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## <u>MEETINGS</u>

The Board Meeting on **December 11**<sup>th</sup>

at Laurelwood Brewing @ 7pm

General Meeting on December 14<sup>st</sup>

at the Christmas Party

(See details later in this issue)



### **Team Continental Christmas Party**



Saturday, December 14, 2013 Home of Bill Murray and Lynn Coupland 5670 SW Menefee Dr. Portland, Oregon 97239 Starts at 7:00 p.m.



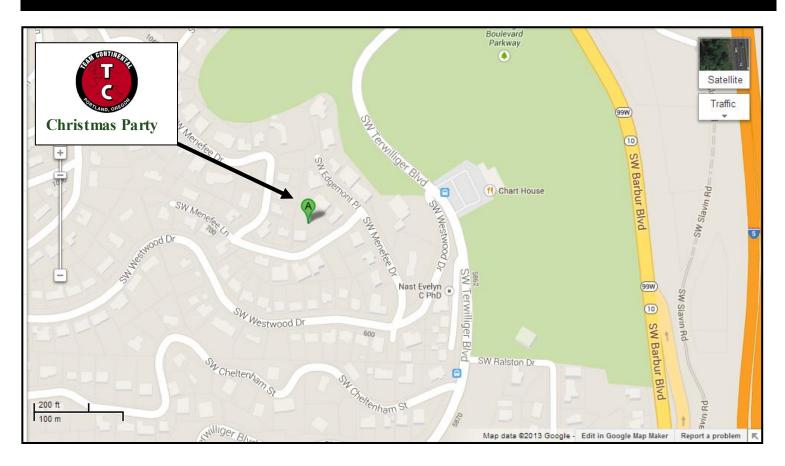
<u>Dinner at approximately 7:30 p.m.</u> Gift Exchange and General Meeting – after dinner

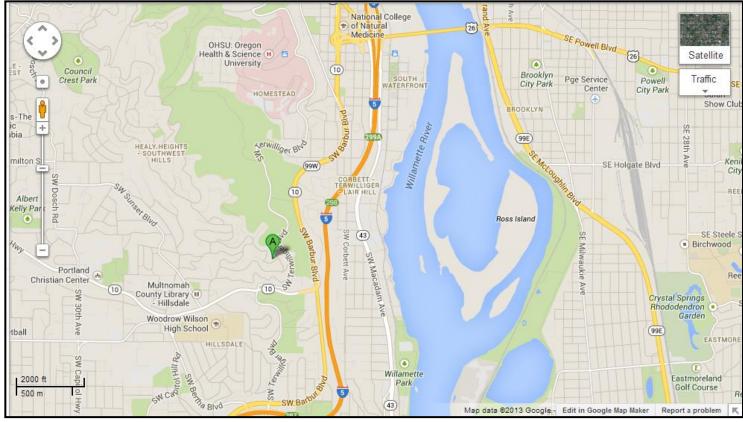
#### Please bring a potluck item for dinner. Turkey and Ham will be provided Bring your own Bottle(s) Mix, sodas and coffee will also be provided

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

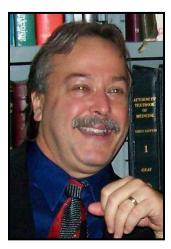
Please let Lynn Coupland know if you are attending. <u>coupla5@aol.com</u> or 503-701-3547 An evite will be out soon for you to respond. <u>See map on following page</u>

#### **TELL TALE 4**





#### Candidate Statement for 2014 TC President Duane Starr



Thank you for the opportunity to communicate my vision for Team Continental in 2014.

I believe I can officially be called "an old dog racer" having been around Team Continental since 1969. My father, Don Starr, served as President of TC in the 80's. He also served a couple stints as Driving Master, a position I was fortunate to also hold in more recent years.

TC has a unique mix of men and women racers, workers, lovers, families and friends that provide the talent to put on the best races in the Northwest. Whatever is necessary to put on a superior event, we have the spirit and comradery to work and play together. We've come a long way from the days of setting up temporary racetracks at Olympia and Port Orford. Now with our own track, the legacy continues at ORP.

Our club has fostered the love of racing in the next generation, our sons and daughters. I've watched Dylan Olson and Billy Murray grow up around the race track. Both these young men are now formidable racers. They are not only gifted drivers, they both are **true gentlemen**. It's a pleasure to be associated with a club that takes their racing seriously and can still have a good time after a long race day.

As we move into 2014 with our passion for the sport, the future brings on challenges and rewards. Through the excellence of our driver trainings, race events and commitment to fun, we will continue to welcome new members to the club. Reinvigorating past members to once again join in club activities should be a priority. I believe there are still untapped markets to develop as we pass on the art driving.

Our 2014 events are already off to a great start with the leadership experience of Race Chair Pete Belfonti and Driving Master Jim Larfield. Combined with a dedicated team of volunteers, we will venture into new territory as we continue to deliver the highest value experience for the entire racing community.

Team Continental moves into the new year with a commitment of racing for fun, a vision of checkered flags, and a quest for championships!

I humbly ask for your vote for 2014 President. Thank you. Duane Starr



#### HAMMER:

Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit. Terry,

It is my duty to inform you that under the equal time clause of the Supreme Court Fair Election decision of 1968, your opponent has submitted a campaign statement. To insure pure and impartial elections, we in the media, are obliged to provide equal coverage to all candidates, therefore any submissions to that end, received by the press deadline of Saturday night, will be duly posted.

BS aside, yes please send one in and we will get it in the Tell Tale.... Or I could write one for you....

OK, BS back on.

I was thinking something in the style of Edgar Allen Poe. "While I raced on weak and weary into the night with windshield blurry, I contemplated a rule book of ancient and forgotten lore, when suddenly from my engine came a tapping, a sullen and ominous rapping, like a presidential gavel, only this and nothing more."

Or perhaps something from the 23rd psalm. "Yea, though I pass under the shadow of the yellow flag, I shall fear no evil, but the Steward, he is on to me. He removith my silver. He bidith me to wise up. He assureth me should his admonitions go unheeded, poverty and ridicule will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the pit dust forever".

Or Robert Service. 'Who's line is this? I think I know. I have him by a fender though. To prevent my pass, he will over rev, blow a motor and need a tow. My roaring car must think it queer, to have my grill so near his rear, that I might draft and make good my pass, though acrid exhaust brings forth a tear'.

How 'bout something in the style of Dirty Harry... 'Now I know what you are thinking, did I cast one ballot? or did I cast two? In all this confusion I forgot myself. So you have got to ask yourself, do you want to be president? Well do ya punk?'

Shakespeare would be nice. 'Costly a tire as thy purse can bare, soft but treadless, for superior traction oft doth be confused for driving talent."

Good luck,

Bill



CAN'T MAKE UP YOUR MIND WHICH CANDIDATE IN THE RACE FOR PRESIDENT?

VOTE FOR THE CAR.

#### Candidate Statement for 2014 TC President Terry Amundson

Team Continental Membership: It is with great honor that I have served .... scratch that.

Team Continental:

This has been a wonderful season. Ugh.

**TELL TALE 7** 

TCer's!

With 2013 nearly behind us, it is time once again for resolutions and preparation for another great season! A time to build up, a time to break down. A time to dance, a time to mourn. A time to cast away stones, a time to gather stones together.



To everything, There is a season. Turn, turn, turn – 16 gets us every time. Damn it, off track again.

OK, here's the deal - It wasn't me. Pete and Jim and all of the support we had for our race weekend made me look good this year! Vote as you will. I will remain involved in whatever capacity is preferred. Thanks for your past support!

- Terry Amundson

#### TEAM CONTINENTAL - BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 6, 2013



Location: Kennedy School, moved from Laurelwood Brewery – Portland, OR

 BOD MEMBERS: Bob Smethers, Terry Amundson, Jon Wilson, Mitch Lea, Jim Larfield, Pete Belfanti, Val Starr, Duane Starr, Kevin Smith
 COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Bill Murray, Jeremy Plance
 GUESTS: Robert & Brendan Waco, Bill Craine, Al Kolkemo, Dennis Roberts

Meeting called to order by TC President, Terry Amundson

#### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

CONTEST BOARD REP (Jon Wilson):

• TC will have a second Contest Board Rep backup at the upcoming ICSCC fall meeting;

EXECUTIVE BOARD REP (Kevin Smith):

- Kevin S will have Pete B as E-Board Rep backup for ICSCC fall meeting;
- TC hosting an ORP event counterclockwise is a proposal on the table for ICSCC Eboard meeting;
- Discussion included the Legends cars with "closed wheel cars" or in Group 8 as a Special Group;
- Kevin S recommends not moving the proposed race date because we are targeting Legends and the current July 11-13 date is best for Legends group;
- Kevin S confirms that NWMS has agreed on TC first right of refusal for 2015 Memorial Day weekend race at ORP;

RACE CHAIRMAN (Pete Belfanti):

- Discussion regarding potential DT & race dates for 2014;
- Jeremy P ChumpCar® participants may be interested in driver training opportunities as this group may not be hosting an early season 2014 event in the Portland area;
- TC will request race date weekend of July 11-12-13, 2014 to include Friday DT;
- Work Party (Bleachers project) is nearing completion, most board painting is finished, need to consider transportation, re-assembly and placement; Next work party: 10am, Sunday Nov 17<sup>th</sup> at Duane & Val Starr farm to finish painting boards; Work party: Sunday Dec 8<sup>th</sup> to transport to ORP;
- Work Party (Brake marker bases) can be completed at a rate of approx. 2 per week; Bill M we may need to do testing at ORP with race prepared cars to determine final location recommendations; Kevin S Brake marker locations should not inhibit progress requesting counterclockwise approval by ICSCC; Brake marker bases will be disassembled at Master Mechanics;
- Track inspection by ICSCC Officials could not occur prior to ICSCC Fall Meeting;
- Pete B commends Terry A on producing an electronic version of paddock space dimensions and layout; This could be used as pre-event paddock space reservation system through MSReg;
- Pete B still planning on coordinating radio promotions in the Bend metro area for TC events;

DRIVING MASTER (Jim Larfield):

- Jeremy P TC could run a DT event counterclockwise and market the opportunity prior to TC hosting a race weekend event at ORP featuring a counterclockwise configuration;
- Discussion regarding hosting spring as well as late fall DT at ORP; Kevin S we have a home track, we need to host events at ORP and make those events successful;
- Jim L need 45 entries to break even, had 70 at the latest event producing approx. \$5k profit; Hosting DT events which are not connected to a race weekend would be difficult to be financially viable; TC should seriously consider a partnership with AutoX for example;
- An autocross event (ACCO Autocross Club of Central Oregon) was well attended due to promotions resulting in 60 entries; A new TC Member is also involved with ACCO and is willing to assist;
- TC BOD recommendation to Kevin S (EBR) to request the following 2014 DT dates to be held at ORP: Sat March 29<sup>th</sup> & Sat November 1<sup>st</sup> in addition to Friday July 11<sup>th</sup>;
- Bill M ORP track rental rate in March is \$2500 per day;
- Jim L is pursuing G3/6 cars for their own group on Friday DT, needs 10-12 cars; Legends could be combined with G3/6 cars with promotional opportunities to include running as a special race group;

TREASURER (Val Starr):

• Report of TC General Funds with income/expenses and savings account balance, dated Nov 4, 2013;

SECRETARY (Bob Smethers): 2013 BOD and General Meeting Minutes are available for review;

PRESIDENT (Terry Amundson):

Reminder – Nov General Membership meeting will be final opportunity to nominate BOD positions for 2014;

#### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR (Kevin Smith):

TC Member renewals for 2014 have already been received thanks to Todd & Alisa Cook, Austin Smith, both Bill & Bill Murray and others;

PAST PRESIDENT (Mitch Lea): no report; FINANCE COMMITTEE (Mitch Lea): no report; VICE PRESIDENT (Duane Starr): no report; STAR PROJECTS, Rat Race Report (Bill M): COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR (Ben Weaver): not present;

#### OLD BUSINESS: 2014 TC BOD Nominations from October TC General Membership Meeting;

- TC Vice President Ben Weaver accepted the nomination from Skip Y/Bill M;
- TC Secretary Bob Smethers accepted the nomination from Mitch L/Kevin S; •
- TC Race Chairman Pete Belfanti accepted the nomination from Kevin S/Al K;
- TC Driving Master Jim Larfield accepted the nomination from Kevin S/Mitch L;
- TC Executive Board Rep Kevin Smith accepted the nomination from Mitch L/Jon W; •
- TC Membership Dennis Roberts accepted the nomination from Jon W/Jim L; (secretary – apologies for the misspelled name published in October TC General Meeting Minutes!)

#### **NEW BUSINESS:** (none) **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** no reports; **ANNOUNCEMENTS: (none)**

(M/S by consensus): Motion to adjourn, Motion passed (unanimous), meeting adjourned approx. 8:35PM;

#### **BS REPORT: (none)**

Respectfully Submitted, Bob Smethers, TC Secretary (ps. Thank You to Pete B for taking notes while I commuted from Laurelwood Brewery)

Hello TC BOD Members -

2014 Team Continental Board of Directors Nominees for ballot:

- TC President Duane Starr & Terry Amundson TC Vice President Ben Weaver •
- TC Past President Terry Amundson
  TC Treasurer Val Starr
- TC Secretary Bob Smethers
- TC Driving Master Jim Larfield
- TC Contest Board Rep Peter Linssen
- TC Communications Director Open

- TC Race Chair Pete Belfanti
- TC Executive Board Rep Kevin Smith
- TC Membership Chair Dennis Roberts



#### **RACE CHAIRMAN NOMINATION ADDRESS**

Friends, racers, turn workers, lend me your green flags.

It's been an eye opening experience being TC race chairman for 2013, and it goes without saying Alan Kolkemo as assistant race chairman and the whole race committee was a huge part of our success in 2013, so first let me thank Alan for his dedication to our TC event.

This job is not one you just jump into. I had much guidance from past chairs in taking on this job in 2013 and have gained a wealth of knowledge of how events are organized and some of the pitfalls to avoid. I'm happy to step up for the nomination in 2014 because, I know we have a great team of event staff that I enjoy working with. For 2014 I have particular visions for our event in the areas of new never seen before in ICSCC race pricing structures, and the planning of the first ever

CCW event held by TC at ORP. I'm encouraged by the clubs enthusiasm around supporting work parties to improve our home track, and racing events. I ask for your vote for the 2014 race chair position, not only because I'm the only one crazy enough to volunteer, but if you wrote in Jim Larfield, his head would explode and that would not be fun to clean up. I truly thank you for your support in 2013, and with luck (no offence Jim) 2014. If anyone wants to consider being the assistant chair this year along with Alan, I warmly welcome your help. I will not be able to accept a nomination in 2015 for a third term and would like to ensure the club continues to succeed in producing great events by training my replacement during this year's event.

Thank you

Peter Belfanti

# SUPERIOR OF CONTINENT

#### It's that time of year again!

Get ready for an amazing season in 2014 by selecting your TC Board of Directors!

#### Cast your vote here!



#### TEAM CONTINENTAL – GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 20, 2013

#### Location: Mars Meadows, Delta Park

Meeting was called to order by TC President, Terry Amundson;

#### **GUEST INTRODUCTIONS:**

• Melissa was introduced as Jim (Jimbo) Collins guest;

#### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

SECRETARY (Bob Smethers):

- Meeting minutes are available for review at each BOD and General Membership meeting;
- Will coordinate with TC Communications Director Ben W and TC Webmaster Jeremy P regarding recommendation to post TC Meeting Minutes electronically to a TC Web page for historical reference.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR (Kevin Smith):

- TC has a total of 127 members for 2013.
- Thanks to Jeremy Plance, TC Membership Renewal is open on Motorsportreg, com here: <u>http://www.motorsportreg.com/index.cfm/event/event.advert/uidEvent/504531C6-FEEA-D0E8-</u> DEF276B5BAE92A

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• TC has had 11 members renew for 2014 already, and their new membership cards have gone out.

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD REP (Kevin Smith):

- 1 TC has 45 licensed ICSCC drivers, 3rd most in Conference, after IRDC and CSCC;
- 2 TC events on ICSCC calendar for 2014, Driver training Saturday Mar 29th @ORP, Driver training July 11, Race July 12 & 13, possibly 14th, definitely a double, possibly a triple, Driver training Saturday Nov 1st. On the driver training, we have to commit to the insurance at the spring meeting in early January, so we will have to decide before that time which ones we want to commit to paying conference for insurance. One item of note, CSCC is holding a driver training Mar 29 at PIR, so that is in direct conflict. (E-board representative idea it might be interesting to change to have ours on Sunday Mar 30th, and see if we can get people to sign up for both as long as they are in the area. This might be a draw for Canadian, or other folks to travel??) No other conflicts on schedule, and at this time, all ICSCC races seem to be at least 2 weekends apart.
- 3 Rules changes from contest board. Nothing terribly interesting here, results are up on conference forum web-site, and Jon can discuss further. E-board mostly voted to accept C-board results. But, one interesting thing is that E-board could not pass, was Item 20, a change to Honda Challenge rules. That is an e-board only item, and apparently there is some legal agreement between NASA and Conference on that. Conference to get this agreement to E-board, as none of E-board knew anything about this, and were surprised. This was tabled to Spring Meeting, and all E-board reps asked for a copy of this agreement.
- 4- TC formally asked for approval to run ORP in CCW direction, and also for approval to run the course using the by-pass in each direction. Steward visit scheduled for Dec 9th @ ORP to look over configurations, and report to ICSCC president on recommendations. Approval for various courses to be taken up at Spring Meeting.
- 5- IRDC proposed nice change to make mandatory tech group for multi-race weekend clearer. Only last group of first day rotation is mandatory tech. This makes tech for multi-day weekend much easier. Motion made and passed.



- 6 TC also put conference on notice that our July race intent is to have a special race group comprised of Legends, and other "light" closed wheel cars. Several conference officials maintain we need permission for special races. Rules appear not to require this. But we are going to be clear on intent.
- 7- I brought up specific rule in P&Ps that I thought generally prohibited novice races on Sunday of a two day weekend, in direct conflict with what TC was forced to do this year. That caused a lot of discussion, and it will be discussed more at the Spring Meeting. License Director presented some entry results for the novice races, and those definitely showed a pretty substantial drop-off in novice entries for the 2nd or 3rd novice race of a weekend.
- 8 Scott Adare has stepped down as insurance advisor. New insurance advisor is Denny Sutich.
- 9 Dave Bennitt will be conference President for one more year. He badly wants the clubs to find volunteers for this position that are willing to work with Dave starting in December or January, so that they will be capable of taking over the President's position for 2015.
- 10 2014 Conference Steward will be Mike Tripp, who was Assistant Steward this year.
- 11 Rats Meeting Saturday March 1, 2014 at SeaTac Marriott, finalized at spring meeting;
- 12 New web administrator, Alberto Fonseca, a Pro44 driver, takes over from Steve Adams.

#### DRIVING MASTER (Jim Larfield):

- Racers make half of entries for DT, historically 45-48 total includes all groups with Test & Tune;
- DT on non-race weekend need to partner with possibly autocross group to be viable;
- Pete B sent communication with this group, Jim L received response showing interest, meeting will be scheduled; Pete B does this group need to be ICSCC Affiliate Member?
- Kevin TC does have to use ICSCC insurance;
- Advertising could be produced in the Bend Metro area to generate interest more locally;
- Jim L this would be a TC DT, need TC racer instructors much different experience for our partner than autocross events;
- Duane S could set up vertical tri-oval for autocross sessions, extended lunch session could enrich customer experience;

RACE CHAIRMAN (Pete Belfanti):

- Work Party Project (Brake Markers) 1 cast at Duane's, still need to confirm a willing concrete supplier with reasonable rates;
- ORP Counterclockwise inspection by ICSCC proposed schedule was submitted to ICSCC Stewards, meeting schedule will be finalized soon;
- Future event promotions includes 3 levels, success of 2013 warrants promoting the sport;
- Work Party Project (Bleachers) scheduled for Sunday Dec 8<sup>th</sup> to transport bleacher boards 50) 2"x10"x16';
- Terry A has created a digital form of paddock space intended for pre-event registration;

BANQUET CHAIR (Mark Hanken, reported by Terry A):

• Team Continental Annual Awards Banquet scheduled for Jan 18, 2014 at Newport Hallmark;

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR (Ben Weaver): (no report); TREASURER (Val Starr): (no report);

CONTEST BOARD REP (Jon Wilson): (no report); PAST PRESIDENT (Mitch Lea): (no report); VICE PRESIDENT (Duane Starr): (no report); PRESIDENT (Terry Amundson):

- TC December BOD meeting scheduled for Wednesday Dec 11<sup>th</sup> at Laurelwood Brewery;
- TC Cmas party scheduled for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>, no ties! See handout & announcements;

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

• TC Cmas Party scheduled for 7pm Saturday Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, Bill and Lynn home 5670 SW Menefee Dr, Portland OR 97239 – TC General meeting will include election result announcements;

#### OLD BUSINESS: (nominations from October General Membership Meeting)

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- TC Executive Board Rep Kevin Smith accepted the nomination from Mitch L/Jon W;
- TC Membership Dennis Roberts accepted the nomination from Jon W/Jim L;

#### NEW BUSINESS: (items not previously submitted for the agenda)

- On-Line election will be handled by TC WebMaster Jeremy P;
- Pete B assistant Race Chair Al Kolkemo may not be available to serve as Assistant Race Chair;
- TC Contest Board Peter Linssen accepted the nomination from Jon W/Jim L;
- TC President Duane Starr accepted the nomination from Lynn/Kevin S;
- TC Past President Terry Amundson accepted the nomination from Kevin S/Jon W;
- TC Treasurer Val Starr accepted the nomination from Bill M/Ben W;
- TC President Terry Amundson accepted the nomination from Peter L/Jim L;
- Communications Director position is open;
- ACTION ITEM: Bob & Jeremy will produce ballots for distribution;
- Darren Dilley recognized ICSCC championship award winning TC Members;

STAR PROJECTS (Bill Murray):

• ORP report – 3 septic tanks, drain field, pumps, electrical load centers for pumps and sewage side of the system is close to completion; Water source is still in process with completion forecast for January 2014; Option for at track camping is looking viable with showers and flush toilets;

#### M/S – Motion to Adjourn, Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:02PM;

#### **BS & BONER DISCUSSIONS:**

Scott Hanken has the boner jacket; Bob Skinner – Bill Harris was OR SCCA Crew Chief of the Year, Bob's SRF customer finished  $1^{st}$  and  $4^{th}$ ;

Respectfully Submitted, Bob Smethers, TC Secretary

#### **TELL TALE 14**



#### **TABLE SAW:**

A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity. Very effective for digit removal !!

#### BAND SAW:

A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut large pieces into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.





#### TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST:

A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of all the crap you forgot to disconnect.

#### HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK:

Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.





<u>PRY BAR</u>: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

#### VISE-GRIPS:

Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.



#### Team Continental Awards Banquet 2014

When: January 18, 2014 Where: Hallmark Resort 744 S.W ELIZABETH NEWPORT, OR 97365 \* RESERVATIONS 1-541-265-2600 \* Room specials available: Hallmark Traditional Guestroom (1 Queen bed).......\$91 Hallmark Deluxe Double Queen Stateroom......\$114 Hallmark Deluxe King Spa Rooms.....\$119 Admiral Suite Rm. #'s 548 & 549......\$149

#### Prime Rib Buffet

**"BACK TO THE FUTURE"** 



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

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#### TELL TALE 16

