhaps change the number of events overall. Regrettably there were also reports of DE instructors not complying with safety regulations, including not providing a completed tech form, not having numbers on the car, driving a different car than had been registered for the event, and not wearing the wristbands that

indicate that they had signed the insurance waiver. David stated in no uncertain terms that anyone caught at a DE not wearing a waiver wristband will be ejected from the event. Not signing the waiver is a serious breach of our safety requirements and will not be tolerated.

Autocross Chair Mark Schnoerr reported that there were about 110 drivers at the first autocross of the season, with 15 of them driving Porsches. The March 17 autocross school was already full, and the March 18 Mirrorcross preregistrations were pouring in.

Jeff Sebert told us that Eagles Canyon Raceway, north of Decatur, is turning into a great venue thanks to its new ownership. The clubhouse has been rebuilt and the track surface has been significantly improved. He also noted that there was an upcoming Good Guys event at Texas Motor Speedway, and that Patriot PAWS (see details in last month's minutes) would be there looking for volunteers.

Region Marketing Chair Bill Orr announced that he sent out the third monthly Maverick Minute email blast on March 1, which has been receiving good feedback. He has also set up member surveys regarding events intended for 4-door Porsches as well as Tech Session topics, and had already received over 100 responses. He plans to put out more surveys in a continuing effort to gauge the interest of our membership in various types of events.

Concours Chair Mike Mahoney reminded us that the first event of the year, the Porsche Promenade Concours d'Elegance, is scheduled for Sunday, March 25 at Brookhaven Country Club in Farmers Branch. This is a judged event, and Mike is looking for volunteer judges. The next event will be a People's Choice show in June, and he plans another judged event this fall.

Tours Chair Mark Pitarresi also has the first tour of the year on March 25, called the Wine-M-Up, Blow-M-Out Tour, will take participants from Rockwall to the Mitas Hill Winery in McKinney. Mark had already received 70 registrations, including 28 first-timers, and expected up to 140 total participants. Mark noted that these events have become so popular that he may have to cap registration to about 100 cars for future tours, since the tours are broken up into smaller groups, each of which require a lead car and a sweep car for safety reasons. Mark is also looking into adapting a gas can to hold donation gift cards provided by participants.

Outgoing Editor Jim Hirsch had to increase the print quantity for the March issue of *Slipstream*. He also thanked Andrew Barber for his continued photographic contributions to the newsletter.

Social Chair Debi Kruder advised that she is working on the details for May at Mayo's, which will be changed up this year. The event will be a lunchtime event, running from 11 am to about 1 pm, with food trucks providing entrees, drinks, and gourmet ice pops. For entertainment, there will be a "Porsche Pair-Up," in which teams will find the Porsche that correctly answers the fun fact listed. There will be prizes for the winners, provided by Nordstrom, Silver Fox Restaurant, and Mayo Performance. Patriot PAWS will also be there to collect donations. Debi suggested that we apply for a PCA charity subsidy for this event.

Coffee Meets and Advertising Chair Bill Kruder followed up the with information that the "Porsche Pair-Up" will require legwork to answer the quiz questions, and will not just test participants' knowledge. Putting on his Advertising hat, he announced that we are looking good for advertiser payments to date. With his Coffee Meets hat back on, he filled us in on Mavs & Mochas events that are now scheduled

through August, and that there will be three Mavs & Mochas on the west side of DFW this year. Of special note is that Park Place Porsche will be celebrating 70 years of Porsche in June.

Tech Session Chair Michael Baynton announced that the next tech session was set for March 31 at Innovative Autosports, covering Porsche performance suspension and alignment. Limited to 50 entrants, it had already exceeded that cap with 77 requests to attend. Graciously, the management of Innovative is considering hosting two back-to-back sessions that day, allowing 50 entrants at each session. Michael also recapped a tech session that Hill Country Region (Austin) held in Temple, TX in February, featuring a shop that does restoration. He hinted at the possibility of having a similar session for Maverick members later this year.

Goodie Store Chair Chris Flaugh told us that more window stickers are on order and will be available soon.

Incoming Editor Kurt Scaggs shared that he is getting up to speed in laying out *Slipstream*.

Meeting guest and *Slipstream* photo contributor Andrew Barber noted that had no prepared remarks for the group.

Region Treasurer Deborah Fike shared with us that we have just over \$144,000 in cash on hand, including our Chase operating account, money market account, and PayPal account. Additionally we took in over \$23,000 from the February DE. Our net use of funds (year to date) is a bit over \$24,000. We received our 4th quarter subsidy from PCA in the amount of about \$6,400, with proceeds from last year's SchnellFest amounting to \$16,820. Three more *Slipstream* advertisers are now current, leaving only one with a past due balance. All of our sponsor contributions have been received except for the new Park Place Mavs & Mochas sponsorship money, which is not due until the end of March. Safety Co-Chair Wayne Elliott has recommended pay increases for DE workers, including \$115/day for corner workers, \$140/day for Control and Logging, \$130/day for Grid, and \$100/day for gate workers, increasing our payout to \$630 for a two-day DE. Deborah also recommends developing a minimum working capital reserve, and to create a giving plan for excess funds above the target amount.

Dan Amado (a DE instructor himself) agreed that corner workers are critical to the safety of DE events and added that they deserve pay raises. He also suggested that the club give them unclaimed event swag as additional appreciation for their efforts.

Secretary Carey Spreen announced that David and Tracy Robertson and he successfully emptied our 10 x 10 storage unit, and Deborah has paid the final bill and closed out the rental. David and Tracy noted that there was lots of special memorabilia in storage, dating back to 1963, and they are figuring out now how to preserve it and make it available to our membership, celebrating its historical significance.

David announced that Jim Hirsch is Mav of the Month, winning a \$75 gift card for the Silver Fox restaurant. Congratulations Jim!

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.