

President's Report

February 2013

2013 Season is here! ... And even though we had our setbacks financially in 2012, individuals within the club, along with each of the other member clubs in Conference, have stepped up to offer support in our time of need! I'm really excited about the new season. One race weekend. One opportunity. Time to put our best foot forward and show everyone what TC's all about. I've eaten the excellent food, driven the world class track, put up with – I mean listened intently to – the amazing stories of the club's history; and now I'm looking forward to building upon our reputation of providing a competitive, entertaining and super fun event weekend. Please step up and help out where you can. Schedules will be coming out this month. Volunteers are needed as usual. Spread the word and find a place where your skills fit. Plenty of options to pitch in!

In addition to our race weekend, 2013 is shaping up to be a year for club promotion and expansion. Plans are in place to have a club booth and presence at both the Portland Swap Meet at PIR, and the Roadster Show in March at a minimum. Come out and support the club and help spread the word. Other opportunities are being explored as well. Contact our Communications Chair with any additional input or ideas on marketing the club within the greater automotive community in the region.

With both the first General Meeting at the coast, and Board Meeting at the pub behind me now, I'm beginning to feel a rhythm and looking forward to more involvement from each of you as the season progresses. Mars Meadows February 20th, 7 pm. Come out and see what's new – sorry, but at Mars it's likely not going to be the beer that's new though, so bring a growler with ya!



See ya there, -terry

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Electronic submissions are preferred. Don't spend a lot of time on fancy formatting. The editor rarely exercises his right to edit all submissions for length and content. Bill Murray, Editor

The Tell Tale WARNING! T.C. Members:

If your name is: Terry, Duane, Eric, Bob, Carl, Gordon, Tony, Skip, Steve, Rob, Don (2), Judith, Betty, Mitch, Jim, Patty, Tonya, Lynn, Toni, Mark, Jeremy, Kevin, Bert, Ben, Chris, Peter, Jason, Jimbo, Ken, Gary, Valorie, Cynthia, Bill (2), one of the several Jon's or John's or a host of others.

You have been maligned with a photo in this issue which may also contain remarks of a disparaging or inflammatory nature. You had better read every word just to be sure.



The General Membership

Meeting will be held February 20th at Mar's

Meadows @ 7 pm.

T.T. Ed.

TEAM CONTINENTAL – GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

(UNOFFICIAL, NOT APPROVED) BUT THEY WOULDN'T BE ANY BETTER IF THEY HAD. Date: January 20, 2013

Location: TC Annual Awards Banquet – Newport Hallmark, Hospitality Suite Meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm (noon) by TC President, Terry Amundson;



OFFICER REPORTS:



PRESIDENT (Terry Amundson): Objectives for 2013 were presented in

Objectives for 2013 were presented, including a request for meeting agenda items to be submitted in advance. Open TC BOD positions and Committee assignments were reviewed, resulting in the following proposals: **M/S –** (Bill Murray/Kevin Smith): **Motion** to re-open nominations for TC BOD positions, **Motion passed**;

M/S – **Motion** to appoint Duane Starr to the position of Vice President, **Motion passed**;

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR (Kevin Smith, interim): **M/S** – (Gordon J, Jim L): **Motion** to appoint Kevin Smith as Membership director for 2013, **Motion passed**; 56 paid members have renewed for 2013. Member renewal

payments are currently being accepted via check or cash. Renewals may also be submitted through <u>www.Motorsportreg.com</u>. Membership cards have been issued.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REP (Kevin Smith):

Kevin attended ICSCC spring meeting last weekend, January 12-13 with Terry Amundson attending as alternate. ICSCC Insurance advisor (Scott Adair) recommends Member Clubs need to retain insurance liability waivers for 7 years. Waivers should be signed and witness information should be completed. Clubs should hire a document storage professional to handle archiving paper documents. ICSCC RATS meeting is scheduled for March 9th 2013, 10am – 5pm at SeaTac Marriott. ICSCC Treasurer reports the cash balance is approximately \$100k with approximately \$85k needed to conduct ICSCC business. Motion was proposed/passed to reimburse each ICSCC Member Club in the amount \$2500. TC worker fund report will be submitted for publication. HANS rule requirement was discussed and was not passed by EBoard for 2013. TC confirmed the request for a 2 day/2 race format on Memorial Day weekend with Friday DT. Michael Conatore will be ICSCC Marketing director with much discussion and ideas pertaining to action items working directly with Member clubs. TC expressed appreciation to CSCC, IRDC, SCCBC & NWMS for recent cash donations to TC. IRDC proposal to exclude glycol based coolants did not pass but tracks may already have provisions pertaining to these fluids.

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR (Ben Weaver):

TellTale Editor (Bill Murray) reports the TT will be published & posted to TC Web Site and distributed to non-web access Members. Webmaster (Peter Linssen) will continue handling all web site updates & notifications via email. TC President requested articles to be submitted, especially those containing fun to read historical input.

RACE CHAIRMAN (Pete Belfanti):

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One meeting of the 2013 Race Chair committee has been held with the next one scheduled for Tuesday evening, January 23rd, location tbd. Email input can be submitted directly to Pete using racechair@teamcontinental.com. Current discussion items include bunkhouse availability and suggestions for alternative worker lodging locations. On behalf of TC, John Rissberger has already submitted a formal request for 2013 track dates to ORP. Steve L asked whether running clockwise configuration would constitute a new track for double points? Kevin S commented the new track certification would be required by ICSCC with low probability for 2013. We were reminded that for their inaugural race at The Ridge in 2012, IRDC had not requested a double points format for that event. Ken K commented that until the new direction for ORP is approved, there's no need for further discussion with ICSCC. Jon W reminded us that TC had to pay the \$10k for formal track certification before ORP came on line prior to 2010.

TREASURER (Val Starr): (see handouts)

2012 financials were submitted for review, worker donation report is available. Member renewals and banquet expenses/payments have been received but are not reflected on this current report.

VICE PRESIDENT (Duane Starr): no report; PAST PRESIDENT (Mitch Lea): Fulfilled his outgoing meeting duties by bringing sandwiches from Subway! SECRETARY (Bob Smethers): no report; CONTEST BOARD REP (Jon Wilson): no report; DRIVING MASTER (Jim Larfield): no report;

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ROD Representative (Ken Killam) reports the ROD membership fee

is still \$10 – refer to ICSCC PPM on ICSCC web site (<u>www.icscc.com</u>). Here is the list of other TC Committee Members:

Webmaster (Peter Linssen), Historian (this position remains open, Bill Murray will serve in the interim with assistance from Duane Starr), Publicity (open), TellTale (Bill Murray), Competition Committee (Andy Rowbottom), Equipment Manager (Tony Hauser), Picnic Chairman (open), Spiritual Leader (currently open), Christmas Party Chair (Lynn Coupland) and Trophy/Banquet Chair (Mark Hanken).

OLD BUSINESS: (none)



NEW BUSINESS:

Other committees for 2013 include a finance committee with discussions continuing from the previous Ad Hoc Race Chairman committee. This group will coordinate recommendations with TC Race Chair & TC Driving Master. If you are interested in serving as a senior or new member on this 3-5 person committee, please email your interest to TC President (president@teamcontinental.com). 2013 would be a terrific opportunity for a marketing committee to brainstorm and submit feedback

through the ICSCC Marketing Director Michael Conatore. TC meeting venue locations were discussed – Laurelwood location works good for BOD and Mars Meadows is still good for General Meetings, suggestions are gladly accepted. Bill

Murray extended an invitation to participate in the upcoming Star Projects "Rat Race" event at Thunderhill on Feb 23-24 (sat/sun);

M/S - motion to Adjourn, Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 12:46pm;



Respectfully Submitted, Bob Smethers, TC Secretary

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Team Continental Annual Awards Banquet 2012



Traditions made a return Friday night at the Hospitality Suite: Carl Clinton checks out the Mixology of Martini Master Jon Wilson. The Saturday wine tasting was hosted by Don Crawford and Gayle Kovacs and a great micro brew selection was provided courtesy of Mark & Patty Hanken.





History on the tube with a huge collection of reformatted Northwest vintage racing video from Don Smethers.









S. Leonard











E. Howell

R. Rissberger



T.C. Annual Awards Banquet 2012: Left: The long and the short of it. Past President, Mitch Lea and Jim Larfield, Driving Master.



From the Left: Toni Larfield, Lynn Coupland and Tonya Kihlstadius. Tequila is often known to have a deleterious effect on decorum. (Yes Bob, yours are bigger) !

Ah..... A fragrant bouquet, with an

impressive finish and a hue vaguely reminiscent of Citroen hydraulic fluid.





Banquet Chair and M.C. for the evening Mark Hanken.



Recipient of the Most Improved Driver Trophy, Jeremy Plance.



Kevin Smith : Winner of the Instructor of The Year Award for his excellent work in delivery of the driver training lectures.

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Mitch Lea. Just look what two years of being club President can do to you.



New President Terry Amundson confers with the "get-er-done" guy Bert Dilley.



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Gary Pazina Memorial Award – 2012 Winner: Valorie Starr

Instructor of the year – 2012 Winner: Kevin Smith

Gordon Scott Memorial Trophy – 2012 Winner: Ken Killam

James Hugh Maloney Cup – 2012 Winner: Terry Amundson

Hard Luck Trophy – 2012 Winner: Benjamin Weaver

George Brockbank Memorial Driver's Award – 2012 Winner: Jeremy Plance

Crash and Burn Trophy – 2012 Winner: Dave Marden

Far Horizons –2012 Winner: Bill Harris

Vagabond Trophy – 2012 Winner: Kristine Craine

Waving Flag – 2012 Winner: James Collins Jr. "Jimbo"

Course Master – 2012 Winner: Bob Smethers

Competitor's Trophy – 2012 Winner: Andy Robottom

Victory Cup - 2012 Winner: Scott Shobert

Driver of the year - 2012 Winner: Gary Presting Jr.

Outstanding Member – 2012 Winner: Jim Larfield



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IT'S ALIVE! ... THE MONSTER IS ALIVE!



Always wanted to "RUN WITH THE BIG DOGS"? Well they don't get any bigger than this!

You can Drive!* We will again be running the RAT Challenge "Race within a race" at the STAR Projects event at Thunderhill Raceway in Willows, California, February, 23rd-24th. This subevent will run concurrently with the Track Day and RAT Race, and features the newest addition to our fleet "The Ratillac"

One practice lap. Two on the clock. One lap cool off. Best time for two laps – One Winner!

Send your best driver. Teams that got their money in for the AT Race by the February 10^{TH} deadline get one FREE ENTRY.





Additional runs are \$100.00.

The guaranteed PRIZE FUND STARTS at \$100.00 and GROWS \$50.00 WITH EACH ENTRY.

Proceeds from The Challenge will be donated to Thunderhill Track Manager Dave Voden's favorite charity.

* Oh yeah, there are some restrictions, rules, caveats, conditions, regulations, and other stuff, but other than those required for safety, not many...

TC Instructor's Seminar April 6 with special guest speaker Todd Harris

Now it's time for a word from your MASTER – that's Driving Master. Guess I haven't quite gotten over the party mood from the holidays and the banquet last month. Had a great time at the banquet, great food, good friends and good weather made for a fun time at the beach.

We are working hard at increasing our driver training numbers and with that we will need more instructor's to serve those students. If you remember I made a plea at the banquet for everyone to mark Friday May 24 on your calendar for our only driver training event for 2013. I know we all want to see TC events be successful and that why it's important for everyone to come out and participate. I need more instructor's so please find a way to help out this year.

On Feb. 2 I attended Cascade's instructor seminar at Parker Johnstone Honda in Wilsonville. Parker has an amazing ability to tell great stories of his professional instructing and racing career weaving them in an informative way while making his point. I know I picked up several tips. Other TC'ers there were Gordon Jones and John Rissberger.

And now for what I know you've been dying to hear about- I have scheduled this year's instructor's seminar for Sat. April 6 from 9 am to 12 noon. It will be held at the Oxford Suites Jantzen Beach 12226 N Jantzen Dr. I am pleased to announce we will have Todd Harris from ProDrive at PIR to be our guest speaker. Todd's subject will be the "The proper mindset of the instructor in regards to how to keep the student engaged and wanting to come back." While in discussion with Todd about speaking at our event this was a topic he seemed to be very passionate about. I look forward to hearing what he has to say. Be prepared with questions there will be a Q&A afterward. Coffee and pastries will be served.



This event is open to everyone. I will be posting this event on the Conference forum soon inviting anyone interested to come hear Todd speak. If you have any questions or want more information contact me.

Jim Larfield, Driving Master

jim.larfield@gmail.com

*NOT NEARLY THE LAID BACK DOZE THIS PICTURE WOULD LEAD YOU TO BELIEVE...Ed.



Getting it right in the White

A Site link courtesy of Larrie Easterly

Meet the Pete



Mechanical Engineer (now with Nike Corporation), Long time Club Rabbit Racer, serious Kart Driver and most important Team Continental Race Chairman...... Pete Belfanti:

Pete has been making good use of his prodigious I.T. capabilities to get the news out on club events and aired on social media venues. He is also helping promote the T.C. Driver School. And track day May 24th.

Pete and his race committee have been working out the schedule and pricing structure for T.C.'s Memorial weekend and the race announcement will be out soon. He has been successful

in booking the "Pro's and Joe's" PRO-3 event as a special race group for that event. With the new energy and fresh

talent Pete brings to this position This has the potential to be a great race for the Club in 2013.



NASA is coming.

Is this a surprise?

Since at least 2007 I have been saying, that from a business perspective; "the Mongol hoards are waiting on the border, all it will take for the them to surge into the NW is a perceived weakness".

As long as SCCA and Conference were both strong, there was no reason for NASA to believe they would be successful in "our market". It has been said that the merger of Northwest and Oregon Region of SCCA, "it is like two old men leaning on each other for support, the odds are that before long they will both fall down".

I recently attended the Western Auto Racing Promoters Association Annual Meeting, I can tell you the big problem faced by racing everywhere is the cultivating of our replacement generation. Sports car racing (and oval track racing as well) is suffering from a decline in numbers due to the aging of the gear-head baby boomers and a perceived lack of relevance in general.

Of those who are inclined to go racing, the ever growing initial expense places that goal beyond the financial abilities of many of today's younger earners, and ever fewer have that goal to begin with. It is the success that Chumpcar and Lemons have demonstrated in the area of attracting a younger crowd, and bringing in those that have been peripheral to the sport, that was the catalyst that inspired me to start the local RAT Race Series three years ago.

While it is true that many people will never progress beyond the "crap-can" format and become Conference racers, I believe that it has been the best way to increase the driver pool from which we all draw. The theory has been born out repeatedly; at STAR Projects races, a full one third up to half of the entrants were driving in their first race ever. The best of these drivers and the most competitive of the personalities, I believe, will gravitate to Conference (or another sanctioning body) to race in a series that offers a more meaningful championship structure with better ability to showcase their individual talents.

To return closer to the subject at hand, I believe it is better to be proactive in meeting the NASA challenge, and that is why I would like to have a strong participation from the Northwest (that's you guys) at our Thunderhill RAT Race in February. I see this as an opportunity to draw Southern Oregon and Northern California drivers to come run events in our neighborhood. I could use your help.

Most of the production based cars we run in Conference are eligible for RAT Racing and a Conference driver who has retired from actively perusing a championship makes a good lead driver and mentor for a young team.



By way of making full disclosure, I must point out that I am a partner in ORP (the closest track to this market), so yes it makes good business sense on several fronts, but as those of you who know me well will verify, it is far more about the sport. It would also pain my Scottish heart to leave a \$1000 of prize money in California.



*Bill Murray

* NOT REALLY A CLOSE RELATIVE OF JOHN GOTTI AS THE PHOTO WOULD LEAD YOU TO BELIEVE.....MARLA 05 CW

Dear Team Continental Members,

YOU SAW THIS IN LAST MONTHS T.T. BUT IT BEARS REPEATING.

Your memberships expired on Dec 31, 2012.

Please renew by going to <u>http://teamcontinental.motorsportreg.com/</u> 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 1440 NW 317th Ave 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.



(NEW PICTURE / SAME OL' KEVIN)

Thank you, Kevin Smith Team Continental Membership Chairman



Team Continental Membership Application/Renewal

Full Name:		
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Other Phone:		
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New Membership		
Renewal Membership Status	(See explanations I	below)
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Paddock Marshall	Communications Director
Driving Master	Telitale/Newsletter Editor
Driving Instructor	Picnic Chairman
Other	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 :
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T.B.A. Soon: Turn Marshal Training at ORP coming up in March. TC Instructor Training Scheduled for April. (See page 12)

