



Tell Tale

REPEAT AFTER ME, I resolve to renew my Team Continental membership for the Holidays because there is no sanity-clause.

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President's Message



Ho Ho Ho and Merry Christmas to you all.

We are excited to be celebrating Christmas at our December General Meeting where we will also be announcing the election result for the 2013 Board. Come one, come all and join in the fun, laughter and cheer as we pot luck and exchange gifts.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Bruce "Baggs" Baggett. Many of us have had a chance to share stories and laugh about all the Baggs antics. We will have a chance to gather on January 6, 2013 and remember all the great times we have shared with Bruce. Thanks Don and Peggy for arranging this.

There has been a strong showing of support towards our club from individual conference clubs. I want to thank SCCBC and CSCC for their financial gifts to Team Continental. It is humbling and encouraging to know that when you are going through struggles you aren't alone and others care about your existence. As we move forward into 2013 may we carry this optimistic attitude with us.

I am encouraged about the direction, planning, rededication and enthusiasm being shown by Team Continental Members. Our new slate of officers is excellent. As we read this we are voting in Terry and his new team. Thank you Terry for stepping up and providing leadership as we move positively forward in 2013!!

What better way to Race for Fun!

Mitch



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MEETINGS

The TC Christmas Party and a brief General meeting will be held on December 15th, 6:30 PM-9:30 PM at The American Legion Hall. (see the flyer on page 3).

The January General Membership Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Awards Banquet in Newport.

Team Continental Christmas Party



Saturday, December 15, 2012
American Legion Hall
1830 SE 122nd Ave
Portland, Oregon
6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Upstairs – enter from 122nd
Dinner at approximately 6:45 p.m.
Gift Exchange and General Meeting – after dinner

Please bring a potluck item for dinner.
Turkey and Ham will be provided

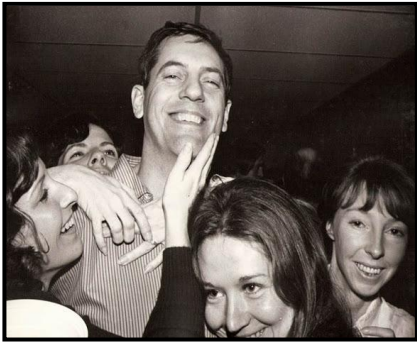
Drinks available from a sexy bartender for \$3.50

Bring a wrapped Christmas gift (\$20 limit) if you want to take part in TC Gift Exchange.

Please let Lynn Coupland know if you are attending.
coupla5@aol.com or 503-701-3547
An evite will be out soon for you to respond.

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Bruce 'Baggs' Baggett – most Senior Member of TC



We've all lost a very special friend, a member of Team Continental since the early days of the Club, and he was very proud to say that he was the oldest of the bunch, both in age and time in TC. You've probably heard him say in recent years, "I made it, I beat out PJ and Betty", as if he had just won the 24 hours of Lemans. Without getting much into personality traits, at least for now, you've got to admit that there was no mistaking when Baggs was in the room. It was fun, almost unfair, to get Baggs going on some story from the past, or maybe politics. This was a good year for politics – lots of subjects, ripe for the picking.

Baggs was born in Salem, June 28, 1929, to Fenimore and Nina Baggett. After high school he attended Willamette University, and then later joined the Navy. In the Navy, he really hit his stride, which was boxing competitively while in the military. This skill followed him through his life, and along with a certain competitive behavior, life was very eventful. At a 60's Rose Cup, I first saw Baggs standing in the back of his pickup along the east bank of PIR, yelling at the crowd something about coming up there and taking him down. Did you ever notice the size of his knuckles? There are a lot of stories, like the one when he yanked the guy out of the porta-potty at the west end of PIR, but we need to save some for the Memorial.

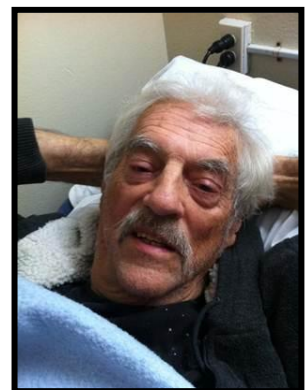
Baggs went to work for Nissan (Datsun in those days) and became Regional Service Director for Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. He travelled around to the various dealerships, training those in the service centers. Alas, he was probably the youngest employee to achieve early retirement, the details of which are probably best saved for another time.

Always an ICSCC guy, Baggs was Conference Race Steward in the 60's and may have even turned a wheel on the track. He was very active in TC, and seldom missed a meeting or a track event, from the Driver Trainings and on to TC's first race in 1986, which was at Olympia. For years, Baggs was our merchandise guy, packing the T-shirts from event to event, and even having a hand in the designs. He never passed up a chance to help with the work, and of course had to explain to those around him how to do the job, and theirs.

Speaking of work, there was no stopping this guy. Until recent years, he could always outwork guys 10 years younger. Heck, why split that log into four pieces when you can pick up the whole thing and put it in the trailer? We've had a lot of fun together out in the woods, but mostly the BS when the lunch bags came out.

Other than his love for Team Continental, Baggs' passion was his collections, from stamps to coins to the really big one, model railroads. There's nothing this guy didn't know about railroading. I think he knew the engine number of every steam locomotive that ever ran on the rails, and had many of those models in his collection. In his earlier days, he built a 1½ gauge railroad around his property near Yamhill, complete with trestles and tunnels. We used to take the 'kids' out there to ride on the trains.

Baggs left us on Monday, December 3, at the age of 83, after surgery at the Willamette Valley Medical Center in McMinnville. Services are being arranged, and we will let everyone know the times, dates and locations. Get ready with your favorite Baggs' story.



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Baggs' Friends & Racers,

Military Honors for Baggs will be at:

Willamette National Cemetery
Thursday, Dec 13, 3:00
11800 SE Mt. Scott Boulevard
Go to the Administration area
to be directed to the specific shelter.

Reminder:

Baggs' Memorial will be at:
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Sunday, Jan 6, 2:00
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Thanks, Don & Peggy



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Team Continental General Meeting
November 28, 2012
Mars Meadows

President Mitch Lea called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. Mitch thanked the club members who were present at the ICSCC banquet and fall meeting. He said there was a good representation from the club.

Dues and fees for 2013: Mitch presented to the club the board's recommendation that the club dues and fees remain the same (\$30.00 for novice, active and senior members and \$20.00 for inactive members) . After a brief discussion a motion was made and seconded to approve this. The motion passed.

Voting Procedures: Secretary Paul Cap announced that voting for elected positions would be held electronically as they were last year. Please go to your account on Motorsportreg.com and vote. The voting for TC Driver of the year will also be done this way. Hand ballots will be available at the Christmas party for those that did not vote on MotorsportReg. Per the by-laws a motion was made, seconded and passed to chose Mark Hanken and Bob Smethers to join Past President Lynn Coupland in counting of the votes.

TC Driver of the year: Mark submitted the current list of those qualified for TC Driver of the year, Scott Shobert, Tony Kihlstadius and Gordon Jones. Those drivers will be listed on MotorsportReg.com .

Contest Board: Colin Waltz. Colin reported the results of the drivers voting at the fall meeting. See the conference web site. The E- board may or may not institute some of the suggested changes.

TC Banquet: Mark Hankin. Mark distributed flyers for the banquet. The theme is "Back To The Beach" It will be held January 19, 2013 at the Hallmark Resort, 744 SW Elizabeth Newport, OR 97365. For reservations call direct 1-888-448-4449. Mark asks that you do not pay on Motorsportreg but pay when you arrive. Cash or check is preferred. See the flyer in the Tell Tale for more specifics.

Past President: Lynn Coupland. Lynn distributed flyers for the Christmas party. It will be held at the American Legion Hall 1830 SE 122 Av Portland, OR. Hours are 6:30 pm-9:30. Please bring a potluck item for dinner. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange bring a wrapped gift (\$20 limit). See flyer in Tell Tale for more specifics.

Communications Director: Bill Murray. The Tell Tale has published and distributed. Bill was asked if he would stay on as Tell Tale editor. He stated he would if the new Communications Director asked him.

Treasurer: Duane Starr. Duane went over our current club financial statement. He acknowledged the donations that had been received by the club from private members and from the two outside clubs. These donations amount to over 50% of our current bank balance.

E Board Rep: Kevin Smith: Kevin discussed the results of the Conference Fall meeting. The race date that we have thus far is Memorial Day weekend. The E Board did approve Dave

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Bennett as President for a 2nd year, Terry Overdick as Race Steward and Scott Farris as License Director. After Conference voted down our request for waiving the drivers levy fees from the August 2012 race, the SCCBC Club stepped up and donated \$1750.00 to our club. Our many thanks to the members of SCCBC.

Special Guest: Mitch introduced Scott Farris, President of CSCC and the newly elected ICSCC license director. After the conference meeting Scott went back to the Cascade Board, who in turn voted to contribute to TC. Scott presented the club with a \$1500.00 donation from CSCC. Thank you Cascade.

Mitch noted the strong desire of all the clubs to work together in order that we all survive.

Ad-Hoc Committee update: Mitch reports that a truncated committee met this week (not everyone could be contacted) and they addressed some of the concerns for raising the funds to put on a race. Some courses of action were identified and the full committee will meet in the very near future to discuss them. Mitch also apologized to Bob Skinner for not recognizing he wanted to be on the committee and has rectified this oversight.

Nominations for 2013 officers.

President:	Terry Amundson
Vice President:	Peter Linssen (not confirmed)
Secretary:	Bob Smethers
Treasurer:	Valorie Starr
Race Chair:	Peter Belfanti
Driving Master:	Jim Larfield
E Board Rep:	Kevin Smith
Membership Chair:	Bobby Danger -(since resigned)
Contest Board rep:	Jon Wilson
Communications Director:	Ben Weaver
Past President:	Mitch Lea

A motion was made seconded and past to appoint Mark Hanken and Bob Smethers to assist in the ballot count.

New Business: John Rissberger has contacted ORP and held the Memorial day weekend dates at ORP for TC. He will be contacting ORP to include that Monday May 27.



Meeting Adjourned

Paul Cap
Secretary

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Hello TC Family & Friends –

If you'd like to see some pics of Baggs, click on the following link to Picasa Web – pics are shared to the public. Click "Slideshow" and adjust speed.

Peter – could you please add this link to the TC Web Page? THANKS!

[Picasa Web Pics - Bruce "Baggs" Baggett](#)

Later, bob

**Do you remember cigarette commercials?
See how many you can answer.**

TC

Trivia

- 1: What did L.S.M.F.T. stand for?
- 2: Who boasted a recessed filter "a neat clean quarter inch away"?
- 3: Specifically targeting female smokers, who said "You've come a long way baby"?
- 4: What brand included a coupon in every pack, redeemable for gifts.
- 5: What brand stated on the back of the package: "do not look for look for premiums or coupons on this package of _____ cigarettes, the high cost of tobacco used in their manufacture prohibits their use".
- 6: When cigarette advertising was being banned from TV, what brand name offered small cigars to get around the ban. Their slogan was "How could anything that looks so wild taste so mild"?
- 7: Advertising in print and television that utilized a rugged western cowboy theme was primarily associated with what brand?
- 8: What ingredient was frequently added to cigarettes to help mask the poor quality of the tobacco?
- 9: What brand advertised the supposed benefits of its double acting charcoal filter?
- 10: In an effort to appeal to younger smokers, what brand used a picture of a young man sitting in a whicker chair with the line, "Meet the Turk, he smokes for pleasure"?
- 11: Who advertised "a silly millimeter longer"?
- 12: Who's slogan was "_____ tastes good, like a cigarette should"?
- 13: Who's advertising campaign stated: "Us_____smokers would rather fight than switch!"?

(Answers are on page 13)

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TEAM CONTINENTAL – BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 5, 2012

Location: Laurelwood Brewery – Portland, OR



BOD MEMBERS: Mitch Lea, Skip Yocom, Jim Larfield, Duane & Val Starr, Kevin Smith, Bill Murray;

EXCUSED/ABSENT: Bobby Danger, Paul Cap, Terry Amundson, Colin Waltz, Lynn Coupland;

GUESTS: Bob Smethers (acting Secretary for Paul Cap);

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by TC President, Mitch Lea;

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mitch made the sad announcement that Bruce Baggett (TC's oldest Member) had passed away on Monday, 12/3/2012. Memorial services are being coordinated and will be held in January, date & location will be announced soon. A slide show of some pictures of Baggs has been posted on the TC Web Page. Although Baggs was not a TC Charter member, after being black-balled for 3 years, he was finally accepted into the club. In those days the vote had to be unanimous, someone didn't show up at a meeting and Baggs was stuck with us ever since! Other Baggs stories were shared, Rated R.

OFFICER REPORTS:

TREASURER (Duane Starr/Val): (see handouts);

- Refer to bank balances of General Funds dated 12/5/2012 identifying club income and expenses YTD;
- Mitch will check the TC PO Box for an anticipated donation check;
- November reflects more income due to Membership renewals and Banquet reservations;

EXECUTIVE BOARD REP (Kevin Smith): Kevin will be seated at ICSCC Spring Mtg. January 12, 2013;

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR (Bobby Danger): not present;

- Membership Director (Bobby Danger) has resigned from TC, effective immediately. A letter of resignation from Bobby was read and presented to TC BOD. Mitch presented a response letter he sent to Bobby with some questions regarding the terms of Bobby's resignation.
- Kevin Smith has volunteered to serve as interim Membership Director until 2013 TC President can appointment someone to that position in January.
(M/S – Bill/Skip) Motion that Mitch appoint Kevin as interim Membership Director, **motion passed;**
- Ben Weaver also volunteered to assist, in addition to being on the 2013 ballot as TC Communications;

PRESIDENT (Mitch Lea):

- Mitch distributed notes on Ad-Hoc Committee currently studying the feasibility for 2013 TC Races. Recommendations included a 2-day, double race format to be requested for Memorial Day weekend in 2013. Mitch distributed 3 separate budget projection options for 2013 DT/Race weekend, with differences being in projected entry fees and race entry counts. Discussion included clarification on incremental projected revenue vs. expenses and concerns were expressed regarding the projected 2-race price for 2 days of track time;
- Much discussion ensued with suggestions & perspectives from the n-th dimension, ad nauseam;

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- Fundraising options were discussed, including possible Member donations a Sponsorship program and request to all TC driver's to register early for our race and send in a check with the registration.

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR (Bill Murray):

- Bill needs reports and articles to be published in the Tell Tale, submissions due Monday 12/10/2012;
- Skip asked Bill whether everybody is receiving email notices when Tell Tale is available. Per Mitch, link to current Tell Tale is distributed to recipient list registered through MotorsportsReg. Kevin reminded members to check spam filter settings in their computer. All Tell Tales are being posted on TC web site;

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Christmas Party: TC Christmas Party & December General Meeting will be held on Sat, Dec 15th;
- Awards Banquet: TC Banquet will be held Fri-Sun, Jan 18-20, 2013. Please make an effort to attend to recognize 2012 TC club achievements, issue TC perpetual awards and instate the 2013 TC BOD;
- 2012 TC Driver of the Year nominees include: Scott Shobert, Tony Kihlstadius and Gary Presting. Be sure to logon to MotorsportsReg to submit your electronic votes; Paper ballots will be available at the Christmas Party.

OLD BUSINESS: (none)

NEW BUSINESS: (none)

(M/S – Kevin/Duane) Motion to adjourn, motion passed (unanimous), meeting adjourned at 8:57pm;



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

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Although it is not official yet, we hope to have this event locked in by the end of this week (December 15th).

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

To pull this off we need your help.

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

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Forwarded by Bill-y Murray via Global Formula Racing

Our friends at TU Delft have installed a doughnut button on their car. Take a look?

[DUT '12 doughnut machine](#)

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***Sent to me originally by Michael Olsen. I wanted to share this with you. It is well produced and on its way to becoming a Northwest racing classic. T.T. Editor***

For those who have not yet seen this video compilation by Jim Cissell, it's well-worth your 7 minutes to watch! Jim presented this at the Pro3 annual non-banquet Banquet and the demand was high for him to post to Youtube. Hilarity ensues, although slightly overshadowed by the passing of a good Pro3 car, Oscar.

Celebrating the 10th anniversary of Pro3 racing and the passing of one of it's earliest cars, Oscar.

### **[Link to: The Story of OSCAR](#)**



Hey Guys,

As you may know, I'm writing a book on the History of PIR. I want to make sure TC is included - and I'm looking at a Bob Dunsmore photo from the 1965 Rose Cups, it shows a Sunbeam - maybe Alpine or maybe Tiger - #7 and a TC sticker on the fender. There's also a big Healey with a Lake Oswego address on the side, and a another big Healey #97. Looks like a D Production grid.

Any ideas who these guys might be? If there's an expert on that sort of thing, or lists of Conference reserved numbers from the 60's (or even just race results from any events) I'd love to get a hold of those.

THANKS!

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## Answers to the TC Trivia quiz

- 1: Lucky Strikes Means Fine Tobacco.
- 2: Parliament
- 3: Virginia Slims
- 4: Raleigh
- 5: Camel
- 6: Backwood Smokes
- 7: Marlboro
- 8: Menthol
- 9: Tareyton
- 10: Camel
- 11: Parliament
- 12: Winston
- 13: Tareyton

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Awards Banquet in Newport.