



# Tell Tale

REPEAT AFTER ME: I am heading to the Banquet this weekend, 'cuz it's gonna be awesome, and if I am there it will be awesomer!

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***It's late on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> and your Tell Tale Editor is still waiting to get the President's message from Mitch. After two years, I've developed a pretty good grip on what it is he wants to say. So here it is:***

What would Mitch say?

The party season is winding down and the Racing season is getting started.

I hope you were one of the many that got to attend some of T.C's social events over the holidays. The fun of the season came through even with the loss of our most senior member Bruce Baggett. The great turn out of T.C'ers past and present at his memorial and his wake showed how much of an extended family this club really is.

This is my last note as your President. We are looking at a challenging and exciting year with some new faces and fresh ideas taking over some key board positions for 2013. The gavel will turn over to Terry Amundson at our Annual Banquet next weekend.

We are looking forward to being back at the beach this year. I hope you will join us.

Race for fun

Bill

***So, now it's Monday night and the Tell Tale has gotta go into the mail tonight. And here comes Mitch's real message.***

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**Great story, excellent video....**

**narrated by Henry Ford's great grandson....**



<http://www.youtube.com/embed/POXqGsgAtaY>

(supplied by Bill Bachofner)

## President's Message

January 2013

My last message as TC's President!! Wow time did go by quickly. In the 56 years that Team Continental has been in existence, being the only President to serve two consecutive terms has me realizing how smart the others were and how dumb I must have been! In all seriousness, I want to express my feelings of honor and privilege to serve as President of Team Continental. Thank you for this opportunity. I can hear Bill Murray say "save it for the banquet". Well, I will save it for the banquet.

During the last two years we have gone through changes that have led us to battle with maintaining old traditions and developing new traditions. Driver Training Days and Race Weekends are different then "the way we have always done it" causing change, uneasiness and new excitement. As I hand the club over to Terry Amundson and the 2013 Board for guidance, I see a great energizing of the membership and the willingness to step in and being a part of a great racing club. I see a Conference recognizing we are family and need to understand that we need to support each other and stand with each other, even if we don't agree on all issues. What I see is we are "Racing for Fun". I am truly grateful and excited as Team Continental moves forward in success in 2013.

Thanks Don Smethers and Peggy Walker for putting together a fantastic memorial for Bruce Baggett. It was touching to see his family, adopted family, Nissan friends and his TC family gathered to honor Bruce. Several long ago members of TC turned out just for Bruce. Bruce loved TC, the way he showed his love wasn't always what one would expect but it was authentic and truly "Baggs".

Recently we received a letter and financial support from IRDC. We want to thank IRDC for their financial support and their words of encouragement. Thank You! IRDC joins SCCBC and CSCC in financially supporting Team Continental. In the letter from IRDC it was mentioned we are all family as members of Conference. As family we argue, don't agree with what others think or do and we care about each other. We also recognize that at any time we each are only a bad decision or circumstance away from not existing. Team Continental is a part of the Conference Family and is equally committed to standing with the other clubs of ISCCA!

We introduce the new Board and hand the gavel over to Terry Amundson at our Banquet. I am looking forward to seeing you there. Thank you Terry for stepping up and providing leadership as we move positively forward in 2013!!

What better way to "Race for Fun"!

Many thanks and God's speed!

Mitch



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Bill Murray, Editor

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## MEETINGS

The TC Banquet is going back to the Coast!

Hallmark Resort in Newport Oregon.

General Meeting to be held Sunday Morning, the 20th.

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## TEAM CONTINENTAL – GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (UNOFFICIAL, NOT APPROVED)



Date: December 15, 2012

**Location: TC Christmas Party – American Legion Hall**

Some fabulous smoked turkey & ham was provided by TC. Numerous other wonderful side dishes and desserts were provided by other TC Members. Peggy Gaston made a memorable comment referring to the spectacular key lime pie: "This pie is so good, I'd like to spread it all over my body and have TC lick it off." (omg WOW!)

Meeting called to order by TC President, Mitch Lea;

### **GUEST INTRODUCTIONS:**

Chad & Meredith (Lynn Coupland's Son), Darcy Weaver (Ben's Wife)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/BONER NOMINATION:**

Mitch announced that Skip left the December BOD meeting without paying his tab – covered by Mitch. We presume all principal, interest and penalties will be reimbursed by Skip in the near future! Also, Thank You tonight to our beautiful bar staff Ali Montgomery for providing club members/guests with liquid refreshments. Thank You again to Lynn Coupland and her Team for coordinating tonight's TC Christmas Party celebration!

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Final votes were tabulated for our 2012 TC Driver of the Year and 2013 TC Board of Directors.

Remember to attend the upcoming TC Annual Awards Banquet on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at Hallmark Resort in Newport, OR. This years' theme is "Back To The Beach Party" – refer to the TC web site for flyers, event schedule and registration information.

Meeting was adjourned so the traditional "TC Gift Exchange" could commence.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bob Smethers, acting TC Secretary for Paul Cap

### **GIFT EXCHANGE (random draw provided by Lynn, MC duties provided by Mitch and his hat):**

|                                                           |                                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Tool kit & vodka (selected by Erin E – stolen by Peggy G) | Chocolates (selected by Bob C)                  |
| "Flashing Man" (selected by Darrin D)                     | Insulated ice scraper (selected by Steve L)     |
| Pendleton Whiskey (selected by Betty L – stolen by Bob S) | Wine (selected by Betty L)                      |
| Shop Light (selected by Erin E – stolen by Ron T)         | Vodka (selected by Erin E – stolen by Darren D) |
| Fireball Whiskey (selected by Skip Y – stolen by Darcy W) | Wine (selected by Kim M)                        |
| "Fishing game in a tube" (selected by Norma)              | Wine (selected by Ali M – stolen by Mitch)      |

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Chocolates (selected by Joyce T)  
Don C)

Drinking Backpack (selected by

**NOTE: Don Crawford was also “awarded” the perpetual TC Hawaiian coconut bra & grass skirt!**

Liquor filled chocolates (selected by Bert D – stolen by Bill M)  
by Bert D)

Wine/Hooters tray (selected

Wooden boat ornaments (selected by Gayle K)  
Skip)

Gingerbread spoons (selected by

Starbucks certificate & ornament (selected by Bert D)  
– stolen)

Tequila & Mix (selected by Ben W

**NOTE: Ben Weaver subsequently selected the perpetual TC Boobs & Buns – good photo opportunities!**

Champagne/decorations (selected by Erin E – stolen by Jim L)  
Judith Y)

Flashlight (selected by

And finally, Champagne/decorations (selected by Erin E)

**NOTE: The perpetual TC inflatable boobs and TC beer belly did not resurface this year – watch out next year!**

### Team Continental Awards Banquet 2013

When: January 19, 2013

Where: Hallmark Resort

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#### Prime Rib Buffet

Garden Salad, Traditional Caesar Salad, Fresh Fruit Salad

Carved Prime Rib (Au Jus & Horseradish Cream Sauce)

Chicken Breast (Sun-dried Tomato Cream Sauce)

Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Garden Vegetables with Herb Butter

Cost: \$35.00ea

Register at [www.motorsportsreg.com](http://www.motorsportsreg.com)

or contact Mark Hanken 503-543-2405

[markh@eccportland.com](mailto:markh@eccportland.com)

### ***“BACK TO THE BEACH”***

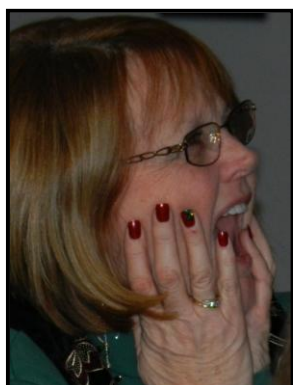
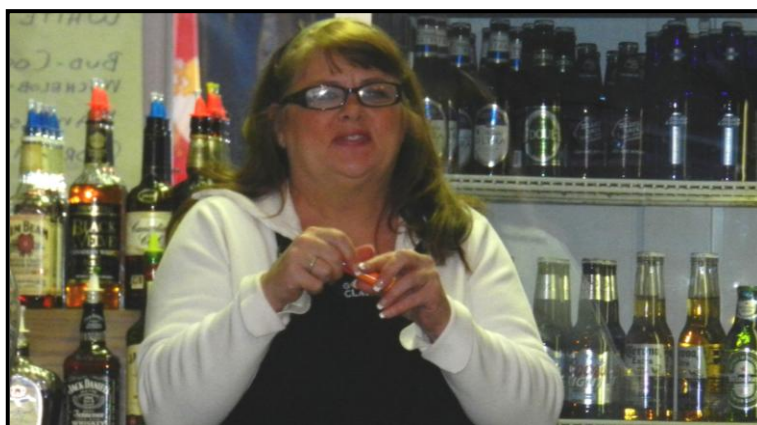
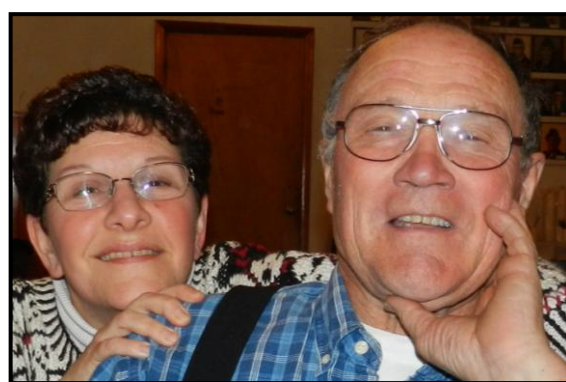
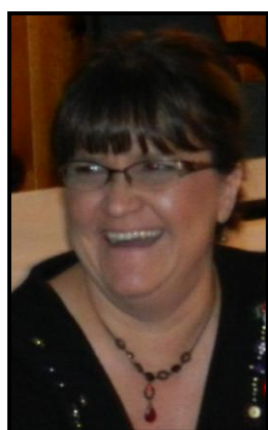
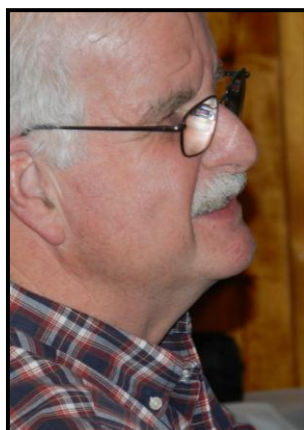


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*T.C. Christmas Party - December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012*







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Dear Team Continental Members,

Your memberships expired on Dec 31, 2012.

Please renew by going to <http://teamcontinental.motorsportreg.com/> and clicking on the Team Continental Membership Application Link. On the link itself, click on the item for Senior/Active/Novice Membership renewal, and then preview your order. If you would like to pay by credit card you can do that through motorsportreg.com, or you can pay by check by using the Skip Payment button at the bottom of the checkout form, and then sending a check payable to Team Continental to

Kevin Smith  
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Hillsboro, OR 97124

or by bringing payment to the banquet or to a regular meeting. I'd prefer you paid by check, as motorsportreg.com takes a small cut of the renewal fee, and it would be nice to keep that money within the club. Once payment has been received, I will get your membership card in the mail very quickly, or if you would rather pick it up in person at a regular membership meeting, just let me know.

I would really appreciate your renewal as early as possible, and for your help in recruiting new members into our club.



Thank you,  
Kevin Smith  
Team Continental Membership Chairman

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# Team Continental Membership Application/Renewal

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname or Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

New Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal Membership Status \_\_\_\_\_ (See explanations below)

Active – A New Member after attaining ICSCC Senior Competition or SCCA Regional License or a member in good standing for one year.

Senior – 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 formal meeting.

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 TC in writing of this intent. An Inactive Member may attend meetings and may resume membership at any time by advising TC, and paying the remaining yearly dues.

Team Continental relies on volunteers to put on our racing, driver training, and other club events. Please indicate below any areas where you would be willing to help:

- |                                             |                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Registration       | <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tech Inspection    | <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scales             | <input type="checkbox"/> ICSCC Executive Board Rep. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Timing & Scoring   | <input type="checkbox"/> ICSCC Contest Board Rep.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-grid           | <input type="checkbox"/> Race Chairman              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turn Worker        | <input type="checkbox"/> Driving Master             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flat tow           | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Chairman        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paddock Marshal    | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications Director    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driving Master     | <input type="checkbox"/> Telltale/Newsletter Editor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driving Instructor | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic Chairman            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other              | <input type="checkbox"/> Banquet Chairman           |

Please present this completed form to the TC Membership Chairman or send it to:

TC Membership Chairman, PO Box 2273, Portland, OR 97208-2273.

Please include the \$30.00 membership fee along with your application/renewal.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Official Use Only:

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Status : Novice Active Senior Inactive

Fee received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Check # \_\_\_\_\_ or Cash) New card sent: \_\_\_\_\_



JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> AT THE LAURELWOOD. FIRST BOARD MEETING OF 2013 LAUNCHES THE CLUB OFF TO A GOOD START FOR THE NEW YEAR.



KEY PLAYERS FOR TEAM CONTINENTAL'S 2013 TRACK OPERATIONS:

FROM THE LEFT: ALAN KOLKOMO, ASSISTANT RACE CHAIRMAN. PETER BELFANTI, RACE CHAIR. JIM LARFIELD, DRIVING MASTER.

ALAN IS A FORMER MEMBER RETURNING TO THE CLUB, WELCOME BACK!

BELOW: EXECUTIVE BOARD REP KEVIN SMITH REVIEWS HIS TALKING POINTS FOR THE ICSCC SPRING MEETING THIS WEEKEND WHERE THE FINAL SCHEDULE FOR THIS YEARS RACES WILL BE SET.



MR, PRESIDENT ELECT: TERRY AMUNDSON.



PETER LENSSSEN CHECKS TO SEE IF THE HOLIDAYS LEFT HIM ENOUGH TO PAY FOR DINNER.



MOST IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MEETING: JON WILSON WILL BE MAKING THE COCKTAILS FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE BEACH. COME HANG OUT WITH MR. "SHAKEN NOT STIRRED" AND THE LOVELY BT LETHAL "SINTHIA".

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*Hi, I am Bill Murray, and I would like you to race with us in 2013.*

**Attention Racers!**



*If you have not done so already, put February 23-24 on your calendar. We are having the first STAR Projects RAT Race of the 2013 season at Thunderhill Raceway.*

*We are scheduling a Practice and Track Day for Saturday and an 8 hour RAT Race on Sunday. REMEMBER, we have rental cars available.*

**"Day of the RAT" / \$1,000.00 to win!**

*\$595. race entry fee includes four drivers.*

*Track day / practice / qualifying \$205. per car*

*(All convertibles and cars with removable tops must have adequate roll over protection).*

*Entry fee goes up \$50 after January 20th*

*A tentative schedule is posted on our website: [www.starprojectsevents.com](http://www.starprojectsevents.com).*

***Registration will be on the STAR Projects website by next week.***

*If you would like to be involved as a driver, work a corner, instruct or just run a track day on Saturday, drop a note to our email and let us know you can join us.*

*Bill Murray*

*503-358-2617*

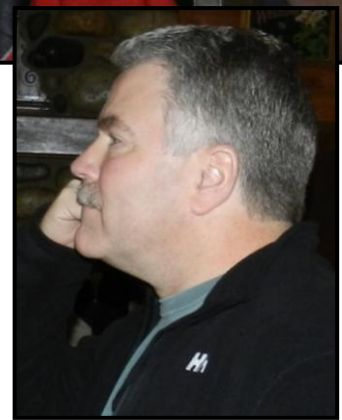
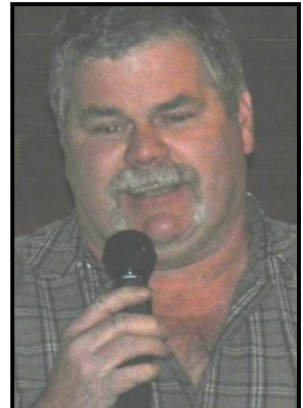
*(10:00 a.m. to midnight)*

*starprojectsevents@gmail.com*

***"Racing doesn't get any easier than this"***



## BRUCE BAGGETT REMEMBERED



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*Young and old line up for a chance to get the last word on Baggett.*

*We're gonna miss that guy!*

*January 6<sup>th</sup> , 2013*



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# R.B. Calls it quits!

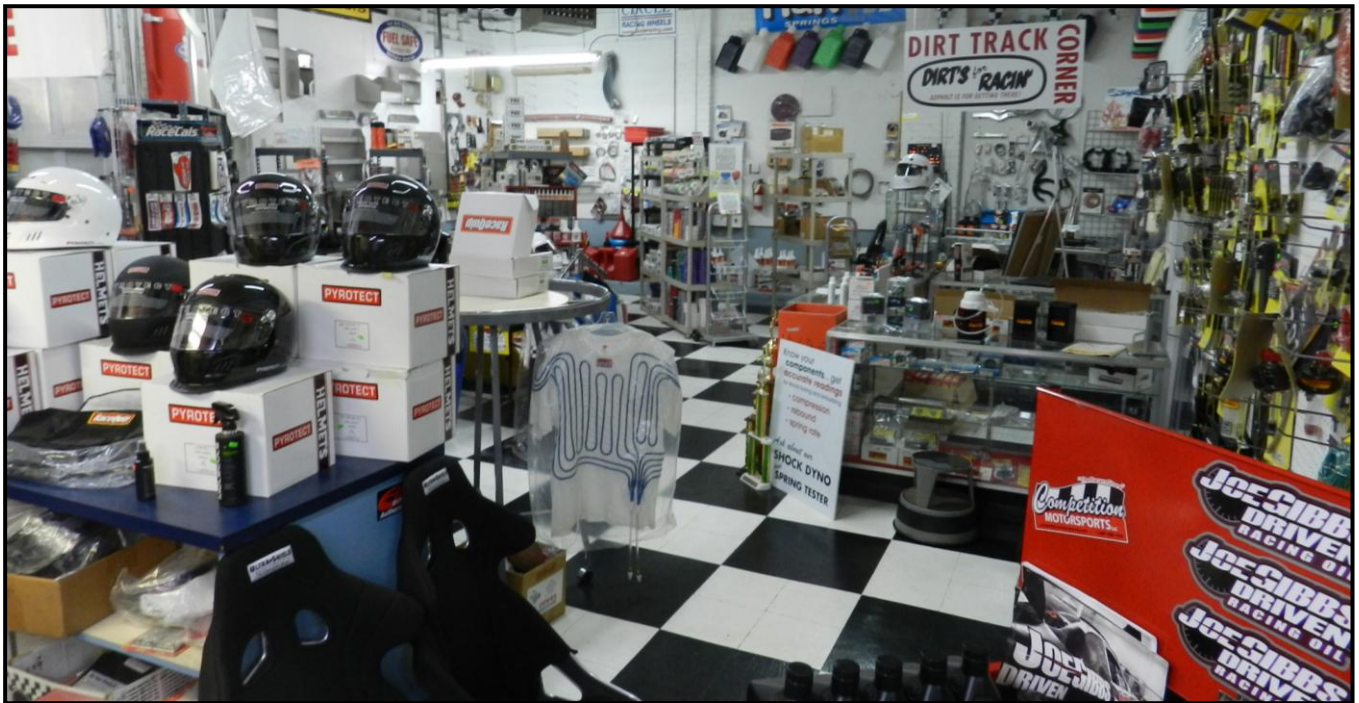
## Competition Motorsports is up for sale.

After 60 years in motorsports Ron Brown thinks he has had enough. How does a guy just turning 70 have 60 years in? Well It is an interesting story, and it centers around an interesting guy.

Ron came to motorsports early, or maybe it is more accurate to say it came to him. He grew up and was raised in the Yakama Valley where racing in the 40's meant, like it does today, oval track. After the end of the war, Ron's dad "Browney" built a horse racing track, of course it was dirt, but after a few years they started to run cars on it. By 1950 it was paved and renamed Sunny Grand

Speedway. Ron's dad did the promoting, right down to being the track announcer. Of course there were lots of race track chores for a young Ron to do.

The love of racing was thoroughly ingrained by the time he left home to spend the next four years in Coast Guard. Ron finally found himself stationed in Newport where one of his jobs was to jump off the front of the tender onto a swaying buoy and service the lamps. On one occasion while answering a distress call he dove into the sea and swam into a capsized boat and rescued two men that were trapped in a cabin. He was decorated for his bravery.



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In 1964 Ron was out of the service and took a job with Hyster. There he got involved in the company's printing department. The process fascinated him and lead to a sales job with Itek, a manufacturer of camera's and printing equipment. One day in 1965 Ron wandered into a business on East Burnside called Rally Center. It was owned by another young guy named Russ Harness who belonged to a local race drivers club called Team Continental. Within the year Ron had purchased a Formula-C car, and was towing it to races behind a Corvair Convertible, painted to match.



Ron and racing had a few off years in which he quit Itek and went into the printing equipment business for himself. He bought a franchise in Printer's Parts Company and eventually controlled the business in Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Idaho and Montana. It must have been a good decision because in 1977 he and Russ came into the office at Master Mechanics and said they had purchased Joe Chamberlin's Trans Am Camaro and were going to run the series that year and needed to hire my services. Since I was already converting Jim Dubois' A/S Camaro for Trans Am it was a good fit.

By the early 80's the Trans Am got too expensive for mere mortals to play, and Ron sold the Camaro. Monte Shelton sold him a second hand Gurney Eagle (chassis #4 I believe) Ron drove the Eagle a while but had some of the same problems that were common to the Camaro, and a lot of other Chevrolets of the period, they cracked cylinder heads. (This was before Brodix and Dart and all the other common aftermarket options available today). Ron still owns the car, and Monte has tried to buy it back ever since.

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By the Early 90's Russ was up to his ears in Merkurs and ran a parts specialty business called Rapido Group. Russ had obtained a bunch of retired Bondurant cars and soon Ron showed up at the shop with a Merkur



and a Tilton pedal set he had bought, but couldn't make fit. The game was on again. The problem was, as soon as I would get something in place, Ron would show up with another part. Sometimes they were not always compatible and the end concept of what this car was going to be kept mutating. My kids were in preschool then; the unfinished car is still on display in Ron's shop.

Through all this buying of parts one day Ron announced he was thinking of going into the racer parts business. He had always thought Russ had the right idea with Rally Center. I tried to dissuade him, pointing out that another business named Race Central, already had a good lock on the Portland market. Ron was not to be deterred, he said It is going to be the "Racer Friendly Store" and I am going to call it Competition Motorsports. It took years to build the business and grow inventory, but with the kind of hard work Ron has put his life into, it was bound to be a success. The result is one of the best racer supply outfits around and no one has heard of Race Central in years.

Ron is resolute on his retirement, so if you know someone who has the scratch to buy him out here is a business that is turnkey, but a buyer had better know how to put in the time. That is what Ron has done for 60 plus years. Like most men that have lead a truly successful life, he has never thought of it as work.

Check next month's Tell Tale. We will keep you up on the story.

Bill Murray



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