

Treffen Committee Meeting
3/11/17
Porsche Asheville/Harmony Motors

Chairman Bob Herrmann called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

In attendance: Bob Herrmann, Bob Poe, Ron Camarata, Dick Maybach, Don Grainger, Chad McGinnis, Don Therien, David Butler, Charles Hickey, Michael Chee, Rob Doudrick, M.W. Dietzel, Tim Gallagher, Gary Seifried, Howard LaPlante, Jim Peterson, Matt Pohsweg

Chairman's report:

All committee members need to register for Treffen (although spots for us will be held by Treffen.) Registration opens online on 5/24 at 3 p.m. Eastern time. A sellout is expected.

Dick Maybach reported the project is on target and according to plan.

All committee members need to make certain Peter Graham has their name as a Treffen volunteer. If uncertain send him an email. Identify if you wish to drive, navigate, work the help desk, help with registration, etc. and what days you are available (Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 9/21-23.) Note: just a few groups will be driving on Friday to the Tail Of The Dragon.

David O'Neal will be in Asheville 4/27-29/17 in coordination with OGPI and NDO activities. Note - he will attend our Treffen committee meeting on Saturday 4/29 at 10 a.m. (location to be verified.) We can review open issues/questions with him at that time.

AI-David Butler suggested that drivers for Treffen think about a friend to ride along for maps, radio, etc. They will get lunch and admission if any charges.

AI-Discussion was deferred to Drive committee meeting, which immediately followed the Treffen committee meeting. Based on the Lake Lure dry run last Saturday with a group slightly in excess of 25 cars, the consensus seems that instead of Treffen groups of 25 cars we should cut the groups to 12 cars plus lead and follow. This will be

considerably more manageable and make for better (safer, more enjoyable) drives.

It was discussed and agreed that the number of available drive volunteers will dictate how many groups we can run. Basically, if we want to run smaller groups we will need more drivers (but smaller groups won't need a mid-pack.) It was discussed that we need to continue to recruit to develop a stable of drivers to allow us to go with smaller groups/groups of 12 cars (plus lead and sweep.)

AI-Peter Graham has the most recent list of Treffen volunteers. He is preparing to hand it off to Bob Poe and Bob Herrmann for committee coordination once he has email approval for this from committee members (per PCA privacy guidelines.)

AI-Bob Poe reported that our drive destinations are set and that on 4/15 we will need to report detail to Treffen on the drives (destinations, drive directions, detail, staging/starting points, etc.) Currently we are shooting to accommodate 225 cars across the 6 main drives on Thursday and Saturday (plus TOD Friday.)

David Butler suggested that if/as we need additional drivers we might wish to appeal to Zone Rep, Vic Rola for assistance from neighboring regions to help fill out the necessary number (stay tuned on this.)

AI-Note: Larry Koupal stressed that drivers and sweeps must be trained and familiarized in all aspects of leading a tour (radio use, what do when, route familiarity, etc.) Larry is developing training materials/session for this purpose. It was suggested that trained leads do the same tour on both Thursday and Saturday for best results.

AI- Don Therien will follow with the Blue Ridge Parkway by 4/1 to brief them and obtain a permit for Treffen drives by 5/1. We will not need a permit for Treffen drive audits as we will run groups of less than 15 cars.

AI- Bob Herrmann reported that David O'Neal will check with OGPI on box lunch availability and menus. A small cooler will be included in the goodie bag at Treffen registration/check in. The committee is still

in process of checking/verifying lunch alternatives. Box lunches are possibilities for PARI, Penland and Cradle of Forestry drives.

Drive Audits:

AI-On Saturday 4/1/17 we will audit the PARI drive. Meet at South College parking lot at 8:30 a.m. (Intersection of I-40 and Sweeten Creek Road.) Bring a picnic lunch. RSVP to Peter Graham for headcount so Treffen can cover the \$15 admission fee.

AI-On Saturday 5/6 the Penland drive will be audited (detail to follow). We will need to schedule additional audits to get all drives in before July.

Next Treffen Committee meeting is Saturday 4/8 at 10 a.m. at Porsche Asheville with a Drive committee meeting to immediately follow (the 4/7 drive committee meeting has been moved to 4/8 after the Treffen committee meeting.)

On 4/29 at 10 a.m. we will have a Treffen committee meeting with David O'Neal in attendance.

AI-Bob Hermann will designate a coordinator for that day.

AI-Peter Graham will be asked to send out reminder notes for all Treffen audit/test drives.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. by Bob Herrmann. Drive committee meeting followed and adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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