



Maverick Minutes October 4, 2017

By Wendy Shoffit, Region Secretary

The meeting began at 7:11 pm, slightly delayed because Wendy Shoffit gave an update of her husband, James Shoffit, after his hemorrhagic stroke on September 11. He is steadily improving and appreciates the prayers, positive thoughts, hospital visits, and wonderful cards that everyone has sent.

Jim Falgout, reporting in for David Robertson, began by mentioning that David will be spreading out email blasts to members to be fewer and more effective. If you would like him to include your information in a blast, send it to him directly. He also reported that the last tour to MSR raised \$1625 in gift cards for the Hope Shelter. We have also raised \$330 at a Happy Hour and another \$125 from sales of license plate frames for our charity. More to come. Monthly dinner social chair, Stephanie Ho, is stepping down, but will help with the transition to the new chair. Nikolaus Klemmer has also had to step down from the tech chair position because of a family illness. Michael Baynton will be taking over. Reporting for the Treasurer, as of the end of September we had roughly \$180K in the bank with additional monies owed by advertisers. The bank account had a nice boost due to the Austin Schnell Fest event at COTA and the last DE event.

Wendy Shoffit also reported that the October DE event registration is under way and going well. The Club Race registration is also under way, but is having a slow start. She thanked Jason Brodigan for his taking over the September event while she was tending to her ailing husband. She also thanked Bill Orr for stepping in to handle all the website duties for James while he's out of commission.

Autocross Chair Mark Schnoerr reported that there will be another autocross event in Mineral Wells soon. He also suggested we could again consider having a Street Survival event. He said that the Burleson ISD parking lot would be a great location for it. If we put on that event, having a handout to distribute would be an ideal time to interest a captive audience.

DE Coach Dan Amado said the September DE event was a great one. There was a waiting list in green and we had a clinic to develop new coaches.

Safety Chair Bob Kramer reported there was only one safety issue at the DE, which was a grass fire at pit lane. Several people responded quickly with fire extinguishers, showing proper safety procedures. He said there was a great showing for parade laps because of the tour group. They had a few lead/follow laps, which seemed to be well received.

Marketing Chair Bill Orr noted that 20 more people need to purchase specialty PCA license plates by December in order to get them produced in a timely fashion. Otherwise it may be significantly delayed. He has created a self-service form on the website to deal with classified listings, including a PayPal

button for non-PCA member payments. He attended a Ferrari concours at the Bent Tree Country Club and suggested that it would be a great venue for a future PCA concours event. He also suggested, in addition to the new style name badge lanyards, that we offer car placards like we've made available at Mavs & Mochas this year. They were well received.

Volunteer Chair Jimmy Gallegos has posted open positions, including the Monthly Dinner Social/Happy Hour chair. He said we would have another canned food drive in December, suggesting we could do one per quarter. He is also working with United Way to set up a venue for club members to donate for the recent hurricane relief and the club would do some sort of matching. Details to come.

New member Derrick Tate came to learn about how the club operates. We welcomed him.

Concours Chair Mike Mahoney has been looking for attractive, grassy venues for future events. He has attended several events recently, including one at Park Place, a Classic/Vintage event, and the Brat Burners German Car show, which all have been well attended. He is set for December 2 to have a People's Choice car show during the Mavs & Mochas event. The top 10 vote getters will receive a plaque. We will try out electronic voting. He is working towards a judged concours event and is reaching out to experienced Concours judges Alan Bambina, Ed Mayo, Jerry Sutton, and Jack Griffin.

Tour Chair Mark Pitarresi has received lots of positive feedback from the parade laps held at the track. A total of 87 people RSVP'd for the drive and 62 showed up. He will still accept the gift cards from those who weren't able to make the event, but would like to donate them anyway. In the group there were eight new members and 14 members who had never been on a tour before. The next event is on Oct. 15. He needs to replace two Garmin navigation devices for tour leaders.

Slipstream Editor Jim Hirsch thanked Bill Kruder for his work getting advertisers updated for the color printing. He reported that we have 1739 primary members (up 14 from last month) and 2617 total members now (up 25 from last month)! Since January, we have 245 new members plus 21 transfers in, giving us 266 people new to Maverick Region. We continue printing the same quantity of *Slipstreams* each month. He reminded everyone that the 10th of each month is the deadline for the next issue. He and the bylaws committee are in the final review stages for the changes. He will follow proper protocol and announce the changes to the group in November and will put it out to the membership for comments. We will try to get a vote at an upcoming Board meeting. He reported for Carey Spreen that the UNT digitizing of the complete *Slipstream* archive should be done in early December.

Off-Road Event Co-Chair Jeff Sebert said he has six people signed up for the upcoming off-road event at the Bridgeport OHV park. There will be two routes set up through the trails and lunch will be included. He needs volunteers to help as spotters.

Rally Chair Don Sebert is excited for the upcoming Halloween event on Oct. 28. It will be a 70+ mile drive ending in McKinney, complete with a costume contest. The destination will be the Guitar Sanctuary, which he says is amazing. He is working to get food/drink brought in and getting help with scoring. He reported that an enthusiastic member, Ginger Heuerman, has created a beautiful quilt with our new logo on it, and we discussed how to use it to help raise money for charity. They are considering multiple options.

Social Chair Tracy Robertson reported that Founders' Day will be December 2. Kurt Scaggs has created a great logo for the event, which has been placed on a T-shirt for sale in the Goodie Store. Since this is our

55th anniversary, the dinner banquet is not all that's happening on December 2. We will also have a Mavs & Mochas event that morning (with a People's Choice vote as previously reported) and a toy drive for charity. The dinner will be held at the Texas Harley-Davidson showroom in Bedford, whose owner is a Maverick Region member. It should be a magnificent event.

Lastly, Jim Falgout announced that Mark Pitarresi is Mav of the Month. Congratulations and thanks for a job well done!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.