

PCA Roadrunner Region Board Meeting Minutes
Porsche of Albuquerque
January 6, 2009

Board Members Present: Steven Stacy, Kirk Maurer, Joseph Roybal, Liz Shaw, Dennis Ledbetter, John Davis, John Rheinschmidt, Paul Teske, Tony Richey and Bill Guyre

Members and Other Regional Contacts: Sean Cridland, Bob Blackwell, Paul Dodd, Stephen Bauer, Lee and Kim Stauffacher, Dennis Chamberlain, Phyllis Davis, Doug Brosveen, Doug Riley, Bill Oaks, Steve Madura, Don Vichick, Russ Kelso, Herb Bethoney, Joe Almers and Dennis Chamberlain

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Steven Stacy.

Reports

Zone 9: This report was given by Sean Cridland. There is a new Zone 9 website. The address is Zone9.pca.org. Our zone covers a lot of territory, so check it out for info about our neighbors and their events. The Zone 9 meeting will be held on February 7th at the Hotel de Albuquerque. The Zone Presidents, Newsletter editors and Web masters were invited. There will be a meet and greet in the evening. It will be held at Little Anita's in Old Town. Sean recommends that all board members, the various chairs and even the general membership become familiar with the PCA rules, regulations, protocols and the Region's by-laws.. These can be found at the PCA website, under Library in the Region Procedure Manual. There is also a Region Focus Magazine that contains good information. The Region's by-laws are on our website. Safety is a big focus and as the Zone 9 Rep., Sean is required to act as an observer and report on all aspects of the events that he attends. With our safety committee and new safety equipment, we are headed in the right direction. We just have to have all the equipment at the events and to follow the correct procedures. A checklist can be found at the PCA website, The PCA Observer's checklist. The last thing Sean covered was a letter sent through the Region's mail box to some of the board members. The letter was sent anonymously. The writer complained about the nominating process, secret meetings and cliques within the club. The person also stated that this was run as a third world country. Sean pointed out that the writer is not familiar with the nominating process. As newsletter editor he ran the announcement in the newsletter as usual, exactly as it has been run for at least the last 5 years. The nominating process was done correctly. The Regions by- Laws were followed. There were no secret things going on. It appears that the only thing Third world about this is this letter. If the writer feels this way, he might want to resign from PCA. Everyone at the meeting agreed with Sean and hopes that this is the end of this.

Membership: The report was given by new Membership Chair Steve Madura. We have a total of 595 members, 340 primary, and 355 associate members. This includes 8 new members, 28 renewals and no cancellations.

Treasury: The report was given by Joseph Roybal. The Region account has \$9,884.41. The Fiesta/Escape account has \$22,076.06 at this time. Dennis Ledbetter had a check for \$100.00 for the Fiesta account that was given to Joseph Roybal following the meeting. There was discussion about combining both accounts into one. Doug Brosveen pointed out that this might cause tax problems. He thought that \$25,000 was the point where the tax regulations and laws changed for nonprofit organizations. A PayPal account for the Goody Store to help sales may also be set up if the Goody Store goes on-line. And another account just for Autocross was also discussed. Joseph Roybal will meet with Steven Stacy and discuss these items and report to the board.

Charity: This report was given by John Davis. Both John and Phyllis Davis visited the Barrett House. The Barrett House once again thanked us for our donation. John proposed that they remain the focus of our charity activities. It was voted on and passed. Besides using the 50/50 raffle and the change jar to raise money John and Phyllis are looking for ideas and donations for raffles.

Social: This report was given by Dennis Chamberlain. There will be a Meet and Greet on January 17, 2009. It will be held at Mimi's Café and start at 10 AM. Please RSVP Dennis Chamberlain. Dennis is setting up the Christmas Party already. It looks to be at the Tamaya Hyatt Regency Resort. Right now it looks like \$35.00 for members and the club subsidizing the difference. This could change.

Tech Sessions: This report was given by Don Vichick. Don has verbal commitments from both Bruce Phillips and John Hammill. Both Bruce and John would like suggestions from the membership on what the Tech sessions should cover. Don is also working with Hans Wittler's on a session on Lubricants, and with Bob Graven on alignments. The dates will be announced.

Old Business

December 13th - Christmas Party: The Party was held at the El Pinto Restaurant. About 52 people attended. The setting was excellent, food was excellent and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Election results: The election results were announced. President- Steven Stacy, Vice President- Kirk Maurer, Treasurer- Joseph Roybal, Secretary- Bill Guyre, and the Members at Large are Dennis Ledbetter, John Davis, Tony Richey, John Rheinschmidt and Paul Teske.

Region awards: Enthusiast- Steven Stacy, Driving Instructor- Tie between Don Vichick and Russ Kelso, Family- John and Phyllis Davis, New Member- Tony Richey, Worker- Sean Cridland, Event- the Escape and most improved driver- Benny De La Cruz.

2009 RR Calendar Planning Meeting: The meeting was held at Steven Stacy's home on December 14, 2008. A calendar was put together. At this time, it is a preliminary schedule of events.

December 14th – Butterfield Show & Shine with the Annual Toy drive: The event was smaller than usual this year. The weather was bad and this prevented many from showing up. Brian Leduc and his 964 won 1st place and Stephen Bauer and his GT3 came in second in the car show. Many fine toys were collected for the children.

Chairperson slots: We are still looking for someone to be the Chair for Publicity and Sponsorship. Steven Stacy recommends that this position be a committee. Stephen Bauer volunteered for one of the positions. Herb Bethoney also volunteered for the other position. It is now a committee of two. Sean Cridland pointed out that for this to work both members of the committee need to be on the same page when dealing with Sponsors and Advertisers. Steven Stacy volunteered to handle the publicity/sponsorship for the Porsche dealership.

Autocross Equipment: Dennis Ledbetter reports that we have one good first aid kit and this should be enough for the year. We need at least 12 new cones. Sean Cridland recommends that we buy them from Safety Barrier. We have bought cones from them before and they should cost about \$6.00 each. Tony Richey will handle this. We need two batteries for our autocross events. One of the batteries needs to be replaced. Sean Cridland has a spare battery and is willing to donate it to the club. We have about 9 rechargeable fire extinguishers. It was suggested that we have at least 6 of them recharged by 5 Star. Members have used this company with good results. John Davis will handle this. It was suggested that we have air horns and some new Red flags. Dennis Ledbetter is looking into this. A PA system was donated to the club by Don Vichick. Dennis Ledbetter replaced the batteries in the hand held radios last year and they should be fine.

New Business

Introduction of Herb Bethoney: Herb Bethoney has worked as a journalist for a number of magazines, mainly PC week, was a professional photographer and had his own studio. He came to New Mexico after the Dot com crash. Herb partnered with Lobbyist, Carol Gagel who worked for high-tech firms and finally settled at General Electric Aerospace systems here in Albuquerque. Herb is our new newsletter editor. He said that the fine work Sean Cridland has done will make his job much easier. In fact, his first newsletter goes out this week.

Fiesta: Steven Stacy questions the need for a full Fiesta this year with the Parade one month later. Paul Dodd said it would be a shame to lose the momentum that we have since hosting the Escape. We would still like to do something over Memorial Day

weekend. Some of the suggestions were to hold events on Saturday and Sunday. These could be an autocross, rally, drive out and some sort of banquet. Sean Cridland suggested that people who are interested in showing their cars might join the car show held at the RT. 66 Casino that same weekend. We are still looking for ideas. At this time, the Fiesta discussion was tabled until later.

Other Car Clubs: We would like to do more with other car clubs. This would be beneficial for all of us. Liz Shaw said this has been done in the past with much success and that we should continue to invite them to our drive outs, tech sessions and autocrosses. Bob Blackwell has experienced problems with the SCCA in the past. Paul Dodd answered that these problems have been fixed and things now run very smooth and on time. This would work really work great for the Sandia track. Paul Dodd will work with Russ Kelso on setting up a date, most likely be July 25th or 26th. Sean Cridland points out that PCA has strict guidelines for running events with other clubs and they must be followed. Don Vichick has some contacts with the Police Dept. and will try to set up something on their track. Sean Cridland is trying to set up a car show for the Deutsche Marque Classic at Sandia in August. This could be a judged concours event for all makes of German cars.

Goody Store: It looks like Jude Richey will be taking over the Goody Store with help from Steven Stacy. Liz Shaw will deliver the stock.

Open Discussion

No open discussions this month.

Next meeting: February 3, 2009 location

Adjourn: Steven Stacy motioned for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.