

PCA Roadrunner Region Board Meeting Minutes
Capo's Bottega
July 8, 2008

Board Members Present: Liz Shaw, Jo Irwin, Brian Leduc, Russ Kelso, Dennis Ledbetter, Pat Ferrell, Joe Almers, Jim Edison, and Bill Guyre

Members and Other Regional Contacts: Sean Cridland, Doug Brosveen, Steven Stacy, Bob Blackwell, Bill Oaks, Judy Harger, Bill Kaltenbach and Susan Edison

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Liz Shaw.

Reports

Membership: The report was given by Steven Stacy. The dealership continues to support the club. They enrolled 3 new members. Steven will continue to check on the dealership. We currently have 335 primary members.

Treasury: The report was presented by Brian Leduc. The Region account has \$5830.49 currently. The major income/expenses since the previous board meeting include: \$1050 spent for new timing gear, \$432 paid to ABQ storage for 6 month rent on the storage locker, \$1564 proceeds from DS# 3 and \$1092 received from National for dues reimbursement.

In the Fiesta / Escape account we \$32,750.21. There is another \$1400 coming from Pay Pal.

PCA Escape: Doug Brosveen reports that the income stream is looking good. Sponsorship is looking good. Both Steven Stacy and Sean Cridland have done the best in arranging sponsors. There are some expenses; \$6,000 to the Balloon Museum and \$6,000 to \$9,000 for the breakfasts. Registrations are at 119 confirmed and 17 pending. Confirmed vehicles stand at 136. There will be a vehicle cap of 150. The dinner at the Balloon Park has 182 people signed up so far, this will have a cap of 210 - 220. Thus far we have 191 signed up to attend the farewell dinner. Liz Shaw distributed promotional literature and some Escape pins at the Porsche Parade. She also had public announcements made at various functions. People are still needed to help out in many capacities. Jo Irwin has volunteered to be the chairperson for the goody bags.

Charity: The Charity report was given by Judy Harger. With the DS# 4 cancelled there were no new charitable contributions. The Silent Auction at the Christmas dinner has been cancelled. There was a conflict with the hotel.

Social: See Old and New Business.

Tech Sessions: See Old and New Business.

Old Business

June 7th Doc Long Picnic: This event was sponsored by Lavon Maestas. Liz Shaw and Jo Irwin picked-up the food and drinks and Bill Oaks provided the Bocce Ball set. About 40 to 45 people attended; there was a good mix of old and new members. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food and drinks, the Bocce Ball games and the camaraderie.

June 21st Tech Session: This event was sponsored by Don Vichick. It was held at Hans Witter's and covered pre-purchase inspections. About 15 people attended.

June 22nd DS# 4: This event was sponsored by Dennis Ledbetter. The event was supposed to be held at the Hollywood Casino but due to a scheduling conflict with the Casino it had to be cancelled and rescheduled.

Charlotte Parade: Liz Shaw and Brian Leduc attended the Parade. It was a very long drive but no problems were encountered on the road. There was a display of historical race cars and the tours and tech talks were excellent. Brian came in 3rd in his autocross class (SO6) out of 12 and 6th out of over 100 in the showroom stock class. Liz came in 2nd in her autocross class and 4th in the Tech Quiz.

New Timing Software: The new timing software has been received from Spencer Smith. It will be installed and get its first test at the practice autocross at the Hollywood Casino this weekend.

New Business

July 12th DS# 4: Sponsored by Bill Kaltenbach. It will be held at the Hollywood Casino. This has changed from a DS autocross to a practice autocross. Jim Edison pointed out that in the DS rules it states that a DS Event must be advertised three months in advance. Since this event was rescheduled at the last minute it didn't meet the rules and had to be changed. Jim Edison also asked if we are still following our guidelines for autocross events. Autocross sponsors are directed to the website where the guidelines are available. Sean Cridland motioned that we have a DS Chief of Series to oversee all aspects of the events. Liz Shaw seconded the motion. Bob Blackwell responded that this already falls under the Safety Officer. Jim Edison pointed out that we already have a Safety Officer and a Chief Steward. It was decided that the event Sponsor now be called the event Chair will be in charge of all aspects of the event.

July 19th Meet and Greet: Sponsored by Lavon Maestas, it will be at the Corrales Bistro Brewery. It will start at 5:30 PM, please RSVP Lavon.

July 20th Drive Out: The drive out is sponsored by David Berardinelli. This was rescheduled from July 12th. It is a practice run for the Escape. The drive out will start at the Camel Rock Casino at 8:30 AM Sunday the 20th. It will be an all day event.

July 26th Tech Session: Sponsored by Don Vichick, this session will cover welding and fabrication. It will be held at John Hammill's shop. The last part of the road to John's shop is a well maintained dirt road. Directions to the shop will be posted on the Web site.

July 27th DS#5: Sponsored by Russ Kelso and Pat Ferrell. The event will be held at the Sandia Race Track. There could be a lack of BMWs. It seems that they are no longer interested in auto crossing. They will get the word out to their members though. There will be no shirts or patches this year. Entrance fee will be \$50 for RR members and \$55 for non RR members. The course will be the same one used last year. The start time may be earlier than usual. We will need about 40 drivers to turn a profit.

DS#6: Also sponsored by Russ Kelso and Pat Ferrell. It will be held at the Sandia Race track. We expect a lack of Corvettes. Both the fees and the course should remain the same.

DS# 4 Rescheduled: Sean Cridland suggested that DS# 4 be run with DS# 7 in Farmington. There is enough time to advertise this event. It will be rescheduled for September in Farmington. It will be run with DS# 7. Now both Saturday and Sunday will be for points.

Belen: Some how we missed a scheduled event at the Calvary Chapel in Belen. Sean Cridland emailed to the Pastor and smoothed the troubled waters. Brian Leduc sent a \$100 check to show our good faith. We will try to schedule an event there in October.

Open Discussion

Jo Irwin brought up the subject of protocol at the autocross events. This covered safety expectations, a back-up safety chair, acceptable and non acceptable driving behavior, and better communication at the drivers meetings. The event chair will be the person ultimately responsible for everything that goes on at an event. The event chair will assign people to fill position as necessary. Sean Cridland suggested implementing some kind of sound system (Bullhorns) to draw our attention to hazardous situations. A Safety Committee will be started and make recommendations. It will consist of Jo Irwin, Russ Kelso, Pat Farrell, Jim Edison, and Brian Leduc. Brian Leduc will contact the local SCCA for information and advice on an improved safety program.

Bob Blackwell brought a motion before the board to have the newsletter published quarterly. This was seconded by Steven Stacy. After much discussion, a vote was taken and this motion was defeated. Russ Kelso suggested a bi-monthly and Sean Cridland suggested that things stay the same for this year. He sited that ad revenue is starting to come in and the expectations of the advertisers. The newsletter will stay as it is for now. This subject will be covered again at another board meeting to include a redesign of the newsletter to make it more appealing to the general membership.

Next meeting: Capo's is changing ownership. Time and place of the next meeting will be announced.

Adjourn: Liz Shaw motioned for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.