



Tell Tale

Repeat after me: "I resolve to write one article for the TT this year."

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Race for Fun!!”

In true TC fashion we celebrated in January with our 2010 TC Annual Banquet. This years “Hoedown” was held in Portland and was very well attended. We had sit down room for 75 and ended up with 80 people!! Many thanks for the hard work put in by Mark Hanken and Ali Montgomery. These two had awesome volunteers working with them, Erin Ebelmesser, Cierra Newhouse, Kim McFarland, Norma Leonard and our Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Steve Leonard. A special thanks to our “Trophy Girl” McKenzie Walker for helping pass out all those awards. Congratulations to all the award winners, it is a great celebration of the success we shared in 2010.

2011 is off and running. Membership renewal is now and Terry Amundson is doing a great job getting membership cards, TC rosters and member profiles put together. Keep those renewals coming and fill out your profile information. Bob Smethers has a powerful Racing Committee put together and has taken the reins of Race Chairman and is running with it. Driver's Training is taking a new approach and Andy Robottom is guiding this new effort. I am sure he will appreciate all the cooperation from Driver Instructors to Workers in carrying out successful ground schools and driver training days. If any of these areas strikes your interest please contact Terry, Bob or Andy and find out how you can be involved with their efforts.

TC has some important requirements needed from a location in order to hold our General Meetings. After discussions with The Old Market Pub it became clear their business would not be a good fit for TC. February's TC General Meeting will be held at Mar's Meadows Chinese Restaurant, 7:00PM Wednesday February 16. Looking forward to seeing you there.

There is a lot of interest being shown by many members in reaching out and helping mentor and bringing newer members into the community we call Team Continental. Please let me continue to encourage you in your efforts. A thought I have is to call someone, member or not and remind them of the General Meeting and help pass on the word about meeting at Mar's Meadows, just a thought.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, “Race for Fun”

Mitch



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MEETINGS

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Does Race Car Driving Experience Increase Safety on the Road?

Some people may wonder if a person with race car driving experience is more or less safe than a normal driver when driving on the road. On one hand, handling race cars can hardly be called safe driving, with its high intensity, aggressive style, and of course extreme rate of speed. On the other hand, race car drivers must have a firm grasp on proper driving technique, and race car driving requires a high level of skill and awareness, which are nothing but beneficial. An intelligent race car driver is able to differentiate completely between racing and regular driving, separating their talent from their racing instinct. Because of this, racing experience should indeed increase driving safety on the road, as long as that experience is properly applied.

Awareness

A major part of avoiding accidents on the road is being aware of what the people around you are doing. Being an aware and highly defensive driver can save you from collisions that wouldn't even have been your fault. On the race track, being aware is even more important, since a moment's lapse in concentration can result in serious crashes. Race car drivers must be aware of everything and everyone around them at all times, which can only be helpful when applied to real life.

Reaction

It's not enough to only be aware of your surroundings as a race car driver; you also must be able to react appropriately and at a moment's notice. In racing, this skill is well developed, or else there would be serious consequences. Race car drivers must possess remarkable reflexes and the ability to use them judiciously to avoid potential crashes. In road driving, these reflexes combined with awareness can prevent accidents.

Handling

Race car drivers must know how to handle a car in all kinds of track conditions. They need to know how to react when they spin out or go offroad, and how to control the car even when it is slick and dangerous. Race car drivers should know how to make their car go exactly where they want it to, despite most problems they might encounter. As long as the car is at all driveable, a skilled race car driver should know how to drive it. This kind of skill can prevent accidents that would have resulted from conditions like black ice, an unexpected problem with the car, or other issues that would have affected how the car needs to be handled.

Race car drivers, especially professional ones, must have a great deal of driving skill in order to attain the position they have. When their skills are applied to real world driving, a smart race car driver will be able to put aside any daredevil tendencies to be a very safe driver indeed.

Andy R

Drive your own line...

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IMPORTANT DATES AND INFO

General meeting will be held at Mars Meadows at 7:00pm. Until further notice.

REMINDER: Please update your member information, make sure your address is current, email and phone number are also current. Contact Terry Amundson with updates at membership@teamcontinental.com or

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If your name is not on the list, TC assumes you want your Tell Tale via Email. If this is NOT true, please email me as soon as possible.

Thanks and Welcome to 2011.

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