



**Audi**  
Club North America  
Lone Star



## Meeting Minutes (September 23, 2018)

### Board of Directors

Stephen Clark – President (Houston)  
Josh Flynt – Vice-President (Austin)  
Barrett Lanier – Treasurer (Houston)  
Alexander Martinez Chavez – Secretary (San Antonio)  
Angelo Santiago – Events Director (Rio Grande Valley) (*in absentia*)

### Members in Attendance

Jim Gates – Member (Dallas – Fort Worth)  
Ab Caram – Member (Dallas – Fort Worth)

### Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Review of accomplishments in 2018 to date
3. Presentation of each region's progress and remaining plans for 2018
4. Board of directors election in November 2018
5. Volunteer appeal
6. Q&A

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Stephen Clark began the call by welcoming attendees and providing the agenda:

- Welcome and introductions
- Review of accomplishments in 2018 to date
- Presentation of each region's progress and remaining plans for 2018
- Board of directors election in November 2018
- Volunteer appeal
- Q&A

Next, Stephen introduced himself as President of Audi Club Lone Star (ACLS) and provided each attending board member an opportunity to introduce themselves:

- Stephen Clark – President (Houston)
- Josh Flynt – Vice-President (Austin)
- Barrett Lanier – Treasurer (Houston)
- Alexander Martinez Chavez – Secretary (San Antonio)
- Angelo Santiago – Events Director (Rio Grande Valley)
  - Angelo was not in attendance and introduced by Stephen Clark

2. Review of accomplishments in 2018 to date

The welcome ended with a much deserved acknowledgement of the Emeritus Advisory Board members. All are past directors and still assist the Chapter in an advisory capacity, and other special projects:

- Aaron Plante – Austin
- Eric Howieson – Fort Worth
- Matthew Welch – Dallas
- Benson Ray – Atlanta
- Darrin Rich – Dallas
- Anita Tavakley – Austin

Stephen began the review of accomplishments for 2018 to date:

- Added 67 new members so far this year
- Hosted 77 events all over the state
- Over 2000 followers on Facebook page
- Attended Pirelli World Challenge Audi Corral with the Hospitality Suite at the Circuit of the Americas
- Hosted State Meet in San Antonio last May with valued support and sponsorship from Cavender Audi
- Participated in A8 technology clinics courtesy of Audi West Houston and Audi Fort Worth
- Held karting events in Houston, San Antonio, and Dallas-Ft. Worth
- Revitalized the DFW and San Antonio metro areas with thanks to volunteers:
  - Steve Frantz
  - Tod Philips
  - Elizabeth Haynes
  - Julian Hang
  - Gabe Cruz
  - Ab Caram
  - Scott and Patti Lacen
  - Richard Madrid
- ACLS received national coverage in the Quattro Quarterly, with 8 articles published about chapter activities and members this year
- The club established social media and communications presence, reporting news and events each month in the ACLS newsletter
- The website news section featured local developments, member profiles, and events
- Club social events enjoyed visits by Audi dealers bringing new cars for members to drive

**A very special THANK YOU to Rick Cavender and Don Istook** for hosting and participating in club special events!

- Visits by cars from the Audi Driving Experience at Circuit of the Americas in Austin
- Fun Runs in Houston and Austin
- ACLS-branded merchandise available this year, including Lone Star logo tees, ACLS stickers, and RS Werkes Racing team shirts available from

3. Presentation of each region's progress and remaining plans for 2018

Don Istook

- ACNA will be expanding the range of merchandise and designs
- Converted to a new website this year, which is more in-line with the national website, and whose style conforms with Audi of America's vision.

**Special thanks to Benson Ray** for assisting in the website conversion effort in conjunction with ACNA and Tartan Six.

Moving forward in 2018 and beyond:

- The Audi Driving Experience at Circuit of the Americas in Austin is now providing a 10% discount to all ACNA members
  - Contact COTA directly for more information
  - Several of our members have done the programs at COTA, and report having the time of their lives, including driving R8s on the track
- Continue our ever-popular social events, expanding into more metro areas, such as:
  - Rio Grande Valley
  - The Woodlands
  - Clear Lake/NASA area
  - Lubbock
- Members should visit the club website, Facebook page, and the national events page for the full schedule and special events such as fun runs, track days, and dealer special events

**San Antonio (Presented by Alex Martinez Chavez)**

The club made tremendous progress in the San Antonio area, including the first ever State Meet in San Antonio.

- ACLS presence at Cars & Coffee in San Antonio
- Plans in the works for a fundraising event for the San Antonio Food Bank
- Participation in the grand opening of Audi Dominion in November

San Antonio expects to reach 1 million in population in the next 15 years. Social media and events like Cars and Coffee allows ACLS to establish brand presence. San Antonio will continue Cars and Coffee events, Facebook and social outlets, more events and dealer events to grow the club. Plans for 2019 include continuing Cars and Coffee and an autocross event.

**Austin (Presented by Josh Flynt)**

New relationship with Audi Driving Experience at Circuit of the Americas (COTA). COTA's monthly Cars and Coffee provides members advance notice on special events such as:

- Autocross this summer
- R8 Adrenalin Rush experience for \$80 in October

Josh is helping to organize an event with the other three German marque clubs

called Autobahn Icons.

- It is a judged concours event for Audi, Porsche, Mercedes-Benz, and BMW cars of any vintage
- Free to the public
- Takes place in Dripping Springs on October 6
- Registration is open now

Members should see Facebook for ongoing communication and event dates during the holiday season as some regular events may change.

#### **Dallas – Fort Worth (Presented by Ab Caram)**

Our volunteers in DFW are planning a track day at Motor Sport Ranch in Cresson, TX on October 27

- Registration is open

The DFW chapter implemented an events strategy this year to centralize the large Dallas and Fort Worth communities and foster comprehensive DFW enthusiast growth.

- The plan is based on DFW geography and highway system and focuses on the most central, accessible locations for the large DFW area
- The strategy is proving to be successful with Monthly Audi Happy Hours every second Thursday just a few minutes East of the DFW International Airport
- Monthly weekend event occurs every fourth Saturday just a few minutes West of the Airport

With the recent addition of the local DFW group page, the group has grown to almost 100 members and anticipate greater participation as more and more DFW enthusiasts learn about Audi Club Lone Star.

So far this year:

- Karting event
- Participated at Pirelli World Challenge
- Participated in Audi Driving Experience

Future events include:

- Fort Worth Octoberfest in September
- HPDE at Motorsport Ranch in October
- Planning stages for an end of year group drive and dinner

Next year's plans include kart event, HPDE event, a car show, tech sessions at local dealerships, and a weekend road trip. Any new or perspective member should contact Ab Caram with any questions.

#### **Houston (Presented by Barrett Lanier)**

Volunteers are planning several events:

- Piney Woods Fun Run in Houston for October
- Annual Holiday Dinner at Houston's famous Rudi Lechner's restaurant

Houston has grown in activities, memberships, event venues, and the parts of town where events take place. The 2019 state meet will be in Houston and in the early planning stages. Volunteers are encouraged to help support or host any event they are interested in having. The club is currently offering RS3 and Sportback raffle tickets for this year's national raffle. ACLS was a leader in sales last year; contact any board of directors' member for ticket information.

Audi Club Lone Star will receive 501c3 non-profit status in 2019. 501c3 means a nonprofit organization that has been recognized by the IRS as being tax-exempt by virtue of its charitable programs. This will be a benefit to the club and members. The club is also searching for state meet sponsorship like Cavender Audi provided last year as this level of support resulted in incredible member experiences.

**Rio Grande Valley (Presented by Stephen Clark)**

Angelo Santiago has been instrumental in growing the Rio Grande Valley (RGV) area. The local members participated in:

- Cars and Coffee
- Tuner event
- UFC watch party
- Monthly Dinners

4. Board of Directors Election in November 2018

Stephen shared details on the upcoming Board of Directors election.

- This year's Board of Directors election will be in November
- There will be two seats available on the board for 2019

Directors serve a three-year term, and two board members are in the last year of service.

- Stephen's three-year term is expiring at the end of this year, and has chosen not to run again for a second three-year term. Stephen will be moving to the Emeritus Board with other former Directors, and available to help as needed
- The other seat that is expiring is that of Josh Flynt

Members elect board members in an election governed and certified by ACNA in years when seats are available - this is one of those years.

- Any active ACNA member that resides in Texas can run for a seat on the Board of Directors of ACLS
- Members do not run for a particular office; after the election is certified by ACNA, the officers are decided by the new board, as specified in our By-Laws

Anyone interested in being a candidate should contact a current board member for more information on what is required, and how the process works.

The club will announce the candidates in October, the election is in November,

	and the results will be made public in December after certification by ACNA.
5. Volunteer Appeal	<p>Ab Caram provided the volunteer appeal:  The club is run by volunteers including the board members. This is true even at the national level. ACNA is a 100% volunteer organization. More volunteers make more events possible.  Audi Club Lone Star is managed by a board of directors located in major metros in Texas. They could use your help in performing their duties. We are currently looking for volunteers to help across the State. Volunteering can be as little or as much as you want to do. To volunteer, contact your local board member, or email us at <a href="mailto:volunteer@audiclublonestar.org">volunteer@audiclublonestar.org</a>.</p> <p>We are looking for the following skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advertising/marketing</li> <li>• Accounting</li> <li>• Event planning</li> <li>• Charities</li> <li>• High Performance Driving Events (HPDE)</li> <li>• Writing</li> <li>• Photography</li> <li>• Member recruiting</li> <li>• Dealership relations</li> <li>• Website maintenance</li> <li>• Social Media Programs</li> </ul> <p>Volunteering makes your club better!</p>
6. Q&A   Closing	Time for questions and comments was offered with no questions or comments before closing the call with a thank you to all participants and attendees.