

SUBJ: Minutes, Sonnenschein Region Board of Directors Meeting of July 24, 2018

The Sonnenschein Region BoD meeting was held at the Cordova Mall Newk's restaurant. Attendees were:

Tim & Janet Butler	Kathy & Len Morey
Robert & Brandy Doss	Stephen Pearce
Bob Langham	Roger Swain
Pete Mellin	Wally Lindenmuth

1. Parade Debrief. Wally summarized the recent Porsche Parade at Lake of the Ozarks. He had a great time and urged everyone to attend the 2019 Parade in Boca Raton, FL. July 21-28. At the Ozark Parade, winners of the PCA website competition are announced, and Sonnenschein took first place in the Class 2 category (based on region size). Congratulations to Keith Boring, who as our web-master has consistently achieved top results with our website. Adding to our "bring home the gold" performances, Wally took 2nd place in his auto-cross category and showed us the beautiful trophy he was awarded. We did well for such a small region.

For our new members he provided an introduction to PCA and how we operate at the region level.

Wally also brought up the possibility of doing a Street Survivor Class with the help of Kathy.

2. Last Meeting Minutes. Pete read minutes from our February 22nd meeting and there were no changes.

3. Newsletter. Stacie will continue to be our newsletter editor, and articles can be sent to Wally for forwarding to her.

4. Rolex 2019. In 2019 the 24-hour race will be held January 26-27. Five to six Sonnenschein folks usually attend, and it is time to get your tickets if you have not already done so. Special transportation and lodging may be available in the Lindenmuth Travelling Motor Home. There are usually unplanned adventures involved.

5. Membership. Stephen Pearce, our membership chair, talked about how members make the club worth joining, and how important we are in recruiting new members. We are all volunteers, and your help can be used in social events, leadership positions on our board, and autocrosses, even if you don't drive.

Our most recent membership numbers are:

- Regular members: 148
- Associate members: 87

These totals are 10-12 higher than usual, putting us at a 4-year high for membership. Let's keep this momentum going!

6. European Car Meet. Pete reported the status of this event, which has been held at the Naval Aviation Museum for the past 15+ years and included all European car clubs in our area. Hosting duties rotated among local car clubs, and for 2018 Sonnenschein was host. This year the museum advised us they were no longer allowing car events on the grass in front of the museum and offered us a parking lot out back. This new location was unsatisfactory and we looked in vain for a suitable replacement site. So, there will not be a Euro Car Meet for 2018. The status for 2019 remains to be seen.

7. Treasurer Report. Pete reported our balance as \$6253.09, which is about \$400 higher than last fall. Our annual income sources are from our four auto-crosses and the quarterly rebates from PCA, which are about \$650 each. They are based on membership. Our balance is normally about \$5500.

8. Alabama area event schedule. Ben Powell put together an extensive schedule of weekday evening social meetings for the Alabama area (the third Thursday of each month), to which everyone is invited, and a list of driving events. The board approved them all. The driving events have been added to our calendar (see Attachment 1), and the week-day social events are listed below. We wanted to ask Ben how they have been going, but he was unable to attend the meeting.

Alabama Area Monthly Meetings (starting at 6:30 PM):

Dates:	Locations:	Address:
March 15	Boudreaux's	29249 U.S. Highway 98, Daphne, AL 36526
April 19	Wintzel's Oyster House	605 Dauphin St, Mobile, AL 36602
May 17	McSharry's Irish Pub	101 N Bancroft St, Fairhope, AL 36532
June 21	Mugshots Grill and Bar	6255 Airport Blvd, Mobile, AL 36608
July 19	Kraver's Seafood Restaurant	25965 AL-181, Daphne, AL 36526
August 16	Old Shell Growlers	1801 Old Shell Rd, Mobile, AL 36607
September 20	River Shack	6120 S Marina Dr, Mobile, AL 36605
October 18	Dragonfly Food Bar	7 S Church St, Fairhope, AL 36532
November 15	BLUEGILL Restaurant	3775 Battleship Pkwy, Spanish Fort, AL 36527

9. Need for additional officers. To ease the workload on the few who have been carrying this club for many years, we need the following officers:

- Secretary – Pete said he can continue covering this until we find a replacement, so he will continue to be our Treasurer and Secretary.
- Insurance Chair – Stephen offered to cover this for a while, which will add to his existing considerable duties.

- Autocross assistants – Ben Powell has become our Autocross chair, but we always need help in setting up the course and running the event. Plus, after the event we can recount our driving exploits at a bad Mexican restaurant.

10. Facebook Postings. Stephen explained that posting on the Sonnenschein Facebook page must be approved by Stephen, Keith, or Wally. These posts reflect back on us, our region, and the national PCA, and we are not willing to tolerate inappropriate posts. To date, 258 people have been approved to post.

11. Event Calendar. We discussed these upcoming events:

- August 11th social (new event). We will meet for lunch at 1200 at Ivey's restaurant in Robertsedale. Their address is 18427 Pennsylvania St, Robertsedale, AL 36567. Phone (251) 947-4000. Trip details to follow. Tim butler was going to check into reservations for 20 of us. This has been added to our 2018 calendar.
- Remaining 2018 autocross dates:
 - Robertsedale - 22 September and 17 November
 - Tallahassee - 27 October (we have been invited by the North Florida Region to conduct this event, after the one we did in March)
- Christmas Luncheon. We will meet on Saturday, December 1st for our annual luncheon. Locations under consideration are Jessie's in Magnolia Springs, the Grand Hotel near Fairhope (Pete will check on these two), Boudreaux's Cajun Grill in Daphne (Kathy will check on this), and Ivey's. NOTE: This date conflicts with the December 1st US Hwy-90 cruise.
- For 2019, we discussed a group visit to Birmingham, AL for the Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama, on April 7th at Barber Motorsports Park. Kathy will look into this.

12. Adjourn. After agenda items had been discussed and board members queried for additional items, the meeting was adjourned.

Wally Lindenmuth
President
July 31, 2018

Attachment 1 – Updated Sonnenschein 2018 calendar of events