



Tell Tale

Repeat after me: "I resolve to help improve the sport I love this year".

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President's Message

February 2012

In true TC spirit we celebrated our 2011 TC Annual Banquet. From a new venue, a great meal and having Greg Bell do a bang up job as Master of Ceremonies, Mark and Patti Hanken, TC Banquet Chairs, pulled off a wonderful evening for all of us. A special thanks to Mark and Patti and all those involved with putting on a great TC Banquet Dinner. Congratulations to all the award winners, it was a great celebration of the success we enjoyed and shared in 2011 as we "Raced for Fun".

2012 is happening. I was going through my mental check list of things to ready for this year, probably should write them down. Have I renewed my TC Membership? Terry Amundson is probably busy getting 2012 membership cards out and putting together the membership roster, am I on it yet? Is my ICSCC License form in? Did I need a physical this year? I could use some Driver's Training and would love to be trained as an instructor, better contact Andy Robottom about Driver's Training and get those dates settled. Racing scheduled is published, the way things have been going in past years I better check with Skip Yocom and find out where I can help him before the races and on the days of the event. Seems to be 3 areas that might be of interest to you. If so, please contact Terry, Andy or Skip and find out how you can be involved with their efforts.

We are rounding out the appointments for Committee Chairs.

One of my goals/areas of emphasis this year is the placement of assistants to all Board Positions and all Committee Chairs. Our thoughts and feelings last year centered on building for the future of Team Continental. Filling all positions with assistants is a way to expose more members to different activities the club is involved in and to see if there is an interest in being a contributing member to TC. Please consider where you will be participating this year. We are a member run club and will be encouraging you to be an active member to the best of your ability.

As always my primary goal it to "Race for Fun"!!!

See you soon,

Mitch



HOROSCOPE FOR PISCES: FEBRUARY 19TH TO MARCH 20TH.

Your natural inclination for laziness that has kept you out of the garage and anything else that has to do with the race car will soon morph into self pity when you realize that your competitors are already testing and tuning at the track while the dust still sleeps on your car cover. Accustomed to accepting mediocrity in such matters, the indecisiveness of your character must be overcome to succeed in matters of speed that lay ahead. This torpor will not be the case if your wife is an Aries, Capricorn or Taurus she will have kicked you to the garage the day after Christmas to start working on HER race car.

The wisdom of S.W.A.M.I.

Senility Wrapped And Marginally Insane.

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MEETINGS

The General Membership Meeting will be held on February 15th at Mar's Meadows @ 7 pm.

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



OREGON RACEWAY PARK -THIRD ANNUAL
COURSE WORKER TRAINING
 SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2012



“Watch races and get paid for it too!”

We are again presenting our annual turn worker training **Saturday, March 10th**. This will be an all-day event. Curriculum includes morning classroom with emphasis on making appropriate calls and communication skills. The afternoon will include topics ranging from fire suppression to flagging practice with instruction **on-course** in a real time / hot track environment.

This training is the first step in becoming an O.R.P. Course Support Specialist. Experienced as well as beginning Course Marshals are welcome. **Training is free, however pre-registration is required.**

Registration: www.motorsportsreg.com

Course Specialist candidates must be at least eighteen years of age and able to present employment eligibility documentation (Social Security Card etc.). Applicants should be reasonably fit, able to climb ladders, stand for lengthy amounts of time, have the ability to be outdoors (sometimes in harsh conditions), possess good verbal communication skills and be able to learn to react calmly and quickly to emergency situations.

O.R.P. strives to bring to Sherman County a wide variety of motorsport activities including; Track Day Events, Auto, Kart, and Motorcycle Races. We promote safety through training.

Participating as a positive business partner in the community, O.R.P. is committed to providing local economic opportunity. We are proud to offer our presenters a source of skilled and competent personnel to staff these events. Please let us know of your availability and intent to attend this training.

Brenda Pikel: 541-333-2452 info@oregonraceway.com



EVENT
COORDINATION
BY:

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2012 Performance Driving Instructor Seminar

Pearson Air Museum
Vancouver, Washington

STAR PROJECTS

Saturday, March 3rd, 9 am (SHARP) to noon

To provide an adequate corps of qualified instructors, T.C. will once again be presenting this 3 hour training seminar. This class is also the first step in obtaining or renewing your STAR Certified Instructor qualification.

This training is open to experienced race drivers and those that will be earning their senior licenses this year, who would like to participate at the instructor level. Current membership in Team Continental is not a requirement to attend this seminar.

Curriculum for this seminar may include:

- Evaluating your student and customizing your teaching strategy.
- Learning styles and teaching to the various types.
- Techniques for enhancing the safety of you and your student.
- Effective communications in stressful environments.
- Dynamics and challenges of teaching the 3-dimensional track.
- The Conference licensing procedure, what's important to produce a successful novice.
- Tools and Rules.



Speaker for this event will include:

- Bob Mearns, ICSCC License Director (by remote link).
- Andy Robottom, Team Continental Driving Master.
- Bill Murray Sr., Regionally Acclaimed B.S.er.
- Bill Murray Jr., 2-Time World Champion Formula S.A.E . team driver.
- You! Experienced Instructors, please bring your best instructing tip to share with those that are new to the challenges of teaching performance driving.

A \$10 (at the door) per person contribution to offset the cost of the room rental is requested. Attendees are also welcome to tour the air museum following the seminar, your admission cost is included. Let us know if you will be attending by registering on www.motorsportsreg.com.

A non-hosted post event lunch gathering is optional and will be held at the North Portland Cultural Center (Hooters, Hayden Island).

For directions: <http://www.fortvan.org/pages/visit-location-and-directions>

(For the Pearson Air Museum, you already know how to find Hooters).

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Bill Murray
503-358-2617
(10:00 a.m. to midnight)



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TEAM CONTINENTAL – GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (UNAPPROVED)

Date: 1/18/2012

Location: Mars Meadows, Delta Park

Meeting called to order: 7:15 pm

TC President Mitch Lea called for agenda items, (see handout);

OFFICER REPORTS:

TREASURER (Duane Starr): reports are available, (see handout);

- Credit goes to Val Starr to review & reconcile 2011 revenue/expenses to bring books current;

RACE CHAIRMAN (Bob Smethers – outgoing, Skip Yocom – incoming)

- 2011 budgets and treasurer accounting reviewed under separate meeting with Bob, Skip & Val;
- 2012 budget reviewed & presented tonight – budget submitted is preliminary; Skip may have a few items to be reviewed such as driver specific expenses (trophies, checkered flags, dinners, etc.) and race worker cost (\$12,150);
- Travel fund reviewed at approx. \$400 which is separate from \$1000 fuel cards. This should be open discussion with input;
- Expect to spend \$42,000 to ORP for track rental, security, toilets, fire dept., wreckers, etc.;
NOTE: these numbers include TC Driver Training at ORP;
- ICSCC costs were presented related to insurance, driver levy, announcements, sanction fees, forms, etc. Skip will request more funds allocated for marketing – will push TC BOD for marketing section and to hire marketing personnel;
- Kevin Smith – what is ROI (return on investment?) – refer to budget dated Jan 17th (14.3%);
- ICSCC Driver Levy increased to \$17.50 per entry, increased from \$15 in 2011 due to increased Steward personnel (tech);
- Lynn Coupland – asked for clarification of race announcement costs? Skip wants ads in other venues, including ICSCC memo, web site, others;
- Ric Farrar – asked date/location of first race committee meeting? Skip will be gone for 2 weeks, updated budget pending, chief list to be finalized – All are encouraged to come back from 2011 to propagate experience & expertise. End of Feb/March prospective next meeting; Please send Skip email if you want to return as chiefs;

EXECUTIVE BOARD REP (Scott Hanken – outgoing, Kevin Smith – incoming)

- As reported from Scott H (see handout): ICSCC bank balance is \$92,500 – minimum balance for positive cash flow needed to cover insurance premiums;
- ICSCC dispursed \$1584 from ROD fund for worker expenses/recruitment;
- ICSCC Driver levy fee \$17.50 per entry;
- Item from fall meeting agenda: accommodate home built cars wrt roll bars;
- 2012 TC Officers need to be submitted for publication;
- Former scales/ramps are up for bid;
- Discussion item included Policy & Procedure Manual (PPM) regarding new track approval process;
- Skip commented – refer to 3rd party for ICSCC to review; ICSCC should not be in the business of certifying tracks – EBR issue; Example: ICSCC race at The Ridge will be reviewed before April. TC EBR can recommend change but to be reviewed by other entity before sanctioned by ICSCC;
- Mitch Lea commented – details will be listed in report, per Kevin (ICSCC) PPM; TC voted NO, other clubs voted YES;
- Lynn Coupland commented – TC should keep this issue in the forefront for future review, TC work (Scott H) efforts may not have been recognized at the time; review legal perspective, ICSCC cut out significant input from TC personnel;

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- Skip Yocom commented – Scott H was brilliant – allowed open discussion followed by TC input;
- Mitch Lea commented – We have traditionally had strong eboard reps at ICSCC meetings;

DRIVER TRAINING MASTER (Andy Robottom) – no report;

- Duane Starr – What is the plan to get 2012 instructors together? (possibly with Star projects);
- Skip Yocom – Can we present rough idea what gross revenue (not profit) was for May 2011?
Per Andy: we may have lost money;
- Ric Farrar – Will TC consider a local DT at PIR? Per Andy: no invitation locally beyond ORP Bill Murray – Star Projects is working on it for DT at PIR with RAT RACE;

MEMBERSHIP (Terry Amundson)

- Terry will out of town for work every week. If TC Members have urgent needs for license renewal – please email to Terry directly (Debbie Morton is ICSCC License Registrar);

CONTEST BOARD REP (Colin Waltz) – not present;

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR (Bill Murray)

- Telltale is published and distributed electronically, 10 or so are being sent snail mail;

PRESIDENT REPORT:

- Mitch reported TC had a strong year in 2011 with regard to board positions;
- TC Bylaws were reviewed to be effective January to January;
- 2011 current officers provide incoming 2012 officers with budgets; Duane S, Bob S, Andy R, Terry A and Bill M have all submitted budgets per request;
- Bob Smethers is stepping down as Race Chairman;
- Kevin Smith is stepping up as EBR;
- TC updated positions for Vice President (Lynn Coupland) and added Past President (Eric Howell);
- TC BOD need to present assistants for each position, please consider getting new members active;

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Webmaster (Peter Linssen) – not present

Club Historian (Bill Murray) – no report;

Competition Committee Rep (Jon Wilson) – not present;

Equipment Chair (Tony Hauser/Burt Dilley) – no report;

Picnic Chair (Robert Waco) – not present, Michelle is recovering from surgery;

Christmas Party Chair (Lynn Coupland) – Christmas party was a success, good location and attendance;

Trophy Chair (Ben Weaver) – Committee has met;

Banquet Chair (Mark & Patti Hanken)

- TC Awards banquet, this weekend at Refectory Restaurant – Social 5, dinner 6, awards 7, dancing 9;

OLD BUSINESS:

- Trophy Committee is gathering TC Perpetual trophies for this weekend banquet;
- Merchandise Manager: Jim & Toni Larfield are willing to sell at race events – we need to restock;
- 2012 Budgets – Duane/Val Starr have rudimentary chart of accounts, to compare with historical;

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Review of 2012 BOD positions, see agenda for Jan 18th, 2012;
- Mitch Lea – need approval for appointment of officers: Eric is unable to make meetings;
- Need recommendation for Past President: discussion to instate Peter L as Past President position filled by ?; Motion by Bill Murray – Move to table discussion, motion seconded by Ric F; (passed);
- Mitch Lea will be gone at tentative date for next BOD meeting, meeting moved to Feb 8th (approved);
- STAR Projects: (Bill Murray, Communications Director) – will promote events for club DT & races; ORP/ STAR Projects can promote TC events with TC club logo on printed material with \$100 donation by club + commitment to staff event at ORP; Bill M – asking for \$100 donation to promote TC event; Motion by Bob Smethers – Expense \$100 for advertising, motion seconded by Skip; (passed);
- Discussion regarding Bruce Baggett condition – Don S, Peggy W, Bob S & Jacquie J taking turns;
- Skip Yocom – asked for authorization to send \$2400 (check# 1940) to ORP for May event deposit; Motion moved/seconded (Kevin Smith/Craig Hudson); (passed); Motion moved/seconded to adjourn (passed) – meeting adjourned at 8:45pm;



Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Smethers, Acting TC Secretary for Paul Cap

CURRENTLY RENEWED MEMBERS FOR 2012

Richard	Albrecht
Terry	Amundson
John	Bachofner
Bill	Bachofner
Chuck	Baker
Peter	Belfanti
Paul	Cap
Cody	Clark
Charles (Ron)	Coffin
Jason	Collins
James "JimBo"	Collins Jr
Michael	Conatore
Jay	Culbertson
Timothy	Deckert
Bert	Dilley
Darren	Dilley
Neal	Euller
Donna	Farrar
Ric	Farrar
Bill	Hanel
John (Bill)	Harris
Anthony	Hauser
Dennis	Hickey
Eric	Howell
Craig "Bunky"	Hudson



Terry Amundson
Membership Director

Dave	Johnston
Gordon	Jones
Jim	Larfield
Gary	Martin
Chris	Mays
J. Dane	Pitarresi
Lisa	Pitarresi
Brian	Rissberger
John	Rissberger
Rob	Rissberger
Dennis	Roberts
Andrew	Robottom
Mark	Schue
Scott	Shobert
Bob	Smethers
Austin	Smith
Kevin	Smith
Duane	Starr
Valorie	Starr
Don	Tanner
George	Todd
Peggy Ann	Walker
Jon	Wilson
Skip	Yocom

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Team Continental Board Meeting
Feb. 8, 2012
Mars Meadows

President Mitch Lea called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. Those present were Jon Wilson, Terry Amundson, Mitch Lea, Bill Murray, Paul Cap, Duane and Valori Starr, John Rissberger, Kevin Smith, Peter Linssen, Bob Smethers, Skip Yocom, and Bags.

President: Mitch Lea. Mitch would like input on better ways to run the meetings so as to make them more interesting.

Vice President: Lynn Coupland. Absent

Secretary: Paul thanked Bob Smethers for filling in while on vacation.

Treasurer: Duane Starr. Valori distributed the profit and loss sheet from 2011. She noted some difficulties in categorizing some of the income, but it is all there. She also asked to be given permission to be on the banks list of people that can access the account information. As she is the person doing the day to day work a motion was made seconded and passed that she have access to the account info. Valori then pointed out that we need to file our 2012 tax returns and pay our Oregon corporate registration fee. We also owe for 2011. This being said Duane asked that the board consider obtaining the services of a bookkeeper/tax preparer type to act as our agent. This would give a constant person watching over such things that need to be done on a timely manner. The board asked that he get some cost estimates for this service so we can make an educated decision.

Race Chair: Skip Yocom. Skip distributed his revised budget for the 2012 events. His spread sheet showed his estimated cost versus income for the events. Based on passed history it appears we will lose money. These numbers were estimated on last year's performances in which the driver's school over all was a loser. He is suggesting that we might consider having only one school instead of two. This has the potential of saving the club a considerable amount of money. He also would like the board to look over worker expenses as this seems to be a place that can get out of hand fast. He is going to research "paying the coarse workers" differently. Basically he will study giving those that need a stipend a small stipend and those that will volunteer he won't. This way we may not have to house transport and feed so many. He is also studying the food situation and possibly suggesting that we open food up to all for a small fee.

Skip stressed that we will have competition for both events. The May event will be the holiday itself as this is also a family time. The second will be that it is one week away from the opening of The Ridge. We need to have a marketing plan in place. Skip would like to consult with a marketer and the club executes the plan. We need to do something NOW.

Skip is also looking at a different format for manning the worker stations. He is looking at cutting the number of flaggers in the turn stations and replacing the second flagger with mobile response teams. Kevin Smith suggested one marketing devise would be to post a discount for early race registrations.

E Board Rep: Kevin Smith. The ICSCC legal rep suggested that the wording on track acceptance be changed and it was sent back for a rewrite. This may affect the opening of The Ridge and the counterclockwise rotation of ORP.

Communication Director: Bill Murray. Bill announced four Star Project events he is including Team Continental in. They are ORP Raceway Experience February 25 at ORP, Star Projects Driving School and practice featuring TC instructors on Feb 26 at ORP and Star project/TC performance driving instructor's seminar. On March 3 at Pearson Air Museum. The fourth is coarse worker training at ORP on March 10th. See the web site for flyers.

Contest Board: Colin Waltz. Absent.

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Membership Chair: Terry Amundson. Terry has membership cards available he passed some out this evening and will have more at the general meeting on the 15th.

Driving Master: Andy Robottom. Absent. Bill Murray filled in and again mentioned Star Projects instructor training.

Trophy Committee. Mitch Lea. Trophies awarded for last year are as follows:

Gary Pazina Memorial Award Awarded to the member who throughout the year contributes the most as a driver training worker. 2011 winner Gail Fetterman

Instructor of the year 2011 winner Peter Linssen

Gordon Scott Memorial Trophy Awarded to a motorsport enthusiast who exemplifies the spirit of Team Continental and acts as a true ambassador of sports car racing. 2011 winner Alice Montgomery

James Hugh Maloney Cup Awarded to a relatively new Team Continental member who has exhibited exceptional enthusiasm, vigorous support of auto racing and sportsmanship. 2011 winner Paul Cap

Hard Luck Trophy Most equipment malfunctions 2011 winner Mark Hanken

George Brockbank Memorial Trophy Awarded to the driver beginning the season as a novice, who improves the most. (Must obtain senior lic by end of current season) 2011 winner Terry Amundson

Crash and Burn Trophy Awarded to the member who has suffered the greatest amount of misfortune while racing in the past season. 2011 winner Gordon Jones

Far Horizons Awarded to the TC member traveling the greatest distance displaying TC insignias while performing race-related duties. 2011 winner Dave Marden.

Vagabond Trophy Awarded to the member traveling the most distance during the past season displaying the TC decal on a race car in competition. 2011 winner Bill Murray Jr.

Waving Flags Awarded to a TC race worker for outstanding service that year. 2011 winner Cierra Newhouse.

Coarse Master Awarded to the TC Member who works the hardest to put on the TC race event. The race chair shall not be considered. 2011 winner Robert Waco

Competitors 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. 2011 winner Andy Robottom

Victory Cup Awarded on the basis of the most accumulated points. 2011 winner Scott Shobert

Driver of the year 2011 winner Jon Wilson

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. 2011 winner Bill Murray

Club Historian: Bill Murray: Bill has a binder with all the past years Tell Tale..

Old Business.

2012 budgets are due.

Jim Larfield is the new merchandising manager

Bill Murray will continue as Tell Tale editor.

A motion was made seconded and past to pay next year's general liability insurance.

New Business:

Mark Hanken was absent but Mitch Lea relayed that Mark would like to move the Banquet back to the coast next year. The consensus was that this would be fine provided there was no additional cost to the club.

Bill Carr a long time turn worker/steward passed away. There was a good showing at his memorial.

John Rissberger asked that either the Eboard rep or the Contest Board Rep ask that the rules be changed allowing for a two year license as our medicals are good for two years.

Motion made seconded and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Cap, Secretary

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THE 2011 TEAM CONTINENTAL AWARDS BANQUET – JANUARY 21ST 2012 AT THE



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ANNOUNCING

Saturday, February 25th

Rain or shine!

O.R.P. The Raceway Experience

Drop in or stay for the day.

ADMISSION: \$20.00 PER CAR AT THE GATE, AND TWO NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS PER PASSENGER. YOUR DONATION WILL HELP SUPPORT THE MID-COLUMBIA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK.

- Meet and talk with event presenters and drivers from various types of motorsport.
- Tour and Drive the track yourself.
- Free introductory laps with a top N.W. Driver (sign up requested).
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- Learn how you can participate as a race official, part time positions available.

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Located on HWY 97 in Grass Valley, Oregon

29 miles South of the Columbia River

Turn East at the school, 2 miles

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Track Office: 541-333-2452

Bill Murray, STAR Projects Event Coordinator: 503-358-2617

Tentative and Adjustable schedule:

- 8:00 a.m. Gates open. Presenter set-up
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and orientation.
- 9:30 a.m. Track walk (in vehicles with frequent stops to explain the course).
- 10:45 a.m. Parade laps (drive your own car) 10 cars per session with pace and chase car, clockwise.
- Noon: Lunch guests are encouraged to bring a picnic or preorder lunch from The Grass Valley Market.
- 12:00 p.m. Karts on course, demo.
- 12:20 p.m. Motorcycles on course, demo.
- 12:40 p.m. O.S.U. Global Formula Team, demo.
- 1:00 p.m. Parade laps (drive your own car) 10 cars per session with pace and chase car, counter clockwise.
- 2:30 p.m. Race car rides (moderate speed) with STAR Certified Instructor.
- 4:30 p.m. End of event. (Or when everyone has gone home).

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STAR PROJECTS

THE SEASONS FIRST PERFORMANCE
DRIVING SCHOOL AND OPEN

PRESENTS
BEAT THEM TO THE START

Sunday, February 26th



Limited to first 40 cars.

Track day \$205.00 (no extra charge for additional cars same driver).

Second driver same car \$100.00

Classroom Free!

Instructor fee \$100.00 / half day.

Rental Cars Available \$500.00 / day

Pre-registration open now. www.motorsportsreg.com

Registration after 2/11/2012, \$90.00 procrastination fee.

Registration day of event, \$200.00 procrastination fee.

Free camping at the track Saturday night following **The Raceway Experience** event.

STAR Projects Events for 2012:

V-1/6/2012

February, 25th **"The Raceway Experience" O.R.P.** (Show, Tell & Tour).

February, 26th **"Beat Them To The Start" O.R.P.** (School & Open Practice)

Saturday, March 3rd, **Performance Driving Instructor Seminar.** Pearson Air Museum

Saturday, March 10th, **Course Worker Training. O.R.P**

Saturday, March 17th. **Driver School / Track Day. &**

Sunday, March 18th, **"MARCH ON REGARDLESS" . . RAT RACE!**

Saturday, April 21st. **Driver School / Track Day. &**

Sunday, April 22nd, **"HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL" RAT RACE!**

Saturday & Sunday May 12 /13th **"ONE BAD MUTHA" RAT RACE!**

Friday, June 8th. **Driver School / Track Day. Portland International Raceway**

Saturday, June 9th, **"THE RATS RUN WITH OVER" RAT RACE, Portland International Raceway**

Saturday, June 23rd, Event to be determined **O.R.P.**

Saturday & Sunday, August 11th & 12th **"HOT AUGUST NIGHTS" RAT RACE!**

Saturday & Sunday, September 1ST & 2ND. **"THE RAT TRADITION" RAT RACE!**

Saturday, October 6th, **Training Day, Invitational O.R.P.**

Saturday, November 3rd, **Training Day, Invitational O.R.P.**



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A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Officers, Chairman, Committee Heads and General Members : To tighten up on the clubs accounting and to promote better categorization of expenses, all expenditures and requests for reimbursements must include the original receipt.

Thanks for your cooperation,
Duane Starr



A man was walking down the street when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man who asked him for a couple of dollars for dinner.

The man took out his wallet, extracted ten dollars and asked, "If I give you this money, will you buy some beer with it instead of dinner?"

"No, I had to stop drinking years ago," the homeless man replied.

"Will you spend this on entry fees at a race track instead of food?" the man asked.

"Are you NUTS!" replied the homeless man. "I haven't raced cars in 20 years!"

"Well," said the man, "I'm not going to give you money. Instead, I'm going to take you home for a shower and a terrific dinner cooked by my wife."

The homeless man was astounded. "Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that?"

The man replied, "That's okay. It's important for her to see what a man looks like after he has given up drinking and racing."



DID YOU KNOW...BY Sir Colin William Danger Waltz

After the short hibernation this winter, we are back to the race world getting prepared for the upcoming RAT/Chump races before the start of ICSCC season. There are some new rules and changes I thought I should bring to attention for those that have been under a rock.

1. Cameras weighing more than 8oz. must be secured to the car on two sides. Any camera and its mounting system that is attached to the outside structure of the vehicle shall be tethered to the vehicle in such a manner that if the mounting system fails the camera and its mounting system cannot come in contact with the ground with both tires on one side of the vehicle deflated.
2. Seats shall not be of makeshift construction and shall be securely mounted to the car. The back of the seat shall be firmly attached to the roll cage with a seat brace. Seats homologated to FIA standard 8855-1999, 8862-2009 or higher need not have the seat back attached to the roll cage. If the passenger seat back folds, the back shall be securely bolted or strapped in place.

These new rules have been voted to pass in the new season of 2012. So dust of your suit, polish your helmet, because the new and improved 2012 season is coming up fast.

Good morning all,

Darren called and informed me last night that Bert is having Open Heart Surgery on Wednesday 2/8/2012. He asked that we be thinking of him and feel free to contact him for well wishes.

I will send updates as I hear after surgery.

Thank you,

Mark Hanken



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(Continuation of Kevin Smith's adventures in Germany)

As I wrote in December's Telltale article, I love race cars. But that wasn't quite the whole truth. I really love pretty much all cars. So, for a gearhead like me, our vacation to Germany last summer was a great opportunity to see and experience some special automotive treats. In addition to visiting the Porsche Museum, I got to drive (a lot) on the autobahn. This truly is an experience, much different than driving on US Interstate highways. It forces you to concentrate on driving pretty much all the time, you never know when someone is going to blow by you at warp speed. There is no camping out in the left lane, you move over, get your pass done, and then get back over, and while you are doing that you watch your mirrors for any rapidly approaching traffic. We rented a Ford Kuga, an SUV somewhere in size between an Escape and an Explorer. So, we were not blowing by folks in the left lane. We were usually driving between 120 and 160 kph in the unlimited speed areas of the autobahn. When the big Audi, BMW, or Mercedes sedans blew by us going 200 -250 kph, you could feel the air pressure from the passing car move the Kuga around. Not all that different from being passed by a GT1 or SPO car on the back straight at Portland. We did a lot of driving, starting at Frankfurt, visiting the Black Forest region (southwest Germany), Southern Bavaria and Munich, Stuttgart, and Berlin. And we drove everywhere. I am not going to show travel photos, just those with



auto related interest.

While in Munich, we were just walking down the street, and we came upon a beautiful Ferrari. It was parked on the very wide sidewalk, as were the rest of the cars. I think this is a mid-60's Ferrari 275 coupe. It was a very special treat just to see this, and as chance had it, I was wearing my Team Continental T-shirt, so I had to get in the photo, too.

While we were in Munich, I wanted to visit the BMW Museum, but it was closed for renovation. Instead we visited BMW World, which is really just a big BMW showroom next to the BMW Museum and factory in Munich. There were lots of really nice brand new BMWs that they would like to sell you. And if you bought a BMW, you can take factory delivery at BMW World. They also had this very nice BMW Isetta. It's not much of a hot rod, but it is a pretty unique automobile. What can I say, new BMWs are nice, but what I was really looking for were the classics.



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I'm sorry this isn't a better picture. We were in Berlin, not too far from Checkpoint Charlie, and visiting the Berlin Wall museum. And we just stumbled by a Bugatti dealership. This is a Bugatti Veyron, the fastest production car in the world, topping out somewhere in the mid-250 mph range. Even my daughter Holly(not a gearhead), thought this was cool. That is her reflection in the glass, she was taking a picture of it at the same time.



Now let's go back to the Porsche Museum.

This is a show/concept car. This was the only concept car in the museum. You can sort of see the 911 styling in the hood and front head lights.



Really interesting is the unusual tire tread pattern. It's the Porsche emblem. I don't know whether this was cut or molded into the tire, either way, it's amazing to think of how much money was spent doing this.



This is a Porsche 356 (bathtub) roadster. What is special about this? It's hard to see in the photo but this is number 1, the first ever produced.

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This is another 356, this time a coupe. The placard says it was a 1948 model. I don't know how much they really changed from year to year. This one was a bit different because of its deep orange color. Most of the cars we had seen in Germany were either silver or black.



I couldn't resist including this picture. Although it's a tractor, the basic design really struck my funny bone as being a Porsche 356 or 911 without the body. Driver is in the middle, engine is right behind him, driving the rear wheels. It looks like it is probably air-cooled as well.

This is a 1986 Porsche 959. It was the fastest production car of its time. It wasn't able to be imported (and street driven) in the US.



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1998 Porsche 911 GT1 98. The placard reads: “Porsche celebrates its 50th anniversary in 1998 with a sweet double victory at Lemans by Stephane Ortelli, Laurent Aiello, Allen McNish and Jorg Muller, Uwe Alzen, Bob Wollek. It’s the first time that a Porsche racing car with an ultra-lightweight carbon fiber chassis has been used.”



Porsche 718 RS 60 Spyder. Placard reads: “This ancestor of the modern Boxster scores many of its greatest triumphs in long-distance racing. In the Targa Florio 1960, Joakim Bonner and Hans Herrmann gain more than a six minute lead over a three-liter Ferrari. Driven by Hans Herrmann and Olivier Gendebien, the 718 RS 60 Spyder with its characteristic tall windshield also scores in the 12 Hours of Sebring in 1960 to win the first overall victory for Porsche in the United States.”

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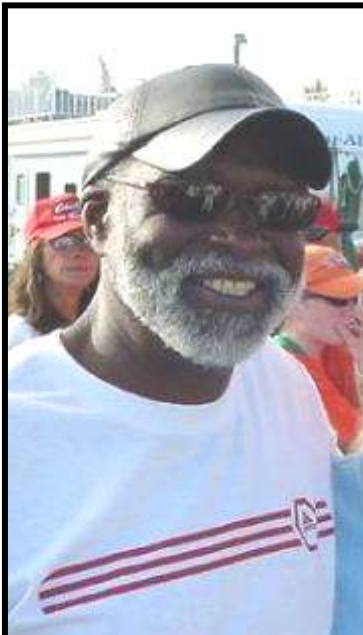


1962 Porsche 804 Formula 1 car. Placard reads: “In July 1962, Dan Gurney wins the Grand Prix of France in a Type 804 Grand Prix racing car besting Joakim Bonner in another Porsche. Gurney is also victorious in Stuttgart’s Solitude race. Weighing 461 kilograms, this lightweight eight cylinder single seater with disk brakes and a parallelogram suspension is the only Formula One car developed and built entirely by Porsche. The 804 influences many other racing-car developments at Porsche.” I bet Gurney, being a big guy, had a hard time wedging himself into this car.



Porsche 944 Turbo Cup “Pinky”. When I saw this I immediately thought of Christine Crain’s Mazda Cup car. Very much like cars that are currently racing in the ST class, with me in group 4. Well, that’s all folks. Hope you’ve enjoyed it, and that it brought back some great memories.

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It is with great sadness that Team Continental mourns the loss of Bill Carr.

Bill was a familiar face at many of the racetracks in the Northwest over a long span of years, he could always be relied on to make a good call.

When Bill Carr showed you a blue flag, you'd better look into your mirrors. It wasn't to inform you that the car you just passed was now behind you.

Bill exemplified the dedication and professionalism that drivers depend on. He carried out his duties cheerfully and for the love of the sport. His friendly and outgoing nature will be very much missed.

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