

PCA Roadrunner Region Board Meeting Minutes
Porsche of Albuquerque
March 3, 2009

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

Members and Other Regional Contacts: Jo Irwin, Sean Cridland, Bob Blackwell, Paul Dodd, Stephen Bauer, Dennis Chamberlain, Phyllis Davis, Bill Oaks, Russ Kelso, Dennis Chamberlain Doug Riley, Michael Galaviz and Lee Stauffacher

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

Reports

Membership: The report was given by Steven Stacy. Our club has 6 new members for a total of 347 primary members. We also lost 6 members, had 2 transfers in and 2 transfers out. We have a total membership of 603.

Treasury: The report was given by Joseph Roybal. In the Region/General Account we have \$9,312.00. In the Fiesta Account there is \$22,076.06. In the new Autocross Account we have \$3120.00. Joseph will be paying the Church for the use of the parking lot. This will be 20% of the gross. This payment will come out of the Autocross Account. \$1190.00 that was received from PCA was deposited in the General Account. This money is received from PCA quarterly and is based on the number of members our region has. Steven Stacy wondered if this amount was lowered by the cost of the insurance we get for our events. Both Bob Blackwell and Liz Shaw said that was not so, PCA picks up the cost of the insurance out of another portion of our dues. The only time that we would have to pay for insurance is if we would hold a PCA race or a DE. Then the cost of the insurance would be paid by the Region and the cost would depend on the amount of participation we got.

Charity: This report was given by John Davis. From the silent auction at Little Anita's \$350.00 was raised. Raffle tickets for the Dyno Test, Windshield protection system and vest that was donated by Porsche of Albuquerque generated another \$138.00. FB #2 50/50 raffle generated another \$77.00. This gives us a total of \$595.00 so far this year.

Some of the upcoming Charity events are: March 3 – continue selling raffle tickets for Dyno Test and Hans Wittler's I inspection. March 14- Raffle for Porsche Tractor model and a Hoosier jacket. March 28- Draw the winners of the Dyno Test at Performance Flat Four and the windshield protection package. April 7- Drawing for the Hans Wittler Inspection. In April, 3 Kingman Turquoise crosses and Heart dangle earrings will be listed on eBay in time for Easter. Raffle tickets are 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased at any of our events and you do not need to be present to win. All of the proceeds from these raffles and sales will go to support the Barrett Foundation.

Social: This report was given by Dennis Chamberlain. The Meet and Greet at Little Anita's following the Zone Meeting was well attended. 42 people attended, we had guaranteed 45. Dennis made up the difference and will be reimbursed. The food was good and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Tech Sessions: There was no report this month. Dates for Tech Sessions have not been set at this time. We are trying to set a date and time for an alignment demonstration at Bob Graven for the end of April.

Old Business

Zone 9 Meeting: The meeting was well attended by representatives from the other regions. Steven Stacy said it was nice to get to know them and learn of their events and venues. The Meet and Greet afterwards was also well attended. The following week Sean Cridland attended a National meeting and training session in New Orleans. Liability and safety were big topics of the training session. The timely filing of the Observer's Report and the After Event Report (a new report this year) are very important. Only about 60% do get filed with PCA. The Observer's Report covers all the details of the event. It is like a checklist. The After Event Report will be mostly names, emails addresses and phone numbers of the people responsible for the event and the people who helped with safety, registration and etc. These reports make it possible to obtain PCA insurance for our events. If we do not file these reports with PCA we will not be able to get insurance coverage for our events. Also the importance of reporting all incidents (both large and small) was covered. It seems that more and more these days, people come back months after an incident with some sort of complaint. If the report was filed it makes it a lot easier to sort out. If the report was not filed, we could be in trouble.

Frostbite #2: The event was held In Belen. It was chaired by Paul Dodd. The weather was perfect. There were 39 drivers, 15 Porsches and 12 other makes. As usual, the hospitality of the church was terrific. Everyone had a great time.

Arroyo Seco: A number of our members attended this event hosted by the Arizona Region. There were four run groups both days, good instructors, no incidents and plenty of track time. A good time was had by all. They had about 44 cars.

Autocross Equipment: John Davis reports that we now have 9 good fire extinguishers. It was cheaper to have them serviced than replaced. We now have six 5 pounders and three 2.5 pounders repaired and recharged for a cost of \$138.

New Business

Porsche / SCCA events: Paul Dodd reports that the SCCA is having an autocross on March 15th. It will be held at Santa Fe Downs. It does not have the best surface but it is a day auto crossing. The SCCA will also be holding 8 events over 4 weekends in Farmington this year. There will also be an Autocross school on April 11th and 12th. It will be held at the UNM parking lot G. The SCCA is also trying to schedule an autocross at Hollywood Casino in August. Russ Kelso reports that SWMS is holding an Instructor course on March 14th for anyone interested in being certified for SWMS and PCA. The main focus of the day will be about the track. This

will cover adding segments to make it more adjustable for racing and autocross. This could give us more options for course design. There will also be a corner worker course that day.

DS#1 March 21st: The chair for this event is Lee Stauffacher, Kirk Maurer, and Steven Stacy. It will be held in Belen. Lee will be sending a course map to Liz Shaw to post on the website and to Jo Irwin and the safety committee for approval. Volunteers will be needed to work Registration, timing and etc.

Parade 2009: There will be 3 open days to register this year. The registration started today, March 3rd. People reported that it was pretty straight forward and easy. It did take some time though. There is a link on our website. There will be many people from our Region going up for the Parade.

Mini Fiesta: We are still planning events for Memorial Day weekend. On Saturday there will be an autocross at the Rt. 66 Casino on a different section of the parking lot. There could be a Dinner on Saturday night. On Sunday Bill Oaks is planning on having a drive out to El Moro. There will not be a car show this year during the mini Fiesta. The Rt. 66 Casino Memorial Day car show was moved to August. We are going to forego reserving a hotel this year.

Dyno Tech Session March 28th: This will be at Lee Stauffacher's Performance Flat Four. The cost this year will be \$20.00 per car. Also included in the price will be food from Rudy's. Trophies will also be awarded. Volunteers will be needed to assist in setting up the cars to be tested. Should start at about 10 AM, it will be first come first served or you can RSVP. It takes about 20 minutes per car.

Drive out to the Trinity Site: This event is chaired by Jim Edmiston. It will be held on April 4th (Saturday). For more information check the website, Liz Shaw has already posted it. The road is graveled to the site.

Autocross venue for August: Paul Dodd is talking with San Felipe Hollywood Casino about holding it there. The Casino recently hired a firm from Arizona to manage the track. Paul will be contracting them to explain our needs and to talk about the cost. Paul is also checking on possible track days at Sandia. He will be trying to set it up and get the same deal as Wallace Bow. Paul will keep us updated.

Police Track: Steven Stacy has been in contact with the police department about using their track. At this time, the lawyers are looking at it.

DS#2: This event is in Farmington and still needs a Sponsor/ Chair. This event is April 18th and 19th.

March 14th Meet and Greet: Dennis Chamberlain has scheduled a Meet and Greet at the Range Café in Bernalillo. Please RSVP. It will start at 6PM. A section of the parking lot will be roped off for our parking convenience.

Safety: Jo Irwin and the safety committee will be looking at the SCCA safety steward program. They will see what we can use and adopt it to fit our requirements. The committee is also looking for more people to train and then help at our events. These people could then be part of a tech insp. team at our driving events. A checklist would be developed and used using the best practice principles: Doing what we can, doing it well and doing it every time. Sean Cridland suggests maybe having an annual insp. done at an approved shop. Doug Riley said that Porsche Owners Club of California kept track of the inspections too make sure that minor problems that were allowed for that event were fixed by the next event.

Open Discussion

During the meeting a member asked how and for what actions a person, a member of the club, is denied the right to drive in our Autocross events. It was pointed out that PCA considers it a privilege and not a right to drive in competitive events. During an event, a person can be deemed unsafe and not allowed to continue. The reasons could be unsafe car, unsafe driving, driving beyond their abilities, etc. When these things are observed, they should be brought to the attention of the event chair and /or the safety personnel at the event. The person will be talked to and some sort of action will be taken. If there is behavior that has been observed repeatedly, stronger measures must be taken. This could include banning the driver from future events. From the PCA standpoint, if a person is deemed unsafe for any reason than a decision to ban that person may be taken. We have to be proactive. We must protect the driver, the venue, the spectators and the club. We cannot wait for an accident to happen. This was why the Safety Committee was created. The rulings made by the Safety Committee are not made lightly. But when a decision is made, it must be honored by all the members. We are all drivers and none of us would like to be denied the chance to compete. But some things are more important than the individual. To have the continued support of PCA for our events the recommendations of the Safety Committee must be followed. If at some time some compelling information is brought before the Safety Committee, the decision could be reevaluated. But once again, the decision will be made by the Safety Committee and must be honored by all of us.

Adjourn: Steven Stacy motioned for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Next Meeting: 6PM April 7, 2009 location will be Porsche of Albuquerque