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A Track Side Interview with Ron and Joyce Tanner



Ron Tanner you sold your business and retired, what have you been doing with your time?

We've been on the road for over a year. We spent about 4 months in Alaska traveling 11,000 miles in the motor home and just had a ball.

Did you get any fishing in while you were in Alaska?

We tried not to leave any fish out there, but there are a lot of fish. Fish die of old age up there.

You guys have traveled together a lot before. You flew all over Mexico in your own plane. Is the motor home a lot better than flying?

We flew to the Panama Canal and all over Mexico staying 4-5 months one time, but we did that because we figured when retired I could develop something, then couldn't fly anymore. We to try to do those things when we could and when we could afford it. Now we have scale back a little bit. Yeah, motor homes are expensive, but if you want to travel and have your home with you and be comfortable that's why we did this. This is the third motor home. We had started off really cheap. It was a good babysitter for new operators.

You still have the house in Portland, are you going to keep that as well?

Yes, for now it is still kind of a grounding point. I also have a house on four acres in Hood River.

The goal in the next couple of years is probably to sell our house in Portland and move to Hood River, at least for a while. After that we're not sure.

We may want to continue to keep the place or we may be selling it to fund future trips.

If you live in Hood River, you are 65 miles closer to ORP, so that's nice.

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MEETINGS

Board Meeting

July 2nd

at 7 pm in

The Blue Goose

2725 SE Ankeny

Mazda Racer Christine Crane's Restaurant

In the former Esparza's Restaurant just out the back door of Holman's Bar and Grill

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When it comes to your racing career, what are your plans? How much racing do you see in your future?

When you are on a fixed income things change a little bit, mentally and financially, and you have to look at your priorities. Your dreams don't mean anything if you can't do them. Racing takes quite a bit and I loved it.

I don't ever see myself getting back into chasing a championship. I've chased Championships before and I've seen what that did to the bank account.

My need for speed and wanting to run up front just stresses me out financially. I'd just do whatever it takes to get the car running so I can win.

My killer instinct isn't like it used to be and I know I just really enjoy the chase. Joyce enjoys helping me with the races but there's a lot of work for her not much payment. so it's time I pay my dues and pay back.

So Joyce, if Ron is slowing down, are you going to have to find another driver to back?

Joyce: No, but I'm willing to help Team Continental when they are in Grass Valley, I'll be glad to do whatever they need.

Ron: The Club has done a tremendous amount for me and helped me a lot. I served as a club officer for a while. TC still is where my heart is. Volunteerism is how you do things to pay back the club.

It is still a priority, but I can't be as involved as when we were local.

So what are the short term plans?

Wow, I'm not sure, we're just kind of taking it as it goes. Like this August, in about 6 weeks or something like that, we're headed to the Yellowstone National Park. We'll be there for about a month and then come back and then we'll get ready to head back to Phoenix or Scottsdale. Then Florida for the winter 2014-15.

We want to work on the bucket list we've had for all of our life. We've been together 36 years. We have done a little bit of that, but now that have Joyce and I have time on our hands.

Sounds like you're doing alright. Good luck in your retirement.

Thanks Bill, appreciate it.

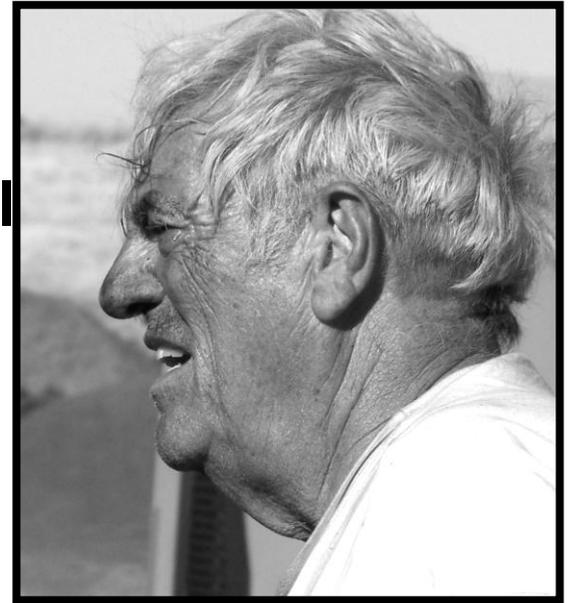


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TEAM CONTINENTAL – GENERAL MEETING MINUTES



Date: April 16, 2014

Location: Mars Meadows Restaurant, East Delta Park

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by TC President Duane Starr;

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

SECRETARY (Bob Smethers):

- Meeting minutes are available for review at each BOD and General Membership meeting;

MEMBERSHIP (Dennis Roberts): 97 paid members so far, TT has S**t list published - we need TC renewals;

DRIVING MASTER (Jim Larfield):

- Had a great DT, made some money, keep up the momentum heading into July 25-26-27 event at ORP;
- The event co-hosted with Autocross Club of Central Oregon (ACCO) has all members encouraged with the success. The standalone DT made money, weather was decent which worked well - need to utilize March event dates in the future. Dates after October may not be reasonable for consideration;
- Bill M - A Rat Race event is being considered for November 1-2 which could include DT sessions;
- Treasurers report to follow regarding 50/50 profit split with ACCO;
- Pete B - This was first attempt at marketing this exposure opportunity with notably excellent results;
- Jim L - We definitely had a large number of participants, everyone was happy with the outcome;

RACE CHAIRMAN (Pete Belfanti):

- Race Committee meetings are scheduled for Tuesday May 27th and Tuesday June 24th, location TBD;
- ORP Work party will be May 3-4 with priority on ICSCC requirements (tire banding, grading, etc);
- Pete has priority to filling out the Race Committee - Tech (Mitch), Food Services (Robert W), etc.
- Announcement, event and pricing schedules are being finalized - event name is Bruce Baggett Revenge;
- Worker compensation is intended to match current ORP rate structure. Workers will receive the same \$100 per worker per day which includes food & lodging. Discounted rates will be offered on race entries so driver teams are a potential source for worker recruitment;
- Priority will be given to our existing ICSCC worker base. We must fill positions prior to 1 week before the event, otherwise need to backfill with ORP staff to meet minimum of 2 F&C per staffed corner;

- For this event, TC will not be providing travel reimbursement, travel van or pavilion space for lodging; However, space may be available on site in an ORP garage, other lodging options are available;
- As in previous year events, showers will be available through the Grass Valley RV Park;
- Jim L asked whether there are other ICSCC clubs offering to pay workers. Gail F responded that food and travel allowance is offered by some Member Clubs based on driver contributions to worker fund;
- Mitch asked whether the policy for worker compensation will be presented at upcoming ICSCC events. Pete will make worker recruitment announcements and will provide doughnuts at morning meetings. TC wants ICSCC workers to be motivated to appear, need to be fully staffed with our experienced workers;

TREASURER (Val Starr):

- Profits from the recent co-hosted DT event would be split 50/50 with ACCO;
- TC has updated tax filings with recent research thanks to Don S, including \$850 application for 501c3;
- Duane - We all owe Don Smethers a big debt of gratitude for bringing us current!

MERCHANDISE (Ben & Darcy Weaver):

- Ben is considering an event shirt design contest which will be broadcast to TC members. Duane's future Son-in-law has access to sportswear manufacturer, Bill M will publish announcement in TC TellTale;

PRESIDENT (Duane Starr): no report;

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR (Jeremy Plance): no report;

CONTEST BOARD REP (Peter Linssen): not present, no report;

PAST PRESIDENT (Terry Amundson): no report;

EXECUTIVE BOARD REP (Kevin Smith): not present, no report;

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

STAR PROJECTS (Bill Murray):

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

PICNIC CHAIRMAN (Val & Duane): Summer party scheduled for Aug 16th, 2014 at Starr Alpaca Farm -

Val is asking for volunteers, plenty of tent space available. TC Band is being considered;

SPIRITUAL LEADER (Robert Waco): tentatively accepted the appointment

COMPETITION COMMITTEE (Jon Wilson):

ROD REP (Ken Killam):

HISTORIAN (Bill Murray):

EQUIPMENT CHAIRMAN (Tony Hauser):

WEBMASTER (Jeremy Plance):

CHRISTMAS PARTY (Lynn Coupland):

TROPHY CHAIRMAN: Steve Leonard is considering this appointment

BANQUET CHAIRMAN: This position is open – please contact Duane if you are interested in serving TC;

OLD BUSINESS:

- Duane would like to form a committee to serve as a mentoring group to ensure BOD and Committee Members follow continuity when transferring responsibilities from outgoing to incoming personnel;
- Pete recently targeted a group of young car enthusiasts numbering 400-600 at a car show featuring tuner cars in industrial 1st/2nd and SE Belmont. Jim and Pete talked with 100+ attendees interested in cars for show - this group has a following of approx. 5000 on Facebook with priority to responsible use and no street racing; A TC DT entry was donated as promotion which was raffled for publicity and advertising;

NEW BUSINESS: (none)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BS & BONER DISCUSSIONS:

- Todd Harris won both SRF events at THill for recent SCCA Majors (formerly known as “Nationals”);
- Kevin Smith had a great weekend and recorded footage of his ASR race;

(M/S by consensus): **Motion** to adjourn, **Motion passed** (unanimous), meeting adjourned 8:00P M;

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Smethers, TC Secretary

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**TEAM CONTINENTAL – BOARD MEETING MINUTES**



Date: May 7, 2014

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

**BOD MEMBERS:** Bob Smethers, Val Starr, Duane Starr, Pete Belfanti, Al Kolkemo, Jon Wilson,  
Dennis Roberts, Ben Weaver, Kevin Smith

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Bill Murray

**GUESTS:** (none)

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm by TC President, Duane Starr;

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

PRESIDENT (Duane Starr):

- Will follow-up with Oregon Dept of Transportation regarding trailering & hauling fuel. Tow vehicles over 10k gross weight or 26k combined weight is considered RV;

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR (Dennis Roberts):

- 101 total paid TC Members to date.

RACE CHAIRMAN (Pete Belfanti):

- Work party was well attended and constructive:
  - ICSCC requirements were all met except pit in - needs tire barrier and paint (1 day project) - Bill M is sourcing new bolted conveyer material;
  - Final report will be submitted to ICSCC HQ when the upcoming TC Work Parties are completed;
  - T16 reconfiguring, excavating and exit road into paddock were tackled thanks to Kevin S & Bill H;
  - T8 pole has tire bundle protection, brake marker locations in CCW configuration are in process;
  - May need another 1 or 2 work parties to be scheduled - Pete will coordinate with ORP and Bill M;
- TC Race Committee meeting is scheduled for 7pm, Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup>, location TBD;
- Sargents towing and GV ambulance (1 ALS Friday, 2 ALS Sat/Sun) will be requested;
- Race Announcement will be submitted this weekend, MSR is ready for go-live soon;
- Schedule submitted and approved, Pete needs volunteer to do race announcement at ICSCC Ridge race;

TREASURER (Val Starr):

- See report of TC General Funds, Profit & Loss reports dated April 15, 2014 (see handout);
- Tax payments, \$850 non-refundable 501c3 application and race deposit has been submitted;
- Ben W - TC cook trailer tags need to be updated;
- TC Storage container is on hold pending ORP location prep, fire suppression and gravel pit blasting;

DRIVING MASTER (Jim Larfield):

- Registration is open for July DT event;
- Raffle winner certificate has been identified;
- TC Projector has been re-located, need a viable option for power-point presentations?

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

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

MERCHANDISE DIRECTOR (Ben Weaver):

- Tshirt and Hat vendors are being pursued;
- Survey will be distributed for Membership feedback;
- July Event T-shirt design contest announcement will be distributed in the next TT;
- Bob S sent Ben spreadsheet containing historic unit costs and list of items;

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR (Jeremy Plance): not present;

- Bill M - TellTale is distributed electronically, 11-12 are printed for USPS distribution;
- Duane - Larry Easterly has fabulous pics from CCW course configuration;
- Rotating picture banner is being considered for TC web page;

CONTEST BOARD REP (Peter Linssen): not present, no report;

PAST PRESIDENT/BY-LAWS COMMITTEE (Terry Amundson): not present, no report;

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

STAR PROJECTS, Rat Race Report (Bill M): present, no report;

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

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### TC RADIOS/EQUIPMENT

- Paint vendor declined offer for body work/paint in exchange for radios - approx \$2200 in value;
- TC events use approx. 30-35 radios, ORP has radio rentals available for \$14/radio/day;
- Kevin - Would be in TC best interest to acquire radios to own enough to run events without rentals - discussion tabled;

WORK PARTY (ORP) - tentative schedule for May 24-25, need tire banding, painting, brake markers

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### PUBLICITY

- Opportunities to consider: Fall swap meet, Beaches cruise-in, Rose Cup race event

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Annual Banquet: Sonjia Smethers will consider this appointment;

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

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

Christmas Party (Lynn Coupland):

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, BS & BONER DISCUSSIONS:

- Kevin S mentioned Todd Cook was tagged for speeding on return trip from THill;

(M/S by consensus): **Motion** to adjourn, **Motion passed** (unanimous), meeting adjourned 8:37 P M;

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bob Smethers, TC Secretary

## TEAM CONTINENTAL – GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 21, 2014

Location: Mars Meadows Restaurant, East Delta Park

Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by TC President Duane Starr;



**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:****SECRETARY (Bob Smethers):**

- Meeting minutes are available for review at each BOD and General Membership meeting;

**PRESIDENT (Duane Starr):**

- We recently had a great meeting at McMenamins Kennedy Center;

**COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR (Jeremy Plance):**

- MSReg response has been positive, online paddock reservation system will be finalized soon;
- Web site will soon include redesigned photo header to feature pics reinforcing the message that TC is a club for racing and HPDE event days. Jeremy would like to highlight pics of vehicles with TC logos;
- Duane S - Larry Easterly web site showcases pics of cars running in CCW configuration;
- Pete B - ICSCC pays Doug Berger a stipend for providing pics. Does Larry offer pics as revenue generator or provide gratis with link on TC web site? Larry offers pics in exchange for web link;

**MEMBERSHIP (Dennis Roberts):**

- 101 TC Members have joined new or renewed to date;
- Duane S - Supports sending electronic TT to our entire database since postage costs are at a minimum. Duane will write an article to accompany the link for TT distribution - Jeremy will handle email blast;
- Bill M - Discussed whether emails were harvested from recent publicity events - trade shows, etc.

**DRIVING MASTER (Jim Larfield):**

- MSReg is open for registration, have received 12 entries to date - email notification has been distributed;
- Pete B has business cards available to be used when identifying potential target customers;
- Jim is seeking an Assistant for the upcoming DT event and will provide training for incoming Driving Master. Jim would serve as outgoing assistant to any prospective incoming Driving Master;
- TC needs all available instructors. Per Pete, 2013 was sold out due to limited number of instructors;
- Jim indicated approx. 40-50 entries at March DT, could expect 80-90 participants for July test & tune;
- Jon W - Need to consider maximum number of cars allowed per mile to meet ICSCC limitations; Kevin mentioned the April SCCA T-Hill event had 300 entries. Difference in speed was tremendous with approx. 70-80 cars in a group;
- Jim has contingency schedules with either 3 or 4 run groups to maximize track time as a priority. Groups with intermediate/advanced sessions could be combined. A 2<sup>nd</sup> test and tune run group could be added if oversubscribed. Discussion included what would be the maximum group size with limited passing. Kevin S observed Group 1 size is limited by number of instructors, Groups 2-3 could be limited to 30;
- Jim - With large tune & test group participation, could have 50 cars per group and will give priority to establish similar closing speeds - open wheel/SR are always a concern;

**RACE CHAIRMAN (Pete Belfanti):**

- TC Race Committee meetings are scheduled for 7pm, Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup> and 7pm, Tuesday June 24<sup>th</sup> at Busters BBQ in Tigard; (<http://www.bustersbarbecue.com/tigardoregonlocation.asp>)

- Work party to finish ICSCC CCW course requirements scheduled for Sat May 24<sup>th</sup>. TC volunteers needed for brake markers. Pete will distribute final pics to ICSCC HQ to identify requirements fulfilled;
- Bill M indicated concrete barrier for pit in is completed, curbing and barrier needs paint;
- Pete B is completing rental form agreements, tow trucks are on board. ALS ambulance services ordered through ORP, no AMR.
- Robert W will be providing food services for \$40 per person includes Friday lunch/dinner - 6 meals for weekend. Meal purchases available for purchase through MSReg.
- Since this is a “fallow” year for crops, fire issues should not be as large of a concern so budgeted fire protection services won’t be required. Instead, funding for publicity efforts will focus on central Oregon;
- Pete B is hoping to provide media rides during lunch;
- Pete is coordinating worker staffing with Kim (starter) to identify which paid positions have been filled. The TC event still needs on course (F&C) positions with preference to ICSCC workers to fill them;
- Gail F asked is there a time cutoff for placing food orders? Pete responded yes, 140-190 meals planned;
- Pete needs volunteers for unpaid positions - need Tech for Friday a priority. Kevin S volunteered as Chief Tech, will provide recruiting; Scales Chief is being recruited - location will be south side of Pregrid/impound area and will utilize TC generator;
- MSReg entries are pouring in. Gail F commented that, with the exception of SCCA Majors, racers don’t sign-up until last 7-10 days prior to the scheduled event. Pete indicated that we are advertising that no late entry fees are being charged. However, late registration will not qualify for racer dividends;
- Bill M asked if a chart of racer dividend payouts is available - Pete has a chart with 10-entry increments;
- Pete needs volunteer to announce ORP at SRP event promoting discount program, Kevin will present;
- A melting furnace is being provided to build 6” round medallion trophies, we need alum heads to melt;

#### TREASURER (Val Starr):

- See report of TC General Funds dated 5/21 (handout);
- Major race expenses have been paid including ICSCC insurance and ORP track rental deposit;
- Mark H submitted trophy expenses from TC 2013 Banquet for approx. \$700;
- TC Registration/Driver Services staff includes Val Starr, Toni Larfield, Lynn Coupland, Darcy Weaver;
- TC BOD meeting location has minimum charge - need to change locations with 30 day notice;

#### MERCHANDISE (Ben & Darcy Weaver):

- Announcement for t-shirt design contest will be distributed soon, June 19<sup>th</sup> is deadline for submissions;
- Ben is requesting responses for future merchandise interests including jackets, sweatshirts/hoodies;
- Discounts to deplete current inventory are being considered, focusing on 2010 inaugural event t-shirts;

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

CONTEST BOARD REP (Peter Linssen): not present, no report;  
 PAST PRESIDENT (Terry Amundson): not present, no report;  
 VICE PRESIDENT (Ben Weaver): present, no report;

STAR PROJECTS (Bill Murray): Wasco county Memorial Day parade is this weekend;

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

PICNIC CHAIRMAN (Val & Duane): Summer party scheduled for Aug 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Starr Alpaca Farm

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Val is asking for volunteers, plenty of tent space available. TC Band is being considered;

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COMPETITION COMMITTEE (Jon

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TROPHY CHAIRMAN: Steve Leonard is considering this appointment

BANQUET CHAIRMAN: This position is open – please contact Duane if you are interested in serving TC;

#### OLD BUSINESS:

##### RADIOS

- Duane will report back with recommendations for acquisition discussion;

##### MARKETING

- Beaches, October Swap Meet and Red Door are possibilities - DT entry give-away was well received;
- Beaches - any presence at wed PIR events; Jeremy asked if TC could bring bbq and host a general membership meeting, possibly in August. Ben will research possibilities including stipulations & cost;

#### NEW BUSINESS: (none)

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS, BS & BONER DISCUSSIONS:

- Duane attended a PIR track day with Kevin Culver in GASS car - no heal/toe in Jereco transmission. Duane “broke his virginity” in 20-25 minutes and “couldn’t wipe the smile off with a brillo pad!”
- Russ N mentioned videos at Expo Center Roadster Show nicely highlighted the safety truck;

(M/S by consensus): **Motion** to adjourn, **Motion passed** (unanimous), meeting adjourned 8:09P M;

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Bob Smethers, TC Secretary

**T**eam Continental marks the loss of T.C racer and good friend Bill Bachofner.

Bill died on the weekend of the Rose Cup after a long battle with cancer. His service will be held this Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Bill followed his brother John into racing in the late 80's starting out in a Rabbit and moving to a Swift S-2000 sports racer and for a while a Spec and not so Spec Miata. He and John made up 2/3 of a team that ran competitively in the American Cities Racing League.



Bill and wife Tammy at the Portland Roadster Show, Spring of 2013.

His interest was not limited to the track; he founded, built and eventually retired from Bachofner Electric, a successful contracting business. A source of endless jokes he always had one that would lead to another (Remind me to tell you the one about the Genie and the Golfers). Bill was the go to guy for rigging up electricity to run timing and scoring at the Port Orford races. For sheer one-upmanship he devised a fax line system so that drivers could be handed a copy of their race times as they came off track after the race. Not a bad trick to pull off at a temporary track in the days when I.R.D.C. struggled to get race results to anybody in less than a week.

As a Driver he mastered the skills quickly and acquired the breadth to be fast in whatever he drove. I am not sure about what other records he may hold, but I believe he is the fastest man to ever drive the Port Orford track, clicking off laps in the Swift every 43 seconds. Fittingly enough, that was the year we ran that track in the reverse direction.

**Services for Bill will be held 1: 00 p.m. Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at New Heights, East Campus , 1902 N.E. 185<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, Washington 98684. Drive a classic if you own one.**

Bill Murray

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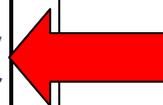

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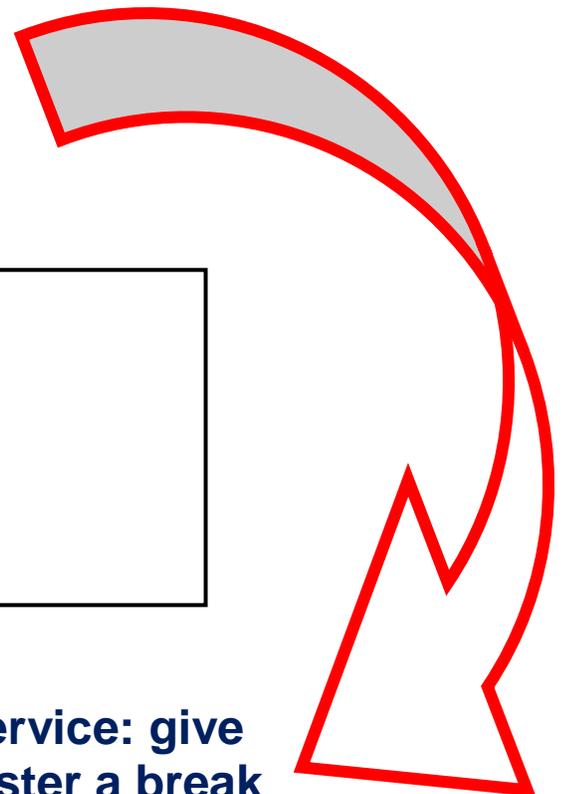
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