



Tell Tale

REPEAT AFTER ME: TC work party at ORP this weekend (May 5th and 6th). You can count me in! If you don't show up, spend the weekend writing an article for the Tell Tale.

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Varoom, Varoom.

Is a picture worth a 1,000 words? Heck most of us would settle for 50, but since none have been forthcoming, this will have to suffice. Ed.

Faithfully submitted (NOT) by,
Duane Starr, TC Present 2014



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MEETINGS

Board Meeting

May 7th

at

McMenamin's
 Kennedy School

@ 7pm

**TEAM CONTINENTAL BOARD MEETING
McMenamin's KENNEDY SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND**



From the top down: Driving Master Jim Larfield and Toni Larfield Assistant Registrar. Executive Board Rep Kevin Smith and Club Secretary Bob Smethers. Membership Chairman Dennis Roberts. Mr. President Duane Starr and Treasurer / Race Registrar Valerie Starr. Ben Weaver Vice President and Peter Linssen Contest Board Representative.



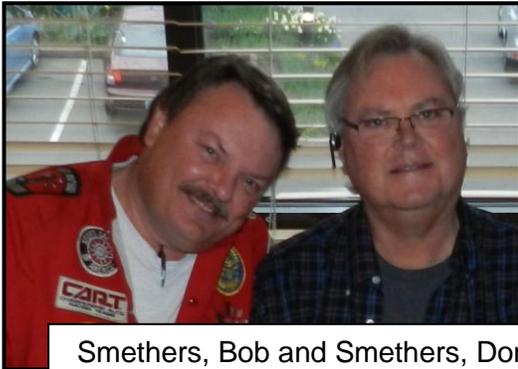
Saturday, March 29th:
Team Continental and the Autocross Club of Central Oregon co-host a Driver School , Track Day and Team Practice For Sunday's RAT Race.



Sunday, March 30th: Following the RAT Race comes almost the best part of the day handing out checks to the winning teams. The fastest in RAT Legal was the team of Duane Starr, Alan Kolkemo, Tim Deckert, and Pete Belfanti driving "The Fabulous Party Girl."

Tuesday, March 8th The Raccoon Lodge

T.C. Race Chairman Pete Belfanti holds court at the first Race Committee Meeting of the year.



Smethers, Bob and Smethers, Don, Course Marshal and Chief of Timing & Scoring respectively.



Toni Larfield, in charge of Margaritas. (Guess you know who is getting my business).



Val Starr in charge of Registration and Lynn Coupland, Driver Services.

Thunderhill results.

I just got back from Thunderhill where I finished second in both races. I was running 1.5 seconds faster than I did in 2010, the last time I raced there.

Next race will be at Button Willow.

G (Gordon Jones, #24)

TEAM CONTINENTAL – BOARD MEETING MINUTES



Date: April 2, 2014

Location: Kennedy School, Agnes White Rm – Portland, OR

BOD MEMBERS: Bob Smethers, Val Starr, Duane Starr, Ben Weaver, Kevin Smith, Pete Belfanti, Dennis Roberts, Peter Linssen, Jeremy Plance, Jim Larfield, Terry Amundson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Jon Wilson, Don Smethers, Bill Murray & Lynn Coupland

GUESTS: Sonjia Smethers, Toni Larfield

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by TC President, Duane Starr;

OFFICER REPORTS:

PRESIDENT (Duane Starr):

- We need more ICSCC Licensed Drivers - TC Member Drivers are highly encouraged to renew!
- 2013 Trophy Recipients - please come forward to be recognized;
- Terry & Duane will form a financial advisory committee to administer BAGGS funds;

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR (Jeremy Plance):

- New TC Web page picture or go pro image suggestions can be submitted, a contest may be considered;
- Pre-event Paddock reservation system is ready to go live - Gordon J and John R have given input;
- TC Facebook page is seeing numerous posts;
- Pete B - Facebook presence is increasing, need to develop more Facebook side columns;
- If anyone has suggestions for missing content, please reach out to Jeremy;

CONTEST BOARD REP (Peter Linssen): present, no report;

PAST PRESIDENT/BY-LAWS COMMITTEE (Terry Amundson): present, no report;

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR (Dennis Roberts):

- TC has 6 new Members to date from recent TC DT school alone;
- 2 previous members recently renewed which brings the current total TC Membership count to 95;

DRIVING MASTER (Jim Larfield):

- Pete B efforts were recognized for promotions, Kevin S was recognized for ground school coordination, Peter L, Duane S and Mitch L were recognized for Ground School presentations to 30+ participants;
- TC as a team came together to present high quality gate to gate experience; From the moment participants entered to moment they left was smooth sailing with smiles all around; All on track participants were well behaved with only a couple spins and no consultations;
- DT participation included 53 drivers in 43 cars, with 16 out of 53 paid through MSReg;
- Most revenue was captured prior to noon through MSReg with Square ®, check/cash received at track;
- Financial details included Gross/Net Revenue, MSReg fees, ORP facility fees and ICSCC insurance; ¹
- Total Profit for the event was split with ACCO, which was perceived as a huge success for both clubs; ²
- ACCO promotions generated new interest from the Bend area and is greatly appreciated;
- Toni L worked with Val S to discuss procedures for using 2) Square ® devices at July DT/Race event to speed processes; Written email receipts will be optimized;

RACE CHAIRMAN (Pete Belfanti):

- **TC Race Committee meeting is scheduled for 7pm, Tuesday April 8th at Raccoon Lodge;**
- Race committee enlistees are being approached if you served in 2013;
- Announcement and Schedule will be uploaded to ICSCC following TC Race Committee meeting;
- MSReg preparations are on schedule, DT and Race events will be separate in MSReg;
- Friday DT attendees paddock at your own risk and may be asked to move if not entered for the race weekend; Upper paved paddock is reserved for sat-sun attendees with priority to advanced registration;
- Pete will draft an analysis of percentage of race dollars to be reviewed by TC Race Committee; Racer "discount" with explanation will be further defined in this document;
- Bill M - Expressed the importance that costs are transparent, need to dispel myths that TC owns ORP;
- Jeremy P - Noted that a large percentage of ICSCC still perceives that TC owns ORP;
- Don S - New equipment was tested, MSReg-to-T&S logistics improvements are being implemented;
- Pete B - Commented on ICSCC deferred stipulations of safety requirements for course adjustments to be complete prior to TC race in counterclockwise configuration - Worst case would be to revert to clockwise configuration (tires, grading T4 runoff, pit entry road beveled curbing, T16 x barriers);

TREASURER (Val Starr):

- DT expenses and majority of July race event deposits and ICSCC insurance have been paid;
- See report of TC General Funds, Profit & Loss reports dated March 31st (see handout);

SECRETARY (Bob Smethers): 2014 BOD and General Meeting Minutes are available for review;

EXECUTIVE BOARD REP (Kevin Smith): present, no report;

VICE PRESIDENT (Ben Weaver): present, no report;

MERCHANDISE DIRECTOR (Ben Weaver):

- TC could consider investing in new merchandise, specifically relating to polo shirts and event t-shirts which would be ordered in sufficient quantity; A t-shirt design contest and pricing will be considered;
- We need to survey TC membership for suggestions, potential sources for seed money for up-front costs;
- Jeremy P - Observed that ORP has successful merchandise sales, TC needs its own presence at events;
- Toni L - Noted that Merchandise should be available near Registration, where driver wallets are open!
- Ben W - Will consider soft shell jacket with light liners, other TC members may have other suggestions;

STAR PROJECTS, Rat Race Report (Bill M): Reviewed recent Rat Race event held Sunday March 30th;

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Mitch Lea): not present, no report;

- Val delivered thumb drive with financials to FC member Don Smethers for evaluation and consultation;

OLD BUSINESS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Don Smethers):

- Compliments to TC President Duane for commitment to resolving our tax position;
- Duane acknowledges the significant efforts by Don S to minimize expenses for current tax filings;
3.
- Don S - Thanks to Val & Duane for providing historical paperwork;

TC RADIOS/EQUIPMENT

- Pete B - Still working on negotiations to acquire radios through Ken K/Ric F;

TC WORK PARTY

- Bill M - Bleacher projects could be finalized, foam blocks for brake markers and other Work Party projects need to be scheduled with advanced notice;
- Kevin S - Priority should be on ICSCC non-optional projects (tire barriers, T16 excavation, T8 runoff);
- Duane - Chipped asphalt may be rolled and used as roadway for exit from hot pit to paddock (CCW);

NEW BUSINESS:

- Duane S - Requests feedback for this meeting location - is this venue acceptable?
- TC Work Party at ORP - Scheduled for 9am Saturday May 3rd - priority on ICSCC stipulated projects (tire barriers, pit exit barriers, bleachers);

OTHER DISCUSSION:

- Bill M - Mike Bell delivered classic documents from 1960 TC documents;
- Kevin - Inquired when was the first TC DT? Discussion included the observation that Baggs served as ICSCC Race Steward late 60's-early 70's;
- Bill M - Noted that of the 5 events at ORP so far in 2014, all events have had TC member involvement;
- Jim L - Expressed compliments to food service at the TC DT - hearty meal was provided with nice presentation, family style community involvement format;
- Pete B - Recent successful promotion with Jeremy at "Red Door Meet" targeted young car enthusiasts;

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Annual Banquet: Sonja Smethers will consider this appointment;

Summer Party (Val & Duane): This event will be at the Starr Alpaca Farm August 16th, 2014

Spiritual Leader (Robert Waco): Race Chairman has submitted an increased budget;

Christmas Party (Lynn Coupland):

Equipment Chair (Tony Hauser);

Competition Committee (Jon Wilson):

ROD Representative (Ken Killam):

Trophy Chair (TBD): Steve Leonard is considering this appointment

Merchandise Chair (TBD)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, BS & BONER DISCUSSIONS: (none)**

(M/S by consensus): **Motion** to adjourn, **Motion passed** (unanimous), meeting adjourned 8:47 PM;

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Smethers, TC Secretary



We drove out to Bagg's property today, to take pix of the changes and new development.

Maybe the TC members who have been involved would like to see the changes.

There are 3 still shots attached that might work for the Tell Tale. The old house is gone, the barn is about the same, and the new home on the hill above looks like it's nearing completion.

Thanks, Don

~Don Smethers
April 22, 2014

Hello Peter and Jim,

The photos of the track day at ORP are now posted on my website, <http://photos.larrie.com/racingmain.html>.

As usual you may use these photos in any electronic media free of charge as long as you provide a photo credit to me next to the photo.

Hope you enjoy the photos. I had a fun time taking them.

Larrie Easterly
503.230.0802

Notes from the Driving Master

Hello TC,

Our first stand alone driver training at ORP is in the books and by all accounts it was an overwhelming success. We had a total of 53 drivers entered in 43 cars. With the Rat Race the following day some of those teams took the opportunity to practice on Sat with their co-drivers sharing time in one run group. Everyone seemed to behave themselves well and I don't think we had a single incident where a driver had to be called in for a consultation (spanking). Val and my wife Toni had registration well under control with all fees collected before the end of the day. Bill Murray and the ORP catering crew did a bang up job for lunch with a very tasty beef stew (Bill has some sort of foo, foo French name for it) that was warm and filling (good on a chilly spring day).

While we did make a small amount of money, what we did do in a large way was establish a reputation for putting on a great driver training that will help seed future events. The success of this event was due to the hard work of everyone who came to ORP no matter how large or small there role was on this cool day. Special thanks to Pete Belfanti for his tireless promoting, Kevin Smith for making sure the ground school presentation was spot on and all the ground school presenters (Mitch Lea, Peter Linssen, Kevin Smith and Duane Starr). Thanks to all of the instructors who in some cases made dreams come true (email I received stating such) and putting perma grins on students faces. Finally Val and Toni for making sure registration went smoothly and without a hitch so the participants could get in and out quickly.

We had 3 new instructors for this event. They were Brian Bogdon, Al Kolkemo and myself. Previous to this I had only done a couple of chase and pace type of instruction. When asked, both Brian and Al had very positive experiences and seemed to look forward to their next. I had an awesome time. It was very gratifying to see my student progress from session to session and finally see all the dots connect in his third session. By his last I was simply a passenger just observing, not saying a thing until we pulled into the paddock.

There were 15-20 of us who decided to meet down at the Goose Pit in Wasco for dinner Sat night. With everyone in rather festive, celebratory moods the stories and laughs were plenty.



Sitting at one table was Brian Bogdon and James "Gator" Hudson, when Gator announced Brian had a new nickname. Over the course of 30yrs working in a mill in Longview Brian revealed no nicknames had ever stuck and that is when Gator (ask him how he got "Gator", it's a good story) decided that from here on Brian is to be called Teflon. As you know you don't get to pick your nickname it is assigned. So the next time you see Brian say hi to Teflon, or is it Tef or Teffie. Sometimes these things take on a life of their own.

And finally, mark down on your calendars Fri July 25 for the next driver training / track day. I will need instructors and will be contacting you for help. We also need all the help we can get for that weekend. So please free up your schedule to come help your club.

Your Driving Master, Jim Larfield.

Member Backfire Page:

Sunday March 30th
(Grass Valley Oregon)

Today the Stars Cabaret Acura Integra driven by the Mountain Goat Racing Team and prepared by Colonel Red Racing won the Star Projects Rats of Spring endurance race at Oregon Raceway Park. The Rats of Spring is an 8 hour enduro for production based cars. Conditions at the track were cold and windy. In a first ever race event at ORP the race was run counterclockwise. This effectively made it a new track for all competitors.

The race started with the Stars Cabaret Integra in the pole position with Mtn Goat Racing's team manager, Jerome Russell at the wheel. The start was full of anxiety as the track was only 38 degrees and tires had no chance to warm up before charging into the first turn. All the cars made it thru the first lap without sliding off track, the Stars Cabaret car in the lead. Gradually two faster cars made it to the front of the pack but Jerome was able to run consistently fast times, keeping The Stars Integra in the top three.

At the two hour driver change long time Chump Car Endurance Racing driver Doug Drouet took the wheel and set a blistering pace despite it being his first time ever at ORP. Drouet quickly reeled in the front runners and took the lead, opening up a 4 lap cushion during his two hour stint at the wheel.

At the 4 hour mark accomplished ICSCC ST class driver Brian "Teflon" Bogdan continued the great driving of the Mtn Goat Team, keeping the Stars Cabaret Intgera, affectionately named "Rocky" by his first owner Pro racer James Hunt, in a comfortable four lap lead. Teflon had one moment of excitement when his tires were unable to "stick" to the track and Teflon went sliding into a 2 wheel off track in the weeds. No damage was done to Rocky and the car soldiered on.

For the final 2 hours ICSCC and Team Continental driver James "Gator" Hudson batted cleanup. The race was going well when 20 minutes in the right front CV axle started making the classic clicking sounds of having been pushed too hard for too long. Soon the clicking became clunking, with occasional steering and braking problems caused by the degenerating CV axle. Gator went into conservation mode using every trick to extend the CV axle's life, hoping to keep going until the end of the race and not lose the lead. Eventually the CV and tire became so bad he was limited to 65-70 mph top speed on the straights where the car would normally be 100-110 mph.

Rocky stayed together just long enough to take the checkered flag and win the race. Interestingly another Acura Integra, took first place in the Rat Class, "Party Girl" .

When Rocky returned to the pit it was discovered the right front tire was worn thru the steel belts, the right CV axle was toast, and the left CV axle had torn it's boot off. Rocky had completed 196 laps, winning by 2 laps.

Stars Cabaret owner and car sponsor Randy Kaiser said "We're proud of our car and our team. When many other teams' cars dropped out with mechanical failures from the stress of 8 hour racing, our Colonel Red Racing prepared Integra took it to the finish. Best wishes to all the Mountain Goat racing drivers for their win and we look forward to seeing you at one of our Stars Cabaret club events soon.

Mountain Goat Racing's manager, Jerome Russell, was ecstatic with the win. "What a team and what a car! It's an amazing accomplishment for our team."

~posted on the ICSCC forum 4/3/2014
By TC Member James "Gator" Hudson



OREGON RACEWAY PARK

APRIL 30TH 2014



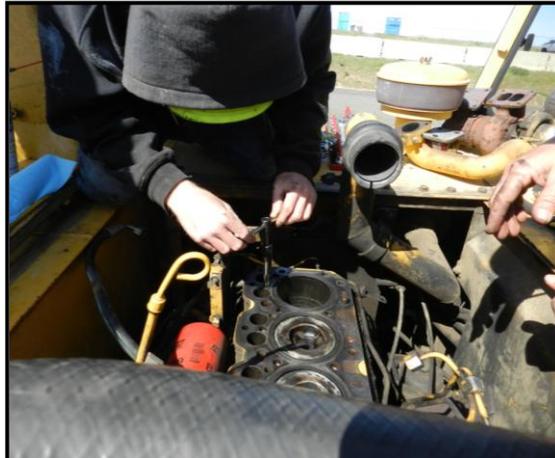
The 1967 LOLA T-70 Coupe. Certainly amongst the most beautiful cars ever built. Owned by and driven last Wednesday on the South Course at O.R.P. by long time Team Continental racer Neil Hansen. In original Can-Am trim the car produced about 400 h.p. With the benefit of 45 years of engine development of the small block Chevrolet it now puts out an easy 600. At 1600 lbs it will spin the tires at about any speed you care to do so.
Bill Murray

OREGON RACEWAY PARK

UPDATE: APRIL PROJECTS 2014



Staff Members: Joe Johnston, Emmet Reed, and Big Jake strip another brake marker base from its mold and eject the core plug. Placement begins this weekend to meet the counter course certification criteria, and speaking of critters check out this guy and his high traction set up, enjoying some spring warmth by the garage building.



Like the cars that run on the track machinery always needs repair and maintenance. Here the track hoe head bolt bosses get re-taped to allow proper torque settings during assembly.

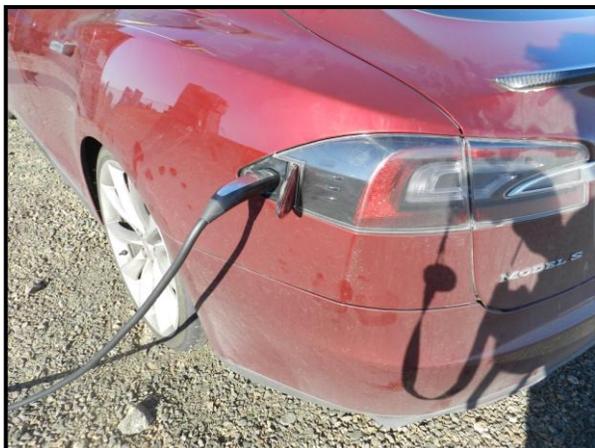
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UPDATE: APRIL EVENTS 2014



Jennifer Serenbetz, Event Coordinator for the Audi Club poses for a snap on the upper paddock during their two cool and beautiful days April 12 & 13th.

When you are Operations Manager at O.R.P. you better know how to operate a grill.



At the end of two days with a really fun group every one pack's up and heads home. Well.... almost everyone. The dusty, fast and truly ultra cool Tesla indicated two miles range remaining as the driver opted for just one more lap. True to its instrumentation it shut itself off at exactly two miles (the track is 2.34 miles around) resulting in our first flat tow of an electric car. A quick boost on the charger and he was off to Goldendale. Not a bad day for a guy who didn't use a drop of gasoline all weekend. There is a message here somewhere.

OREGON RACEWAY PARK

UPDATE: Easter at the track 2014



The first O.R.P. Club events of the season were held on Easter weekend and provided great weather. ABOVE LEFT: Dropping by on their day off were Chief of Flags Jessica Johnston with new daughter Stephi ABOVE RIGHT: Papa Joe helps big sister Marley try a first time fit.

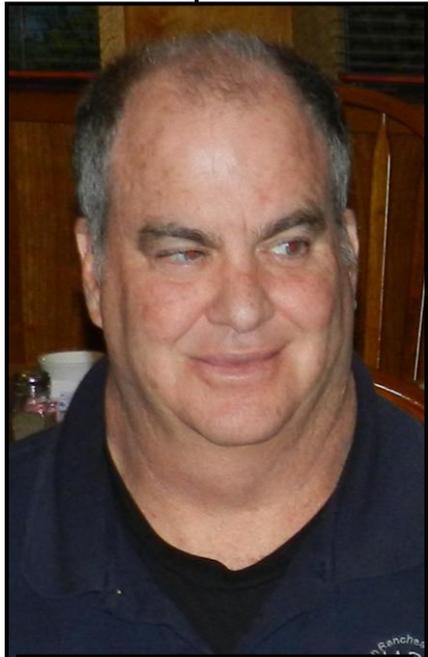


The O.R.P. Track Support Staff relaxes during lunch on Easter Day. Some of the crew members are now in their fifth year with the track. Familial ties and personal friendships augment the culture of this "extended family". A team spirit and core expectation of excellent performance permeates this group and makes them very special to work with. Bill Murray, Operations Manager

I Know what you are thinking. Not every photograph should be printed, but after all, this is the Tell Tale, the most rude and irreverent publication in motorsports, and since an offensive and stupid caption should be published every once in a while, you gotta ask yourself Do I want to look at this page or not. Well do ya?



Allan's ears perk up attentively at the sound of his master's whistle.



Is it really Mitch Lea at a club meeting or a very clever look alike thumb puppet.



Before I joined T.C. This was all I was packing.



"Word on the street is things haven't improved".



Duane Starr practices his rendition of "Here is the church, here is the steeple".



Alien crop circle or impending bald spot? You decide!

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