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OUR FEARLESS LEADER, MITCH LEA. SOMETIMES IT IS THE NAGGING FEAR THAT THE TELL TALE EDITOR WILL AGAIN STOOP TO HUMILIATION AS THE REQUIRED LUBRICANT TO UNLASH THE LITERARY MUSE THAT CAN INSPIRE ONE TO PEN THE FOLLOWING LUCUBRATION.

President's Message August 2012

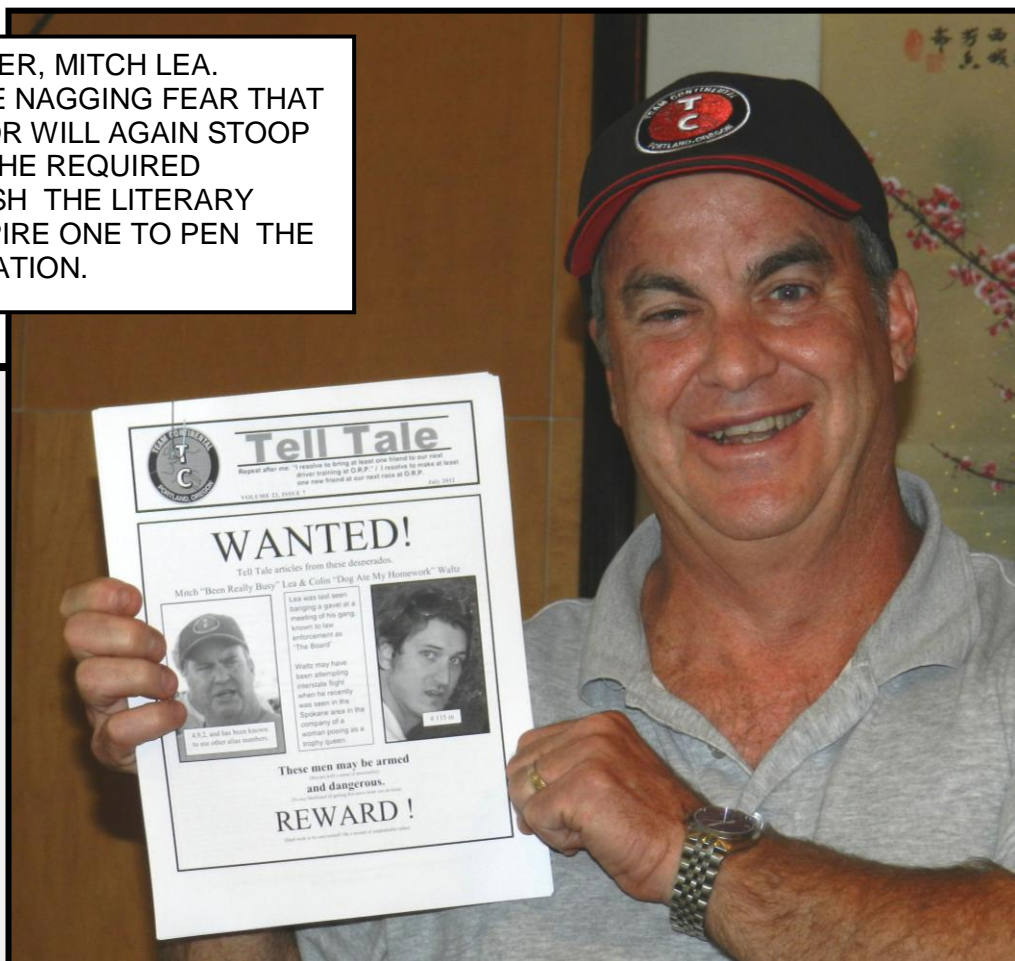
Getting the car ready, going through the equipment checklist, loading the trailer and filling up the cooler!! Upon reading these words my wife thought we were heading out camping. It sounded similar to that kind of trip. I excitedly told her we are getting ready for TC's Grass Valley Grand Prix race this weekend. The feel of

the weekend is much like camping, getting unloaded, setting up camp, and settling in. Sitting around your paddock area getting ready to practice, practice, come back and sit around camp. Get ready in afternoon for qualifying, qualify, come back to paddock area and tinker with things, close things up for dinner. Enjoy the evening visiting with others and telling stories (lies), enjoying the beautiful stars, then off to bed. Starting the next morning with the quiet, soon to be followed by the stirring of people in the paddock area as the day starts and we do it all over again. Sounds like camping to me.

I see our TC racing weekends as a great way to connect with people, build relationships and enjoy some great racing. In other words "Race for Fun"!

Many members have been working hard to put on a great race weekend and for this I am thankful. We have something special with TC and I want to celebrate that and am proud of it. As we prepare for the rest of this year may we keep our focus on what is important in life, may we enjoy each other's company and may we promote racing!

As always,
Mitch



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MEETINGS

The General Membership

Meeting will be held on

August 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.

Who is the Guy?



Behold our new Membership Chairman
Bobby Danger

Mr. Danger has been peripheral to club activities for some time, mostly through our numerous driver training events.

His resume counts a trip to the pit wall, severely damaging his Mini Cooper during one of our 2011 driver schools.

His other accomplishments include being a member of the Team HOON contingent.

Although his membership has only become official recently, he has been around long enough to develop a sense of the club culture.

Mr. Danger was appointed to the Membership Chairman position by President Mitch Lea to fill the remaining term of our former Membership Chairman, Terry Amundson.

Mr. Amundson has resigned in order to commit his full time energies to what is likely to be a hard fought campaign for the club Presidency this fall.

Team Continental Board Meeting

July 18, 2012
Mars Meadows

President Mitch Lea called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. Mitch announced that this meeting was a joint general meeting and race committee meeting. He further stated this would be an abbreviated meeting so the race committee and driving master could have their meeting.

Secretary: No report.

E Board Rep: Kevin Smith: No report.

Contest Board: Colin Waltz. Absent. Mitch announced that the contest board did meet and came up with rule change proposals. They would be submitted to the membership at a later meeting.

Guests: Most of the race committee people.

Driving Master: Jim Larfield. Jim wrote a great piece to introduce people into what a driving school is all about. Please see the letter on the web site. It is in the driver's training section. It can be downloaded and printed. Please look at it and use it.

Membership Chair: Terry Amundson. Absent.

Past President: Lynn Coupland. Lynn announced that the next Bi-Law meeting would be held August 21 at the home of Mitch Lea.

Communications Director: Bill Murray. No report.

Treasurer: Valori Starr: Valori reports the current bank balance is slightly over 10 grand and most the bills have been paid. We should have enough to fund the race.

Committee Reports: Jon Wilson. Absent.

Tell Tale Editor: . Bill Murray. Tell tale went out.

Old Business: We need a Christmas chair.

New Business

August board meeting will be held August 1 at the Lauralwood Pub.

Motion made seconded and passed to adjourn.

Meeting turned over to Skip for his race committee meeting.



Respectfully submitted

Paul Cap, Secretary

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Mar's Meadows at 7:00 pm.**

Drivers wanted this weekend! T.C. needs your support.



With the very low entry numbers for this weekend's race T.C. runs the risk of going deep into the red on this event. The answer is additional entries. **No car? / No problem!**

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Reserve now for group and car choice (not all cars fit all people, so we reserve the right to swap you to a different car to best accommodate the greatest number of drivers).

STAR Projects and Team Continental.....Racing doesn't get any easier than this!

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

Team Continental Registration
Valorie Starr:
503-348-5527
www.motorsportsreg.com

Driver Services (At the track office)
Lynn Coupland
503-701-3547



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When Life Gives You LeMons

Someone once said, Make Lemonade. Well, ORP gave us LeMons so we tried making Lemonade at The Ridge. I'll just say, DON'T DRINK IT!

Two races, Two DQ's.
Brownie merit badges in the shape of a penis.
Tequila.
Vomit.
Destructive behavior.

So, in true HOON form why not go out with a bang! ...or a donut or two. After all NASCAR winners get to do it, why not loser HOONS. Maybe Colin was just making up for missing that burnout opportunity after his win in Spokane. In Bill's words, "[Team HOON] was responsible for causing me deep personal embarrassment in front of one of my fellow event presenters.....But it was worth every minute of it!"



Team HOON was represented by Bill Murray, Colin Waltz, Charlie Peake and myself [Terry Amundson] at LeMons' race at The Ridge this past weekend. Surprisingly, even going in with starting issues with the car, we managed to get it running just long enough to pass tech and came out with zero penalty laps in the valuation review by LeMons. Things were looking up. These LeMoners were seemingly much more accommodating and helpful than our previous experience had let us to believe. On to the race! A beautiful day at The Ridge. A fresh experience on a brand new track – first time seeing it for me was walking it the evening before the race. I took the first stint, and thankfully there were a few transponder or other issues that extended the yellow flag long enough to give me a few laps of experimenting with lines and figuring out which parts of the 40' wide track that I wanted to play around on! Session went great. Running in 8th of 45 shortly after our first driver change. Charlie's stint as 2nd seat went uneventful until very near the end of his time, when he pushed it a little further into turn one, taking the inside line past a few 'slow' cars. Maybe they weren't quite slow enough. Spun between one and two. Black Flag number one. After Bill begging the judge on his knees and applying the first baggy full of brownie patches to our car, he stepped in for the 3rd stint. What was it Bill, lap #2 out? Four off to avoid a driver with no peripheral vision. Black Flag number two. More brownie merit badges. Why not glue them on in

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the shape of a penis? So many reasons, but we did it anyway. Back out on course for Bill, and a great consistent run for the remainder. Driver change and Colin is off and running! Briefly. Spin in lap #1. Thought he was on Hoosiers. Black Flag number three, and ALL THE PATCHES the LeMons boys could find us! So little room left on the car, but the process was down to a science, with Bill manning the glue gun and the rest of the team taking a vehicle quadrant and making it their own!

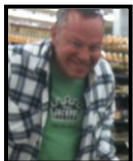
While we were out, a quick alternator change to address a charging deficiency was in order, and then back on course to finish up the day. Or not. After a nice long run with consistent times and the fast laps of the day, Colin took a little slide on track, going just past 90 and to a near stop. Enough for them to consider a spin. Black Flag #4. DQ by their rules. After a little banter with Colin letting the LeMons crew know in no uncertain terms that we prefer *real* racing, Bill managed to briefly convince the judges to give us another chance – quite the sweet talker! That lasted the 30 seconds that it took before the dirt started flying off in the distance and Jay and the LeMons crew took back the second chance and sent us packing.

...but, in the words of our fearless leader, it was worth every minute!

Want to take *your* \$500 car out to race, but don't want to be saran wrapped to the roof, or waste your day pasting merit badges all over it or writing sentences with a sharpie on the chalkboard of your car door, then maybe give The Rat Race a try instead! Labor Day weekend, ORP!...



And on a final note, a recommendation for Jon Wilson: Next time you're at The Ridge, check out Grove Street Brewhouse in Shelton! Good food, great beer and a very cute redhead waitress!



<http://grovestreetbrewhouse.wordpress.com/beers/>

Submitted by Terry Amundson, VP

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PRESENTS
"THE RAT TRADITION"
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 Opens on www.motorsportsreg.com this Saturday. Only 30 teams will be accepted.

Saturday: September 1st. 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 2, 2012 "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".

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 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 available. 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).

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SURF'S UP DUDE!



The only significance of the Ferrari is that it was race related and taken at the Ferrari store in Waikiki Beach. I don't know who drove it or where it was driven. It is presently on display at the Ferrari store in Hawaii on the island of Oahu, City of Honolulu in the Waikiki Beach Resort area on Kalakaua Avenue. That is all the information I have on it. Just thought it would be cool being race related and representing the club in Hawaii.

Submitted by: Jim Collins

Flash from the TC Board Meeting 8/2/2012:

Following one of the usual heated discussions, that makes the Board meetings such lively entertainment, one of our illustrious members left the board meeting before settling his bill with Laurelwood Brew Pub. Our newly appointed Membership Chairman, Bobby Danger, covered the bill and said he will add it to the errant members dues renewal.

Why do you think they called him Skip anyway?

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POINTS!! POINTS!! Get your ICSCC Championship POINTS HERE! Where you ask? ORP - Aug 4-5 the Grass Valley Grand Prix. This may be just the opportunity you need to garner that coveted championship that has slipped through your grasp in the past. With smaller grids to compete against this may be that time to gain some extras points on your competition. Don't miss this opportunity. And while you're at it check out our special combined race for Groups 2 and 5.

Friday is driver training/HPDE/test and tune day. Priced very reasonably for 2hrs of track time. Just what you need to get your car dialed in for the race.



So get registered before it's too late.

We look forward to meeting you and will see you at the track,
Jim Larfield
Team Continental Driving Master
drivingmaster@teamcontinental.com

Hello Driving Enthusiasts,

So you bought that performance car and want to unleash your inner Mario Andretti, but want to do so in a safe structured environment and don't know how. Actually it's very easy. How easy you ask? All you need is your street car. No it doesn't have to be a Porsche or BMW, it can be your 4-door grocery-getter. Automatic or manual trans, it doesn't matter. Just make sure it has good brakes and tires. The only other thing you need is a Snell approved helmet (motorsports SA-rated preferred but M-rated motorcycle will suffice). Then register on www.motorsportreg.com for a Team Continental driver training event at Oregon Raceway Park - <http://oregonraceway.com/>... Often compared to a roller coaster ride, only with you at the controls.



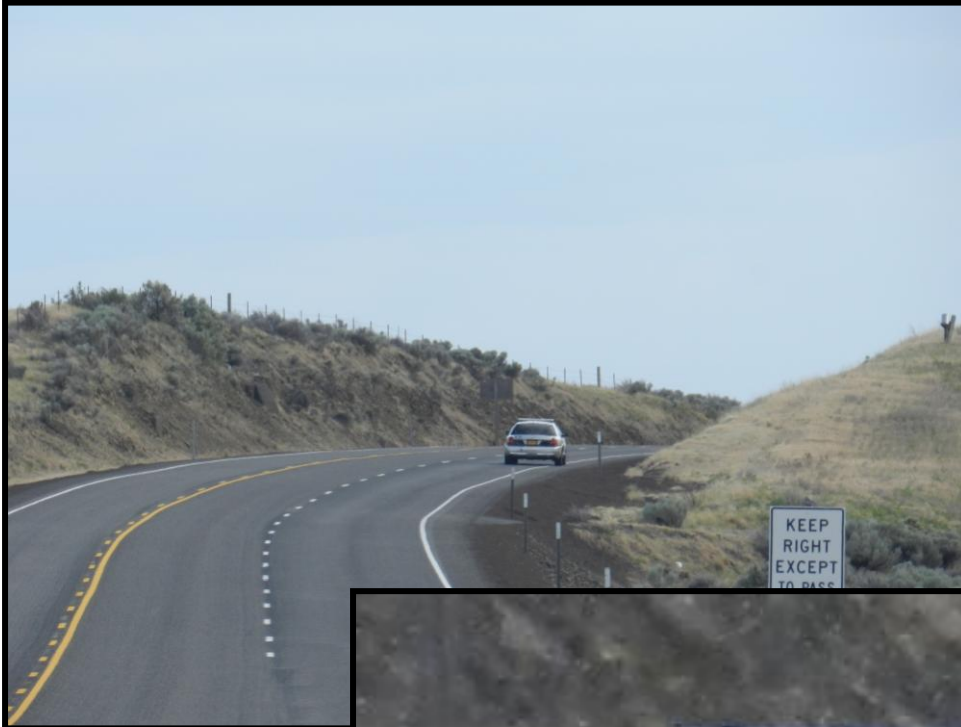
So what do you get for that reasonably priced entry fee? Your car will be teched to make sure it's safe and nothing is falling off. Make sure the inside is cleaned out and free of fast food wrappers and dried up old french fries the kids dropped in the back seat (don't want any flying projectiles). You will get instruction from some of the best sports car racers, many with years of winning races here in the NW and beyond. Your assigned instructor will be in your car all day teaching you everything from the basics to more advanced techniques depending on your skill level. Between on track sessions you will attend short classroom sessions learning the theory of performance driving and then taking that knowledge to your next session on track.

At the end of the day we have an awards ceremony handing out certificates with your instructor speaking about your improving performance. After the ceremony we put on a dinner and social where you can share stories about the day with your new friends.

Still aren't sure? Well come on over and hang out with us, take a tour of the track, talk to the driving master and instructors, sit in on the classroom sessions. We welcome you to check it all out before giving it a go.

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In exploiting all the latest technologies to bring you the Tell Tale, your editor has discovered another great use for the camera telephoto feature.



It's got the right shape.....

And we are both traveling over the limit.....

He is still a long ways off.....

Could it be?.....

Hand me that camera.

Yeah, just what I thought.....

Think I'll drop back here.....

Once he crests the hill, he's going to anchor his brakes, waiting on the shoulder with his radar on.





Team Continental
Announces
Grass Valley Grand Prix
August 3-4-5, 2012



This event is sanctioned by ICSCC under the 2012 Competition Regulations featuring a **2-DAY, SINGLE RACE** Championship points format, **plus world class driver's training**, presented by Team Continental at Oregon Raceway Park in Grass Valley, OR.

Entries Open: Upon receipt of this announcement
Entries Close: Postmark, fax or register on-line by July 31st, 2012

Driver's Training (all day) \$175

Race Entry Fees: 1st Entry \$250

2nd Entry \$180

Late Fee – TC has waived late fees for this event!

Novice Single Day \$199

Crew and Spectators: FREE

Submit Entries To: www.motorsportreg.com

Or contact: Team Continental Race Registrar
Valorie Starr
36801 SE Proctor Rd.
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RaceRegistrar@TeamContinental.com

Race Chair Skip Yocom: 503-655-3246 (hm), rampant53@gmail.com

Asst. Race Chair Bob Smethers, bob@smethers.com

Competitor's Liaison Gordon Jones, gracer25@msn.com

**** Driver Training** will be held Friday, August 3rd, 2012 – contact Jim Larfield at DrivingMaster@TeamContinental.com for additional information.

Paved paddock spaces will be assigned once your entry is processed and will be issued upon your arrival at the event. Please check-in with TC Paddock Marshals at ORP.

Saturday Social – Everyone Welcome !

Please join us for a special TC Buffet @ \$5/per

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