



Tell Tale

Repeat after me: "I resolve to write one article for the TT this year"

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Genealogy of Team Continental



OK, how many of you can name the charter members of Team Continental, those 10 or so racers who founded the club shortly after the formation of the ICSCC? The International Conference of Northwest Sports Car Clubs was founded in 1957. 'Northwest' was later dropped from the name, but the 'N' remained in the ICSCC logo – the door – and it's still there today.

When Bill Murray was asked how many of those original names he could remember, he said, "hell, we're getting so old I don't think half of the members even know us", which may be true. When Baggs (Bruce Baggett) was asked, he did better with about 3 or 4 names. Contrary to popular belief, Baggs wasn't one of the original gang (and didn't come over on the Mayflower), although he holds the record for the longest membership. My guesses, Eric Anderson, Todd Webb, Gary Wright, PJ, BC, and Pierre Phillips, were all wrong except for Pierre.

Fast forward to a warm day a couple of weeks ago, having lunch with a few guys out at the boat place, and the conversation about the new Oregon Raceway Park race track came up. As we were swapping stories and crediting the amount of work that Team Continental had put into this new track, another gang of 10 at the start, this guy across the table says, "I was in Team Continental in the early days of the club". I said, really? He went on to introduce himself as one of the founding members of Team Continental, George Beall. He named a few of the original group, and said that he was the youngest, a teenager at the time. He raced an Alfa Romeo Giulietta and had a lot of fun stories, including one about Monte Shelton going over the bank at the Maryhill Hill Climb in his Austin Healy – said the car was unmarked until the tow truck pulled it back up to the road.

Here's where the plot thickens. He said, "I was going through the attic the other day, and found my original TC jacket, in fact I threw it in my car and it's out in the parking lot". Now, what are the odds of that? As we walked up to his really cool Porsche Cabriolet, I knew in a second that this guy was OK. He pulled out this wrinkled up jacket, the one with the TC 'Tombstone' on the back, with an Alfa patch on the front. I asked George to pose for a photo. George is part owner in 'Merrimac', a 45-foot classic wood boat, a real beauty.

President's Message

August 2011

First I want to apologize for not having a message in July's issue. I ask members to be responsible in carrying out their positions and then I fail to follow through in mine.

Now is the time to focus on the September 16th Driver's Training Day and our Race weekend September 17th and 18th. We are a member run club and we need EVERY member to help advertise these two events. It is crucial we get people to sign up for these events. Who are you going to share this information with? Please tell someone.

Team Continental has a track and as such we are now in the racing business. As we go forward as a club we need to be aware of the changes in the racing arena. How do we stay current with and ahead of what changes are taking place? How do we equip our Officers for success? Are we meeting the needs of our members?

One of my goals for this year as President is to look at streamlining some of the operating areas of the club as spelled out in the By-laws. Eric Howell's By-laws committee has been meeting and will be proposing several changes. These proposed changes would help us be leaner and faster to react to the changing times. They will also deal with us being financially responsible. Finally, how do we equip our Officers for success? When we elect our Officers and how we set up a succession for Officers will be a valuable piece to our club being successful.

As we go forward as a club with a home track we are going to have new traditions taking over some of the past traditions. We have great traditions; just some of them are going to be hard to carry out with 3 races and 3 driver's trainings per year. Certain dynamics have changed but the relational aspect that is special to TC has not. What new traditions are we going to establish?

Closing I would like to paraphrase from Bob Smether's, "I really appreciate the passion which Team Continental members bring to the Sport. I know we share the same objective and I plan to never take this sport so seriously as to jeopardize our relationship". Thanks Bob, what an awesome way to say "Race for Fun"!!!

Mitch



General Membership Meeting will be held the third Wednesday of the month at Mar's Meadows at 7:00pm.

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MEETINGS

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By-Laws Committee recommended By-laws changes 8-8-2011

Proposed changes are in bold large type. The large type is the complete wording for that item.

TEAM CONTINENTAL BY-LAWS

I. PURPOSE

To promote interest and enthusiasm in automobile road racing and associated events. To promote improvement in driving techniques and safety among members and others where possible. To lend assistance when possible to the motoring public.

II. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of Team Continental is limited to motor sports enthusiasts, including drivers, crew, car owners/entrants, sponsors, race workers, and others with active interest in motor sports.

1. Novice Member: Any person who owns a sports car or any person who has intentions of actively participating in automobile road racing activities may join Team Continental as a Novice Member.

2. Active Member: A Novice Member after attaining ICSCC senior competition or SCCA Regional license or a member in good standing for one year.

3. Senior Member

An Active Member who has won an ICSCC, SCCA Regional or National championship, or other recognized championship, or at least ten first in class wins in races comprising more than four cars, or who has been an active member in good standing for more than three years will attain Senior status when present at a General Meeting. Shall receive a Senior T-shirt.

Proposed: An Active Member who has won an ICSCC, SCCA Regional or National championship, or other recognized championship, or at least ten first in class wins in races comprising more than four cars, or who has been an active member in good standing for more than three years, will attain Senior status when present at a General Meeting.

4. Inactive Member

An Active or Senior Member who no longer wishes to, or cannot take an active part in the activities of Team Continental, but who wishes to maintain an allegiance with the Team may assume inactive status by so advising the Team in writing of this intent. An Inactive Member may attend meetings and may resume membership at any time by advising the Team, and paying the remaining yearly dues.

5. Honorary Member

A person who by service to the club or the sport is given membership in Team Continental. An Honorary Member is nominated at a General Meeting and elected by a simple majority of voting members present. An Honorary Member is listed as such in the club roster included on the club mailing list, receives "Honorary Member" Tshirt, and is received as an honored guest at Team Continental functions. Term is for life or until voted out by the same procedure as above.

III. VOTING

Voting privileges are extended to all Novice, Active, and Senior Members in good standing. Members in good standing are members whose dues are current. Voting privileges are not extended to Inactive and Honorary Members.

IV. DUES

1. Initiation Fee

Initiation fees apply to all that join Team Continental except Honorary Members. The amount is sufficient to cover the cost of the approved Team Continental red jacket and two club insignia car decals or stickers. The jacket is given to all members at the time they join the club.

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2. Yearly Dues

The year commences on January 1. A member whose dues remain unpaid on April 1 of the membership year shall be dropped from the membership.

3. All fees will be determined by the Board of Directors and submitted to the membership for approval no later than the October General Meeting each year.

V. JOINING

All persons, except Honorary members, must fill out a membership application form prior to joining Team Continental. Three members in good standing must sign the application before the membership director will accept it. The members signing an application are known as the sponsors of the applicant and must be an Active or Senior Member. The sponsors are expected to help the new member fit into the activities of the club.

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VI. MEETINGS AND EVENTS

1. General Meetings

Team Continental meets once per month. This meeting is termed a General Meeting and takes place on the third Wednesday of the month. The location and time of the General Meeting are established by the membership in the same manner as a by-law amendment. A temporary change in the location and/or time of the General Meeting may be accomplished by a two-thirds vote of the Board Members. Smoking is not permitted while the meeting is called to order.

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2. Board Meetings

A meeting announced by the President is to be held between General Meetings consisting of Board Members and interested club members. Voting at Board Meetings will be limited to Board Members only. Smoking is not permitted while the meeting is called to order.

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VII. INSIGNIA AND EMBLEMS

All Team Continental members are expected to wear the jacket and any other attire as decreed by the club vote to be appropriate at all racing events as is practical or at any event designated by the club vote. Only senior members may purchase an identifying emblem showing their senior status.

Proposed: All Team Continental members are encouraged to wear club insignia attire and any other attire as decreed by the club vote to be appropriate at all racing events as is practical or at any event designated by the club vote. Only senior members may purchase an identifying emblem showing their senior status.

VIII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers of Team Continental are nominated and elected from members in good standing. Nominations are held at the October and November General Meeting and nominations are published in the next issue of the Tell Tale and each candidate is selected by written vote of the membership at the December General Meeting prior to the annual banquet. Board Members will serve from installation at the January General Meeting until the following year's January General Meeting. The current officers of Team Continental will provide the incoming officers with a preliminary budget. This shall occur by the time the incoming officers are installed. Officer vacancies shall be filled by presidential appointment, subject to the approval of the membership at a General Meeting.

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IX. OFFICERS

Proposed:

1. Past President

The immediate President shall assume the position of Past President upon installation of the new Board of Directors. The Past President is responsible for chairing the By-Laws Committee. The Past President is a member of the Board of Directors.

2. President

The president is the official spokesperson of Team Continental. The President is a member of the Board of Directors and acts as Chairperson for the Board. The President has the power to call a meeting of the Board. The President is a co-signer on Team Continental's accounts and checks.

Proposed: The President is the official spokesperson of Team Continental. The President shall have full working knowledge of the By-laws. The President has the power to call a meeting of the Board. The President is a co-signer on Team Continental's accounts and checks. The President is a member of the Board of Directors and acts as the Board Chairperson.

3. Vice-President

The immediate past President assumes the position of Vice- President upon installation of the new Board of Directors. The Vice- President is responsible for chairing a By-Law Committee for that year. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President will preside over official meetings. The Vice-President is a co-signer on Team Continental's accounts and checks. The Vice-President is a member of the Board of Directors.

Proposed: The Vice-President is responsible for assisting the President. The Vice-President shall understudy the President and become familiar with the By-laws. The Vice-President shall be a member of the By-Laws Committee. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President will preside over official meetings. The Vice-President is a co-signer on Team Continental's accounts and checks. The Vice-President is a member of the Board of Directors.

4. Secretary

The Secretary is charged with the duty of keeping the minutes of all Team Continental General and Board Meetings. The Secretary shall keep a journal, which contains copies of the minutes of all General and Board Meetings. The Secretary is a member of the Board of Directors.

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5. Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for the handling of all Team Continental funds. The Treasurer shall keep a set of account books which detail income and expenditures. All funds shall be kept in a commercial banking institution. The Treasurer shall regularly report on the financial position of the club to both the membership and the Board. The Treasurer shall provide to the President the original Bank Statement and corresponding reconciliation for review monthly. The Treasurer is a co-signer on Team Continental's accounts and checks. The Treasurer is a member of the Board of Directors.

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6. Executive Board Representative

The Executive Board Representative is Team Continental's representative on the Executive Board of the ICSCC. As Team Continental's representative, the Executive Board Representative is responsible for all communications with ICSCC on all matters involving member clubs and motions. The Executive Board Representative is responsible for negotiating with ICSCC concerning race dates, driver training dates, and other business as appropriate. The Executive Board Representative communicates all ICSCC decisions to the membership and the Board of Team Continental. The Executive Board Representative is a member of the Board of Directors. Shall appoint assistant.

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7. Contest Board Representative

The Contest Board Representative is Team Continental's representative on the ICSCC Contest Board and represents the club as necessary with other racing organizations. The Contest Board Representative summarizes and reports on racing activities to the membership and the Board at monthly meetings and submits appropriate materials to the TellTale Editor for publication. The Contest Board Representative serves as chair of TCR. The Contest Board Representative is a member of the Board of Directors. Shall hold current ICSCC or SCCA racing license. Shall appoint assistant.

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8. Driving Master

Is responsible for organization and supervision of Team Continental's Driver School(s) in accordance with the ICSCC Policy and Procedures Manual, or as amended. The Driving Master shall designate instructors. The Driving Master is a member of the Board of Directors.

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9. Race Chair

Is responsible for organization and supervision of Team Continental's race(s). Appoints an assistant Race Chair. Is to comply with all sanction rules pertaining to races. The Race Chair is a member of the Board of Directors.

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10. Communications Director

Is responsible for all communications of the club, both internal and external, and as such is responsible for publicizing the club's events both internally and externally. The communications director is responsible for appointing a person or committee to produce the club's monthly newsletter, The Tell Tale. The communications director is responsible for appointing a person or committee for keeping the club's website up to date. The Communications Director is responsible for appointing the Publicity Chair. The Communications Director is a member of the Board of Directors.

11. Membership Chair

The membership chair acts on all membership applications in accordance with the by-laws. The Membership chair is responsible for maintaining a roster of the membership and an account of those members in good standing.

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X. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Team Continental shall have a Board of Directors as required by the State of Oregon for any non-profit corporation composed of all the elected officers. It is the duty of the Board to set up the agenda of the General Meetings. The Board is empowered to act in Team Continental's name in any urgent business matters. Urgent business is defined as business needed to be acted upon before a General Meeting. All matters acted upon must be carried by a majority of the elected board members. A quorum shall also consist of a majority of the elected board members.

XI. TEAM CONTINENTAL RACERS

1. Purpose: The Team Continental Racers (TCR) address issues of rule changes for race issues not covered in the Team Continental monthly meetings.

2. Meetings are held as needed to address issues as they arise and are chaired by the Contest Board Representative.

3. Attendance Eligibility Attendance at TCR meetings is limited to persons presently holding a current competition license. Current membership in Team Continental is also required. Member in consistent good standing is a member of TCR.

4. Voting on ICSCC Contest Board items, the vote shall be restricted to those holding a current ICSCC Road Racing license when designating Team Continental as their club affiliation.

XII. AMENDING THE BY-LAWS

A committee chaired by the Vice-President will be responsible for the review of the by-laws and proposed amendments as needed. This set of by-laws may be proposed for amendment by any member to the by-law's Committee with notice of proposed amendments being delivered to the voting membership. The membership may approve the amendments by a majority vote of the membership present at a General Meeting.

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XIII. TROPHY GUIDELINES

1. Preceding year's winners shall receive a permanent trophy to replace the perpetual trophy.
2. No trophy awards shall be made to a member for more than one category in the same year.
3. The order of preference for deciding the awards shall be as in the following list of trophies.
4. Recipients of perpetual trophies shall have their names engraved on the trophy.
5. The President of the club shall not be considered for the award of Outstanding Member during his/her term of office.
6. The Race Chair shall not be considered for the award of Course Master during his/her term of office.

XIV. PERPETUAL TROPHIES

1. Driver of the Year

Qualifications: In order to be eligible for the Team Continental Driver of the Year award you must win a Conference/SCCA regional, divisional or national championship in that year and be a member of Team Continental. Selection procedure: The list of Conference/SCCA champions that raced under the Team Continental banner will be distributed with the board member election ballots. The membership will then select the Driver of the Year and the results will be announced at the annual banquet. The Driver of the Year trophy shall be the first trophy of rank listed in the perpetual trophy order per the By-Laws. If no driver from TC wins a Conference/SCCA regional, divisional or national championship in any given year, the award will not be issued for that year.

2. Victory Cup

Awarded on the basis of the most accumulated points.

1st places 5 points each

2nd places 3 points each

3rd places 1 point each

3. Competitor's Trophy

Awarded on the basis of the most races started in any one racing season, with no limit as to the amount of races entered in any one weekend.

4. George Brockbank Memorial Driver's Award: Awarded to the driver beginning the season as a novice who improves the most. Must obtain senior license by end of current season to qualify.

5. Vagabond Trophy: Awarded to the member traveling the most distance during the past racing season displaying the Team Continental decal on a race car in competition.

6. Outstanding Member: Awarded to the member who contributed the most to the club during the past year in regard to furthering the club's goals.

7. Crash and Burn Trophy: Awarded to the member who has suffered the greatest amount of misfortune while racing in the past season. (Not to include equipment failures in engine, transmission, or rear-end.)

8. Hard Luck Trophy: Awarded to the member who has had the most equipment misfortune during the past racing season.

9. Instructor of the Year: Awarded to the member who best fulfills the duties of Driver Training Instructor. Is selected by Driving Master.

10. Gary Pazina Memorial Award: Awarded to the member who throughout the year contributes the most as a Driver Training Worker. Is selected by the Driving Master.

11. James Hugh Maloney Cup: Awarded to a relatively new Team Continental member who has exhibited exceptional enthusiasm, vigorous support of auto racing, and sportsmanship. Awarded by prior winner.

12. Far Horizons: Awarded to the Team Continental member traveling the greatest distance displaying the Team Continental insignia while performing race-related duties.

13. Boner Jacket: An "honorary" entitlement (temporary) bestowed by the current holder to a Team Continental member whose behavior or action results in a conspicuous mistake caused by ignorance, stupidity, or confusion.

14. Waving Flag: Awarded to a Team Continental race worker for outstanding service that year.

15. Course Master: Awarded to the Team Continental member who works the hardest to put on the Team Continental race event. The Race Chair shall not be considered for the award of Course Master during his/her term of office.

16. Gordon Scott Memorial Trophy: Awarded to a motorsports enthusiast who exemplifies the spirit of Team Continental and acts as a true ambassador for sports car racing.

XV. APPOINTMENTS

The following positions are appointed each year:

1. Trophy Committee Chair: To be responsible for the collection of all data pertaining to trophy awards at the annual banquet. Shall make the presentations at the banquet. Responsible for choosing committee members. Appointed by the President.

2. Banquet Chair: To locate facilities, arrange dinner, secure lodging, and coordinate with the Spiritual Leader for annual club banquet. Appointed by the Vice President.

3. Picnic Chair: To locate facilities, arrange food, secure camping area, and coordinate with the Spiritual Leader for annual club picnic. Appointed by the Vice President.
4. Club Historian: To be responsible for collecting and maintaining photographs of club members as well as historic accounts of club activities. May be accompanied by Honorary Member status during the term of office. Appointed by the President.
5. Webmaster: To be responsible for maintaining the Team Continental web site, including receiving prepared material in electronic format from Officers and converting to web format. Also responsible for coordinating or renewing the internet service provider and domain name registration. Appointed by the Communications Director.
6. Competition Committee Representative: Shall serve on the ICSCC Competition Committee to research, advise and offer consultation under the provisions of Paragraph 414 of the ICSCC Competition Regulations. The appointee must hold a current and valid IRR license. Appointed by the President.
7. Race Officials Division (ROD) Area Representative: Shall be appointed under the provisions of Paragraph 1702.B of the ICSCC Competition Regulations. Shall represent Team Continental at ROD meetings. Keep the general membership informed on ROD developments and race worker requirements. Appointed by the President.
8. Tell Tale Editor: Is responsible for the collection of information for submission and publishing in the monthly Tell Tale. Through this medium keeps the membership informed of meeting dates, Team Continental events and reports all newsworthy information that is available. Appointed by the Communications Director.
9. Equipment Chair: Is responsible for maintaining a current inventory of all equipment owned by Team Continental including the cost and location of all inventory items to events, and replacement of items as needed. The Equipment Chair shall be responsible for arranging loans of our equipment to other organizations and borrowing equipment from other organizations. The Equipment Chair shall also be responsible for obtaining costs of new equipment and submitting them to the Membership for approval before purchase. Appointed by the President.
10. Spiritual Leader: Is responsible for providing the refreshments and equipment for club functions designated by the membership. Appointed by the President.
11. Publicity Chair: Contributes to the growth and prosperity of Team Continental. Shall be responsible for public relations with all forms of media. Locates and meets with sponsor(s) of club events and activities. Appointed by the Communications Director.

HOROSCOPE FOR LEO: July 23rd to August 22nd.

LEO: Your propensity to be the center of attention will not serve you well if driving errors result in a visit by the Steward. Your creative side will be of value. Beware of avoidable body contact on and off the course. Points you may need later can be earned this month. Time spent on preparation now will bring you fortune in the "Race of the Rat" on the cusp of Virgo. (early next month). The falling of the green flag signals a chance to exhibit your natural leadership. Misguided generosity may lead to giving away a finishing position.

S.W.A.M.I.*

*Seldom With Any Measurable Intelligence.

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Northwest Motorsports Grand Prix 2011 Team 113 Race Report, July 15, 16 and 17

I'll start with the fun stuff so you can quit reading once you're bored, and not feel like you're going to miss the climax of the story!...

Friday afternoon. Day One. One race down, one to go for the day. Andy throwing gear around the trailer in a feeble effort to clean up the mess that began with a new loading process to accommodate two 13'+ Miatas in one 24' trailer with 2' deep built-ins up front, exacerbated by two blown trailer tires on the drive over. Colin napping in the Excursion, oblivious to the excessively loud generator right outside the door. Me sulking on a stool, seriously considering tossing it about; wishing beer time was after your own race, rather than after ALL of the races. Sleep deprivation tests team relations.

Backtrack a bit to Race One. To save on travel costs, Colin and I share Andy's former Spec Miata "V1," for the Spokane races, with me running it in ITA and Colin in his final Novice race. The day starts with the realization that the online schedule was meaningless, and we are way behind schedule. Being in the first practice of the day, I make it out for only the final 3 or 4 laps of practice, and only thanks to a very accommodating and understanding tech guy. I guess, once you get behind schedule that's where you stay, because the entire day seemed to have a similar rush (and not the kind you get when you're all out down the front straight). Doing things too quickly and without years of experience can sometimes lead to mistakes. It did. Where are the hood pins? Oh, I'll ask the others when they return. Cut to Race One grid, just beyond the splitter with a folded over hood in my face. Should I admit that I was upgraded to Senior driver on Sunday?

Andy and Colin finish the day's races with great runs and no incidents in Group 2 and Group 7, with Andy taking 4th in Spec Miata and Colin upgrading to Area Driver after the race!

Day Two. Six or seven hours of fresh sleep, along with the definite wise decision on Andy's part of packing an Espresso machine. Moods are 180° from Day One. Having an 8am qualifying time sucks none-the-less. I have a fun race without incident, improving lap times significantly with each session on track as I get to know the car and track. Group 2 is to be the day's highlight though, with Colin and Andy running together in [somewhat] matching V1 and V2 Miatas! Super fun start with Colin lined up on grid in the row behind Andy. The two find a slot and stay nose to tail in 3rd and 4th position, down the front straight and into Turn One. Lap after consistent lap, Colin manages to hold close behind even with the two year old RA1's, and the car's inability to go smoothly from 2nd to 3rd after the switchbacks. Twenty minutes in, white smoke begins to show up behind Colin. 21 minutes in, it billows from the windows. 21.5 minutes in, its death was not dragged out. I can imagine the wait along trackside was brutal listening to me encouraging Andy over the radio, and asking where V1 wandered off to. Thankfully we hadn't had time to connect the push-to-talk button in V1, so I didn't have to listen to Colin during that time. Andy held tight to the leaders, moving up a notch from Friday's race, taking 3rd place!

Even with a super generous offer from a local Spec Miata racer (Brian Woodbury) to borrow his wife's street Miata motor for Sunday, as well as his local shop space for the swap, we decided to just let Sunday's races go for Colin and I and get a night out with friends, focusing Sunday's efforts on Andy's race. Thanks to Jon Wilson for an excellent choice of dinner and beer venue in The Steam Plant – some of my favorite architecture I've seen too by the way!

Day Three. Further caught up on sleep. Three team members with only one car to focus our efforts on. The expectations are high for Andy! Well ahead of schedule, we're able to grid the car for qualifying in 2nd position behind Mark Higginbotham, who took 2nd in Saturday's race. Mark and Andy run nose to tail for lap after lap until a little spinout coming into turn 4. Even so, Andy is able to qualify in 3rd position behind Mark and Dave Dunning (Saturday's race winner). Race Three. Green Green Green. Andy get's an EXCELLENT start and stays close to Dave for the opening laps. Gradually Dave is able to open the gap, even with Andy's valiant attempt to draft Michael Conatore when he works his way by in the ITX Honda CRX. The draft worked for a bit, but Dave just had a little too much (though Michael was able to get around him in the final laps to take first overall in Group 2!). With no incidents, and arguably his best run to date, Andy takes 2nd in SM in a very entertaining race that drew loud cheers from the stands throughout the race!

High spirits. Goals accomplished. 2nd and 3rd place trophies. Area upgrade. Senior upgrade. Second time trailer loading goes tremendously better than the first. Drive home to Portland is without incident or flying rubber. Triple race weekend in Spokane a great success.-

Team Continental Board Meeting

August 3, 2011

Lauralwood Public house

President Mitch Lea called the meeting to order and welcomed those present

Present: Peter Linssen, Bob Smethers, Paul Cap, Mitch Lea, Bill Murray, Terry Amundson, Jon Wilson, Eric Howell and guest Jim Larfield.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Mitch Lea as acting treasurer states the bank balance is \$4,127.74.

Vice President: Eric Howell. Eric reports that the Bi-Law committee met and came up with the initial change proposal to Membership, Dues, Joining, Insignia and Emblems and Officers. An initial draft was presented which should be sent to the Tell Tale for publication. Another meeting is scheduled on Monday August 8 at the home of Mitch Lea at 7pm..

E Board Rep: Scott Hanken . Absent

Communication Director: Bill Murray. No formal report.

Contest Board: Colin Waltz. Absent

Membership Chair: Terry Amundson. Terry reports that two annual memberships were issued as recognition of donations. One went to Steve Leonard and the other to August McBeth.

Driving Master: Andy Robottom; Andy states we have a grand total of five registered for the Sept school. He repeated his request that ALL 107 members of TC bring 1 participant and we will have a successful school. He further stated that if we do not have 40 signed up prior to the event he will cancel the school. He requests ALL members to use social media to promote the school.

Jim Larfield (member guest) has volunteered to E-mail everyone who has attended a TC school or race and invite them to attend both the September school and race. E-mail addresses are being obtained from Terry Amundson and Linda Blackburn and wherever else we can get them.

Andy has produced a flyer to be handed out to potential participants. About 20 were distributed at the NW Corvette Club track day PIR. As previously stated if the club does not get 40 participants the school will be cancelled. Discussion was had on a drop dead date. The general consensus was to wait till after 9-6-2011.

Race Chair: Bob Smethers. Bob Smethers submitted his proposed race announcement and schedule. Also his report included the announcement of 2 scheduled committee meetings: Tuesday, 7pm August 23 at Holman's and Tuesday September 13, location TBD. The board had a lengthy discussion on the proposed entry fee structure as compared to expected attendance and budget. After this discussion Terry Amundson made the motion to change the first entry to \$295 and \$265 for anyone who has not yet attended a conference race at ORP. Bill Murray seconded the motion and it passed on a 6-1 vote.

President's Report: Mitch states that TC now has the ability to E-mail its members last minute things such as schedule changes. He also stated that he has researched the rules regarding nominating officers to conference. Current club officers are eligible. He recognizes the club is having a tough year but also states we can pull the season off.

Club Historian: Bill Murray: No report.

Picnic Chair: Robert Waco. Absent. Bob Smethers states that the August 27 picnic has been cancelled. This has not been confirmed.

Trophy Chair: Eric Howell No report.

Old Business: Race budget had been discussed, drivers training budget was discussed and the clubs ability to nominate a member to ICSCC was discussed

New Business: By-Law change meeting was scheduled.
Next general Meeting is Wed. August 17th

Motion made seconded and passed to adjourn. Respectfully submitted

Paul Cap, Secretary



No, this is not a Jon Wilson trailer-from-hell story!
 It is a "cunning plan" to get 26 feet of Spec Miata race cars into a 24 foot trailer. (Big jack stands and a lot of straps).
 All that extra weight.....better check the tire pressures.....Load rating??? It will be OK!Besides we are only going to Spokane.



Whatever happened to Dane Pitarressi?
 A follow up on last month's blurb regarding his skid car work in China:
 He was in town doing the truck race series broadcast from PIR for ESPN, "still married to Lisa and livin in Vegas". Dane may have been the first to ever get his novice license in a truck, a then new 70's era Datsun pick-up. Prior to his full time involvement with the skid car He was the founder of Pro Drive. Dane was one of Portland's late 60's Wilson High "nemesi's of Law and order" that included fellow speed balls: Jim DuBois, Pete Piluso, Rich Honsinger, Kevin Starcevich, and Bill Murray all destined to become T.C. Members.



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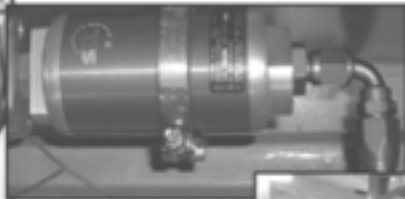
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