



# Tell Tale

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

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Membership is a valuable piece in our future success as a club. With that in mind, Eric Howell has presented to the general membership a proposal to vote on having the Membership Chair be a TC Board position. The proposal to bring it to the members for a vote was passed and I am looking forward to having us vote on a motion at our March TC General meeting, 7PM March 16, 2011 at Mars Meadows Chinese Restaurant.

Speaking of Membership, Terry Amundson reports that we are doing quite well with our renewals, If you haven't renewed this would be a good time to take care of it. Our new website has more information about this. Terry is also working on a strategy and plan to promote the club and generate new members. I invite anyone who has an interest or who would like to learn more to contact Terry.

Finally I wanted to share a unique quality of Team Continental. Our club is run by the General Membership and not by the Board of Directors. The purpose of the Board is to set the agenda for the General Meetings. In the case of a time sensitive issue the Board is allowed to carry out business for the club. You are important and your opinion and your vote truly does count. I encourage you to be an active member of Team Continental and help keep it the best Club.

Race for Fun!!

Mitch



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**MEETINGS**

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MINUTES:

Call to order – Mitch Lea

Paul on vacation and Alli Montgomery filled on taking minutes.

In an effort to help meetings flow and not drag on we are asking reports to be kept to 5 minutes and Q&A held to 5 min. This is only a guide line and not meant to deter any important discussions we have.

Bob Smethers acknowledges the 5 minute rule! No it was not named after Bobby.

Treasures Report. An additional \$294.00 check went to the rats.

New business – Audit of the books this month. for the 2010 Books.

Scott Hanken – G improved product was dropped as a Class—go to either H or F

Contest Report – Colin, No report.

Driving master – Andy, Bomber Restaurant will be the meeting place for Driver's school w/ ground school—2-3 different ground school meeting place.

Race Chair – Bobby. First Race Comm., Tuesday, February 22

Ratts Meeting – Pepper Tree, Seattle

TC Budget – for race- handed out copies, apologized to Bill Murray. Will figure out how to split money. Prioritize facility enhancements. Bobby was under 5 minutes max!!

Communication—Jeff Hankin --Thanks Peter for web master.

Eric – Vice President; make membership chair board member – proposal made, will vote at next meeting. Bill Murray accepts proposal. Don Wilson- seconds it.

Gail- pointed out every board meeting needs to be attended. Terry would agree to be a part. Bags agrees this should go forward. Call for question. Will add in Tale Tell. All in favor has it.

President Report – Mitch. Board meeting will be @ Laurelwood pub 51 @ Sandy. The Old Silvias. Meetings are open first Wed. of the month @ 7:00 pm.

The purpose of the board is to make an agenda for the general meetings and want to emphasize it is a member run group, not a board run organization.

Membership - Terry. 2 new members: George Todd – 20 years racing Edwin Moeller – Motor Sports Reg.

Wynn Copeland, Eric Howell, Bill Murray -- are watching for them. Duane Starr --not sure if its mandatory you have 3 mentors. Mitch – mentoring program “Tradition”- both are voted in Bags—State law-Can't keep anyone out if they want to be a member.

Renewals—will have Mitch sign 50 electronic roster for website available to TC members, will mail out, will supply photo of car # & driver. Requested a paper form “phone book” or roster.

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If you need the password for the members area on the website please contact our webmaster.

Bill Murray: Thinks great idea of electronic roster, will print copies by request.

Peter Linsen: The electronic format would be easier to keep updated.

Mitch: will take new steps to make most efficient—will bring copies of printed to meetings.

**\*End Report\***

Celebrating birthdays:

Bob Skinner, Donna Ferrar, Gail Federman, Grace, Scott Hanken, John Wilson, Ron Tanner

Web Master- Peter, Doing a great job!!

February-Tale Tell on website Must request mailed copy, Click on title blogs to leave comments, all will go through Peter. Gallery Pic's are available also

Andy—Carol has released TC Banquet photos

John Wilson—R.O.D. Rep--Russ Newhouse wants to know if there is a ground school? wants idea's?

Bill Murray—Put on worker trainee, Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>. Wants to help @ ORP, will go over flags, radio, turn towers. If you want to be instructor get w/ Bill. Unfortunately SCCA weekend also, let Bill know if you are available.

Tonya-Tale Tell Editor- Contact Jeff H. or Tonya if you want a mailed copy. Need info. by first Friday after board meeting. Need a volunteer for March Tell Tale articles.-- Peter Linsen and Andy Robottom

March 4, Deadline of article. Email, Quicklink editor @ TeamContinental.com photo's are encouraged.

Peter Linsen got trophy for Web Master & Member of the year. Need 2010 Trophy members.

Move to Old Market Pub. They would not meet our needs so we will stay at Mars for a while longer.

Worker Training—Can we use money towards Worker's fuel, accommodations and ROD members?

All requests will go to Lynn Remmer. Looking for ideas, See Kenny – got receipts & they can be reimbursed (to go to Rat's meeting) Radio Dave – reiterated, “the funds are to go to recruiting new members”.

New business: Editing of the minutes, Discussion at general meetings, Public Info., Boards recommendations minutes include bottom line numbers.

BC- Can we see full budget, by request only, not published? Don Edwards-Never have we printed Bottom line number's. Hard copy only @ Club meetings. Bob Smethers approval of the budget. Printed out expense report.

There is a hard copy circulating at meeting. Mitch wants full budget. Don Edwards—how did you get this figure?

Bobby-I pulled this figure out of my \*\*\*. He figured! Gail: Requesting past Revenue reports. Scott: 2005 budget was \$45,000, feels his request is reasonable.

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Steve & Mitch will have full report.

How to proceed w/ approval of budget for May event? Present to all officers to vote.

Bobby- Motion to approve May race budget. Russ- seconds that

Bill Murray- Worried about making the amount.

Don Edwards in future when we are voting on number of races-keep this conversation in mind.

Bobby-A lot of discussion went into this race budget.

Gail- We started out with 18,000-finished with 18,000. This is good!

Andy: Agrees with Bill Murray.

Bill Murray: We are in the business to put on races! Do we have the guts to do business?

Andy: Bobby-great job on figuring the budget, should have a back up if we do not make it.

Vote on Motion of Approving May race budget

Unanimous – Yes!

BC – anything over 100 entry, give away race entry in Raffle. Will tackle this at Race committee meeting at Holmans next week.

Dave Mardia – Chump Car Race – April 9 & 10 and looking for workers. This 24-hour race is in Spokane. Racing all major raceways, go on Chump Car Forum to register, can be a part of the team.

Bill Murray – Lemon’s Race, Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

Mitch -- Renew all licenses and memberships

Close meeting at 8:44 pm

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## **IMPORTANT DATES AND INFO**

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](mailto:membership@teamcontinental.com) or

[TerryA@waterleafarch.com](mailto:TerryA@waterleafarch.com)

TELL TALE SUBMISSIONS INFO: If you would like to submit an article or photos to be in the Tell Tale please email the article or photo directly to Tonya at [sunsetref2@comcast.net](mailto:sunsetref2@comcast.net) and in the subject line please put "tell tale article". and be sure to email it by the Friday after the B.O.D. meeting. (the B.O.D. meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month) for example, if you want the article to be in the April 2011 Tell Tale it must be received by Friday April 8th, 2011.

Members who want the Tell Tale by Standard Mail

Bert Dilley, Donna Farrar, Randy Pviest

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.

Jeff Hanken

TC Communications Director

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Registration: Jessica Pikel: 541-333-2452

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Event Coordinator: Bill Murray: 503-358-2617

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## BYLAWS COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

A motion was passed at the February General Meeting to reinstate the Membership Chair position to a Board position. Our current Membership Chair, Terry Amundson has expressed his desire to attend all Board Meetings as a member of the TC Board. This topic will be brought up at the next General Meeting in March for discussion and ratification of the motion by the General Membership of TC. There will be an Audit of the clubs financial statements for 2010 by myself and other interested parties on a future date not yet determined. If you are interested in attending please contact Eric Howell.



## A Refreshed Image for Team Continental

As most of you know TC's new website was launched in early January. In this day and age a quality presence on the "web" is vital to TC's ability to promote itself. This self "promotion" serves multiple functions. On the surface it attracts new members by giving visitors an inside look into what TC is all about. On the inside it provides members and non members a portal into the workings of the club.

When visitors come to our website they will find a clean and neat design. The front page shows blog posts for upcoming events and each additional tab will give them a glimpse into what we do and how much fun we have doing it. If they want to join TC the membership tab has all the information they need. In many cases our website will be the first glimpse people have of Team Continental. I feel that this new website will emphasize our professionalism and therefore attract members.

Our new website is not just pretty pictures. Our Website is a portal for TC members (and non members for that matter) to get club information and discuss events. The posts on our "Home" page are blogs. What that really means is that the posts are interactive. By clicking on the title of the post a reader may submit comments to the post. Basically each post can be used as an online discussion that anyone can read. The information in the posts will in many cases include hotlinks to more information and or directions to an event. All the basic information needed by a TC member is also available on the website, and can be found under the appropriate "tab"

One of the design requirements for the website was to make it a destination for people interested in PNW racing. The calendar page not only includes our events, but a complete list of motorsport events in the NW. This allows racers and workers to better schedule their events for the year by having a complete snapshot of events. At the bottom of each page we honor all of the member clubs of the ICSCC. All of the current ICSCC forms and publications are available on our site. At this point anyone who wants to know what TC is up to can just go to our website. Hopefully this will put and end to "I didn't even know that was happening?" or "where is the meeting?".

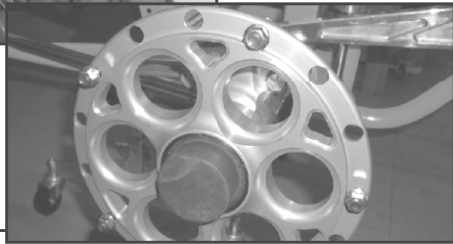
On a closing note if errors are found or you have something you would like to announce on the website please contact me at [webmaster@teamcontinental.com](mailto:webmaster@teamcontinental.com).

Thank You,  
Peter Linssen

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