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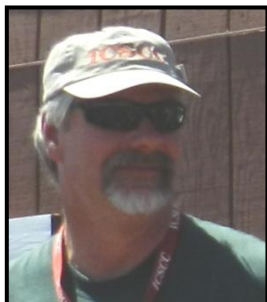
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Hi Duane and Valorie,

I want to donate my license director stipend for last weekend to your club to help cover the loss from low attendance. It will fill only a tiny bit the hole but it's something. What address shall I send the check to?



Best Regards
Bob Mearns
ICSCC License Director

Bob thank you for your generous offer.
Again thank you and I look forward to toasting
you with your favorite beverage.
Duane and Val
TC Treasurer



Bob,
No matter what they were saying about you, we think you are OK!!
Just kidding about the talk. In all seriousness I wish to thank
you for your donation. The amount is not nearly as significant
as your heart and desire to see racing continue. Thank you for
caring. TC appreciates the work you do to help new drivers get
ready to compete.



Best to you,
Mitch Lea
President Team Continental



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Subject: RE: Update on Dad's condition.....

Hello –

Thursday am update on Dad – in Kaiser Sunnyside, Cardiovascular ICU...

He's still on breathing tube and stomach tube to gradually suck stomach juices, plus fluids, antibiotics and meds to control heart rate. There's acronyms for everything, won't bore you with the details!

Heart rate is good (lower) so heart can pump more effectively through organs. Will still receive occasional dialysis to assist kidney function while they flush out the sepsis blood infection.

Lab results still negative on the sepsis growth, so they don't know precisely what was the cause. Just treating with heavy antibiotics and will get preliminary lab results a couple times a day.

Docs & Nurses keeping Dad just sedated enough so he can respond to verbal questions with a finger wave (one of few that isn't hooked up to tubes or monitors of some kind). He's doesn't have pain and was able to indicate he wanted to be a little cooler – socks off now, good.

It's just damn lucky Dad came back in with sore shoulders, could have been at home with no idea of the prevalence of the sepsis – very nasty and tough to diagnose.

THANKS, bob
Bob Smethers



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MEETINGS

The General Membership

Meeting will be held on

August 15th at Mar's

Meadows @ 7 pm.

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Team Continental Board Meeting
August 1, 2012

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, Kevin Smith, Skip Yocom, Bob Smethers, Colin Waltz, Jim Larfield, Lynn Coupland and Bobby Danger.

Presidents report: Mitch Lea. Mitch made a special presentation of a R-Sport Volvo T-shirt to Terry Amundson for showing his TC enthusiasm and spirit in helping sort out their new race car.

Vice President and Membership: Terry Amundson. Terry discussed the efforts made to retain members and it was decided that Mitch Lea would make a personal call to all those that did not renew and ask why they chose not to.

E-Board: Kevin Smith.

Secretary: Paul Cap. No report.

Contest Board Rep: Colin Waltz. The rule change committee has met and the suggested rule changes were sent on. When conference responds he will set up another meeting and then present all the suggested changes to the club.

Communication Director: Bill Murray. The special edition Tell Tale will be out by 11pm tonight.

Membership: Terry Amundson. Terry introduced Bobby Danger who has volunteered to take over the duties of membership chair. Bobby was enthusiastically welcomed and approved for presentation to the membership.

Treasurer: Duane Starr. Duane state our current balance and also stated the rest of the needed funds to cover the race weekend will have to come from the gate.

Race Chair: Skip Yocom. We are ready operationally. We are short on entries and if the current registration is an indicator we will have a short fall of about \$7,000.00. Bob Smethers is preparing to serve 222 meals over the weekend at a cost of \$1.91 per. Duane suggests that in the future we try and make the meals a profit center rather than a liability. There was much discussion on how to handle the workers meals but in the end everything is set for the weekend and nothing will change. There was also discussion about the gate hours and nothing was resolved.

Driving Master: Jim Larfield. Jim reports 25 total entrants for the drivers school/test and tune. He will need more instructors. There was discussion about the instructors getting one track session for compensation for their efforts. It was approved.

Past President: Lynn Coupland. The next Bi-Law meeting will be August 21 at the home of Mitch Lea.



Old Business.

Bi-Law meeting at Mitch's house August 21.

New Business:

We have a few members recovering from major surgery. Bruce Baggatt and Don Smethers are among them.

Motion made seconded and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

Paul Cap, Secretary

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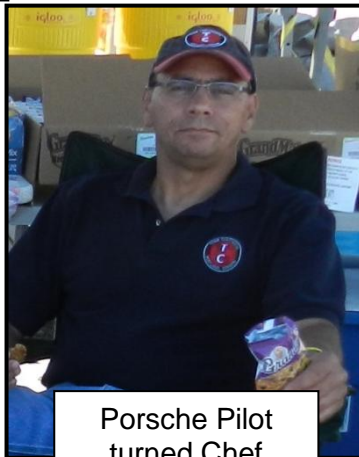


The ground pounding Monte Carlo of Bend Oregon's Morgan Smith emblazoned with the name of his favorite track.

Below: Some of the
usual suspects:



Driving Master,
Jim Larfield.



Porsche Pilot
turned Chef
Tony Hauser



Bert Dilley:
Equipment and
logistics guru.



Membership
Chairman:
Bobby Danger



The very fast Volvo of Peter Linssen.

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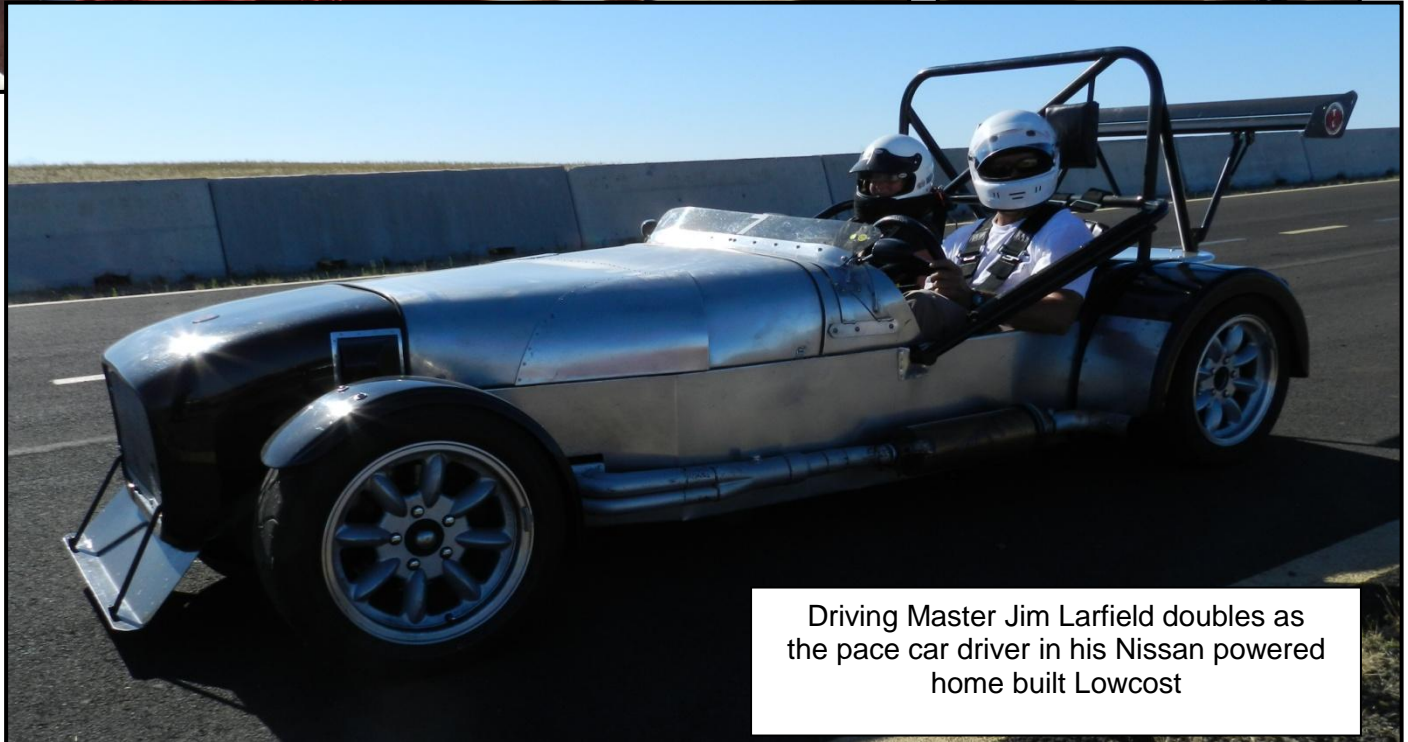
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UPDATE: Friday, August 3rd, 2012

Team Continental Driving School

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The Driving School day starts with a meeting of the instructors: Jack DeChristopher, Kevin Smith, Tony Kihlstedius, Andy Robottom Listen up for their student assignments.



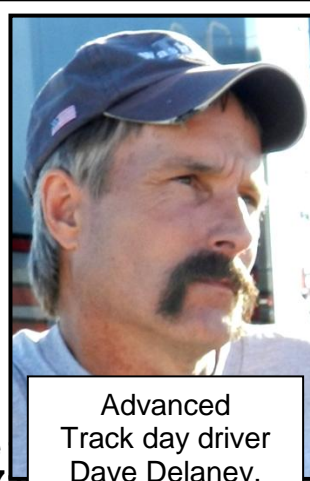
Driving Master Jim Larfield doubles as the pace car driver in his Nissan powered home built Lowcost



New student
Jake Egger.



Senior Instructor
Gordon Jones.



Advanced
Track day driver
Dave Delaney.



Driver Services
Lynn Coupland

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The Team Continental School and Track Day

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A Pro-3 BMW: fast, competitive and reasonably priced, a nice example from this very popular race group.

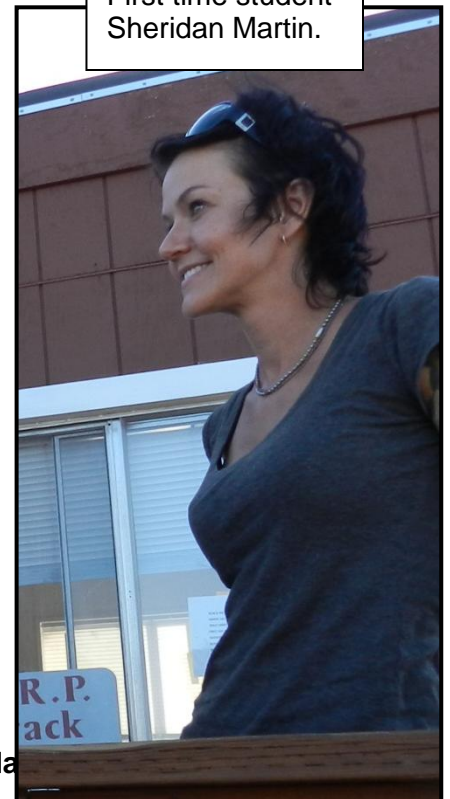


During the "mechanized track walk" Students get briefed on which is dirt and which is pavement and which instructors prefer them to drive on.

A couple of awesome track day cars: The Ariel Atom and the Acura NSX.



First time student Sheridan Martin.



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At the end of the day some of the Instructors and students pose for a Class Picture.



Duane Starr, Erin Ebelmeiser, Gordon Jones and Toni Larfield enjoy an after school Margarita.



Track Photographer Larrie Easterly awaiting table service on the deck.



Track Manager Doyle Stone, Course Marshal Rob Jacobsen, and Safety Responder Ken Killam coordinate to contain and quickly extinguish the two grass fires that were ignited by hot vehicle exhaust during this warm and excessively dry weekend.

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UPDATE: Saturday, August 4th, 2012.

Team Continental Hospitality

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Post race activities:

Erin Ebelmeiser, Starter:

Waive that flag girl, it's time to party!



Mike Conitore:
Conference's Chief
Steward gets a chance to
kick back.



Gator
Hudson



Left: Skip
and Judith
Yocom.

Strawbery
shortcake for
dessert.

Below: Scott
Hanken
confirms the
perfection of
the slow
cooked pork
loin.

Supurb!



Tracy Hazzard, one of the
best drivers currently
competing in Conference
(and certainly the best
looking), hazards the theft of
a dollop of whipped cream
from a distracted Bill Muray



Drivers, Crews, Course Officials and guests settle down to dinner at the Grass Valley Pavillion.
" Racing: It is what we do so we have something to talk about when we drink beer"

Jon Wilson

OREGON RACEWAY PARK

UPDATE: Sunday, August 5th, 2012.

The Team Continental Race

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Just a few of the very key players it takes to put on a really great Conference race event:

Below: Linda Blackburn directs the pregrid with an authority reminiscent of a conductor of the philharmonic.



Left to Right: Bob Mearns, License Director... Mike Conatore, Chief Steward... Terry Overdiek, Assistant Steward ...Debbie Morton, License Registrar...Skip Yocom, Race Chairman



Four of the STAR Projects rental racers await their drivers prior to the group 8 special race. Drivers for the weekend ranged from novice Tom Pittsbarger to very skilled Formula drivers Greg Coffin and James Hepburn, as well as American Sedan driver Duane Starr.

With the casual calm born of experience the mental pre-game list is checked off: Jon Wilson in the # 72, 240-Z snugs a seatbelt while Terry Amundson adjusts a radio ear bud before taking the Miata into battle.



Team Continental members at “THE RIDGE” August 11th & 12th, 2012.

S.C.C.A. cancels the Portland race, Star projects cancels the “Hot August Knights” so before they cancel my credit card LETS GO RACING!

OK it wasn't the first ever race for The Ridge, a bunch of lowly Lemons racers had a 45 plus car double enduro there weeks ago, blasting that distinction to shards, but it was the first ever for Conference at this new and very cool venue. Lots of people came.

I don't know what the count was but it had to be one of the best attended Conference races in years. There were even enough formula cars to actually call it a race. Some of the T.C. faces in the crowd were Jack DeChristopher driving the Datsun 510, Gordon Jones with the BMW, August Macbeth with his Corrado, Jon Wilson in the 240-Z, Andy Robottom driving in the Spec Miata race, Jonathan Clark and many others that Didn't get photographed before the camera battery went dead.

One or more of the Collins boys, Erin Ebelmeiser, Russ and Cerria Newhouse, Gail Fetterman, Colin waltz, and Bobby Danger were also on hand and helping out.

Below: On a sweltering pregrid for the Group 8 Mini Enduro for “Fine German Touring Cars” Bill Murray lines up “The Ratbit” next to Eric Schwinter's 944. Only one Porsche found a tree during this hour long event.



A gaggle of pro-3 cars descend “The Ridge Complex”. Most drivers I spoke with thought the track works pretty well even though many seemed to have trouble staying on the pavement. Like O.R.P. an off is likely not to go unnoticed, the dust was thick enough to be a bit sketchy to drive through following many of the off course forays.

Quality construction, a generous use of 6 x 6 lumber and Craftsman styling make the large turn stations the most architecturally pleasing anywhere. Folks were friendly, the porta-potties are centrally staged. There is still no abundance of electricity, the paved paddock was overwhelmed and required some occupation of “the pit dust”, start finish is still very temporary, and for those of us that had not reserved a room in advance the nearest lodging was in Lacey (a long drive). O.R.P drivers felt right at home!



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PRESENTS
“THE RAT TRADITION”
 and
“THE RATS UNWIND”
 LABOR DAY WEEKEND



This will be a two day double race event open to RAT conforming, \$500 “Sorry excuse for a race car” automobiles. Conference / SCCA Production based race cars that meet RAT RACE safety standards are welcome but will run in the “overqualified” class.

Registration is open on www.motorsportsreg.com . Only 30 teams will be accepted.

Saturday: September 1st. We are opening up Saturday as a school / practice / track day (special pricing available for Rat Teams) Move in, and set-up: Noon to 9:00 p.m. Tech until dark. Camping is FREE. Crew and guest passes are \$15.00 (good for the weekend). Qualifying Event Saturday evening (T.B.A.)

Sunday: September 2nd “THE RAT TRADITION”

Eight hours of racing. Clockwise direction: 9:30 to 5: 30 p.m.

Entry fee: One car and up to four drivers \$775.00. Extra drivers \$100.00 each.

SUNDAY NIGHT: Pot-luck barbeque featuring our famous “05 STAR trackside cuisine”. All drivers and crews welcome!

Monday: September 3rd. “THE RATS UNWIND”

Six hours of racing. Counter clockwise direction. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Entry fee: FREE! For all teams registered for “The RAT Tradition” by **August 18th**. (\$675.00 as a standalone race).

Registration after August 18th is \$900.00 for both races. One car and up to four drivers Extra drivers \$100.00 each.

Prizes of unspeakable value!

Rental cars and “arrive and drive” opportunities still available.

A 2 hour stint is \$400 (car, fuel and entry included).

Trouble with motorsportsreg? We will sign you up!
We are always happy to answer your questions.

COME RACE WITH US!

Bill Murray, Event Coordinator

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

A little help with the math:

One group entry @ The Ridge \$285.00 =
 total track time of 90 minutes.

A RAT Race four driver team entry @ O.R.P.
 \$282.50 each = One full day of open practice
 and two days of racing, that's 330 minutes of
 track time **per driver** !

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