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Tell Tale

24 Hrs of Daytona has been run, Daytona 500 is a week away. First TC track day is March 8th, and first TC Driver training is March 29th. Racing season has started, what's keeping you from being out there.

February 2015

TC President's Message

Hello TC,

I'm sorry that Darcy and I were not able to make the trek to Newport for the annual banquet. It sounds like we missed out on a great time. Thank you to the organizing committee for putting on this event! My wife Darcy ended up going into labor on Sunday evening, and a future club member, Hudson Weaver (seen bottom left), was born on Monday the 19th. Everybody is happy and healthy, and we could not be happier or more proud. This of course has greatly impacted our schedules... which has me thinking even more about how fast the TC club events are approaching.

March is going to be a huge month for us, at ORP we have the TC appreciation day March 8



Hudson Weaver rubs his hands together in anticipation of the day when he'll be old enough to wear his dad's helmet.

which will be a great deal on a ton of early season track time. In Portland a couple weeks later March 20-22. Please look at the separate info later in this issue for information on volunteering to work the booth (and getting into the show for free). Wrapping up the month back at the track, will be the instructor training, March 28 and Driver Training March 29. Big thank you to all of the instructors participating to keep our schools going! Be sure to mark your calendar for all of these, it's only a few weeks!

Yours for the sport,

Ben Weaver, 2015 TC President

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MEETINGS

General Meeting - 7PM

February 18th

Mar's Meadows

9620 North Whitaker Road, Portland, OR

Board Meeting - 7PM

March 4th

Laurelwood Public House

5115 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland, OR 97213

Team Continental Banquet Weekend

Team Continental held a great banquet over the weekend on January 16th-18th. The theme was football, and quite a few folks showed up with their Seahawks (or other team's) gear on. Thanks

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Peter Linssen, Cynthia Wilson, Lynn Coupland, Tonya and Tony Kihlstadius enjoying the hospitality suite.



Don Crawford and Gayle Kovacs hosted the wine tasting Saturday afternoon.



Dylan Olsen - Driver of the Year

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go to Val Starr, Toni Larfield, and Lynn Coupland for their hard work in organizing this. Steve Leonard served as Awards Chairman, and did a wonderful job with the presentation of the trophies. Our way, way past president Mitch Lea and Vice-president elect Scott Olsen presented the incoming board members to the club, substituting since, neither the president elect Ben Weaver, nor outgoing President Duane Starr could be in attendance. Mitch was his amusing self, performing a hat swap routine whenever he was playing the part of one of the missing presidents.

TEAM CONTINENTAL

AWARDS BANQUET 2014
NEWPORT, OREGON JANUARY 16/17/18 2015

Following the festivities of the banquet and a couple of days in the hospitality room, the joy in these faces fails to convey that it really was a very good weekend. These were taken as the Seahawks and the Pirates begin their epic battle Sunday morning.



Don Crawford, drinking a toast to the winners....
But Don... the game just started!



NEWS FLASH !

Banquet Theme:
2015

The Senior Prom

This time you can
rent the date that
didn't get and live
it over!



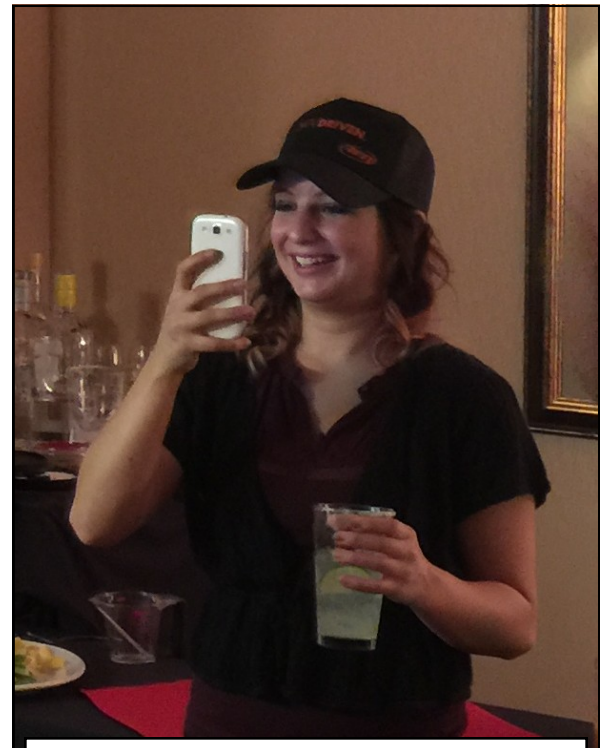
Gordon Jones, Rich Tolvestad, and Bert Dilley.



Mitch Lea - Man of many hats.



Rich Tolvestad and Stacey Smith winning?
at blackjack.



Lizzy Peters captures prime blackmail
material during Friday nights festivities.



Kevin Smith proudly displays the
Victory Cup



Jon Wilson and Scott Olsen discuss the fine points of an in-car video?



Jim Larfield accepts Outstanding Member award.

Looking for a high risk job with lousy pay that is a lot of fun and really cool? We can train you !

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

DRIVING INSTRUCTOR AND COURSE WORKER COMBINED TRAINING DAY:

Team Continental, Oregon Raceway Park Club and STAR Projects again pool resources to host the most comprehensive road course instructor training in the Northwest. The morning classroom runs parallel to our training for new and returning O.R.P. Course Control Staff.

Following lunch the split morning classrooms combine on course for an afternoon of training in real time. Simulating race conditions Instructors will also create response scenarios to help develop and hone the skills of new course workers. The track fee for instructor candidates and returning instructors is \$75.00 and includes a hot lunch. Course workers are free.

Race prepared cars are allowed but not a requirement for this event.

Course workers please come prepared for a variety of weather conditions and bring employment credentials.

Please register early: www.motorsportsreg.com

Questions?

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Dylan Olsen: 360-430-4563 / drivingmaster@teamcontinental.com

Brenda Piki: 541-333-2452 / info@oregonraceway.com





Driver of the Year



Outstanding Member



Course Master

TC Awards

This is the first in a series of articles that will show the various awards that are presented during the annual banquet. In the coming months, I will try to get all the names off of each of the trophies so you can see who has won each trophy, and give more background on the trophy, how it came into existence, and its history. This page doesn't show all the Team Continental trophies and awards. I am missing pictures for a couple of them for this issue of the Tell Tale. By the end of the year, all of the trophies will have been covered in the monthly articles, just in time to give them out to the next deserving recipients.



Instructor of the Year



Gordon Scott Memorial Trophy



Gary Pazina Memorial Award



Competitors Trophy

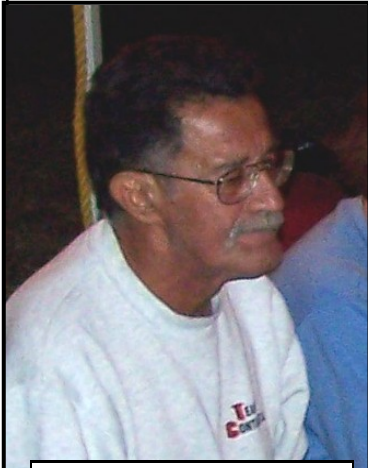


Vagabond Trophy



Victory Cup

Team Continental marks the passing of Hugh “Fig” Figueroa



Hugh “Fig” Figueroa

Hugh “Fig” Figueroa was truly one of the most dedicated Flagging & Communications volunteers which motorsports has ever had the honor to embrace.

It didn't matter if events were hosted by Sports Car Club of America, Cascade Sports Car Club or Team Continental - Hugh was always a willing participant. Hugh was even awarded the TC Waving Flag “trophy” for attending every race location at which TC hosted a race. Hugh repeatedly made it to out of town events in Port Orford, Coos Bay, Thunderhill, Spokane and Grass Valley.

Although sports car racing was no doubt his true passion, Hugh thoroughly enjoyed time supporting karting and motorcycle road racing events as well. I recall several single-day road trips with friends sharing the F&C experience while flagging and observing motorcycles circulate the course at The Ridge.

In some of his later years, declining health began to affect physical endurance required as a corner worker. Hugh then welcomed opportunities to co-serve as SCCA Course Marshal which allowed him to get out of nature's elements for a portion of race weekends. Mobility helped keep Hugh actively involved.

Whether our races featured rain or shine, Hugh always had a smile which radiated out from his heart in all directions. You will be missed, my friend. - Bob Smethers

Hugh was a great supporter of the club and worked events at many tracks. He served generously of his time and talent, always doing what he could to further our sport. - Bill Murray

Upon hearing of his passing I sold my stock in McGoo's Tavern. Hugh made some of the best salsa anywhere and loved to hang out at the track after the end of the day. As Race Chairman I always found Hugh to be easy to work with and a genuinely good guy. - Steve Leonard



Hugh Figueroa sets up camp at Oregon Raceway Park.

A Great Old 12 Minute Hot Rod Film

The narrated plot (if you can call it that) is so hokey it is painful. This one makes "The Road Racers" look like Oscar material, but the old film clips are worth sitting through.

<http://blog.hemmings.com/index.php/2015/01/28/midweek-matinee-road-runners-1952-ish/>

Bill Murray

Team Continental 2015 Roadster Show Booth

As we have done for the last couple of years, we will again be having a booth to promote the club at the Roadster show. We will again be sharing the booth with ORP, and this year we will have another piece of eye candy to draw people to the booth, a Palatov D2! We preferably need 1-2 TC members in the booth throughout the show. Please review this schedule, and sign up to work the booth! (~4 hour stints are best). Also if you have video you'd like to share on the screen at the booth, we can't use youtube easily, so either send us your videos on a thumb drive, or bring them with you to the booth!

Thursday March 19 - Booth Setup - This won't be 4 hours, but not sure of timing yet.

Friday March 20 - 12pm - 9pm

Saturday March 21 - 10am - 9pm

Sunday March 22 - Show 10am - 5pm - Teardown 5pm - 7pm

For volunteering, you not only get to help promote the club, you also get into the show for free!

Email president@teamcontinental.com if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you - Ben Weaver. 425-299-0602



SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH TEAM CONTINENTAL

Presents



A private track day at



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The management of O.R.P. is pleased to provide T.C. this track day rent free as a thank you to the club for work donated by our members over the last year. All monies received over the cost of ambulance, insurance and turn workers goes to support Team Continental events. Come have some fun and support your club!



Some Blast from the Past Photos

These were all taken at the Team Continental Driver training held 2/21/2009, quite early in the season for a driver training.



Bert Dilley and Bob Smethers



Marshall Atherton and Rob Rissberger



Darren Dilley



Cool Old Mercury Marauder early NASCAR style



Vintage Triumph TR6



Gail Fetterman

TEAM CONTINENTAL – GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: 1/18/2015

Location: TC Annual Awards Banquet – Newport Hallmark, Hospitality Suite

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm (noon) by Mitch Lea;

The new 2014 Team Continental Officers were introduced and welcomed into the following positions:

President: Ben Weaver, Past President: Duane Starr, Vice President: Scott Olsen, Treasurer: Val Starr, Secretary: Elizabeth Peters, Membership Director: Dennis Roberts, Communications Director: Jeremy Plance, Race Chairman: Pete Belfanti, Driving Master: Dylan Olsen, Executive Board Rep: Kevin Smith, Contest Board Rep: Peter Linssen.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: (No reports not listed)

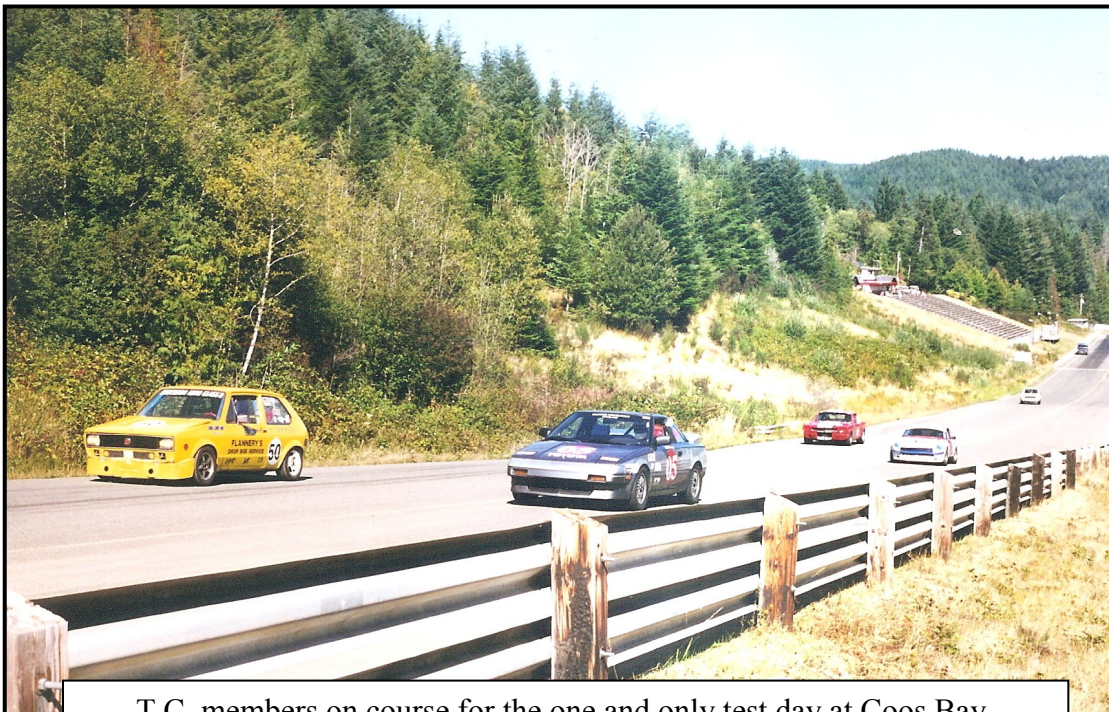
TREASURER (Val Starr): (verbal report) 13K before banquet, banquet cost-\$1,743 in 2014, \$1823 in 2015

Next year the theme will be senior prom.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REP (Kevin Smith):

- May 22nd -24th Memorial Day weekend 2 day 2 race event. Oct 3rd track day. All were approved by Conference.
- TC proposed rule change for clubs to request dates after the spring meeting later in the year to have track days for drivers training, auto cross rally etc. E-board has approved the late changes.
- Timing and scoring will now be clubs responsibility and Don Smethers confirmed TC has the equipment to handle their own timing and scoring.
- Rental transponders will be provided by ICSCC. Old equipment has been donated to IRDC they traded it in and put up 5k of their own money for new equipment. IRDC (International Race Drivers Club) will be sharing

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T.C. members on course for the one and only test day at Coos Bay.

From the Archives:

TC's last Port Orford Race was in 1998, and in 1999 TC members used the Labor day weekend to check out Coos Bay raceway. One of the many efforts to provide T.C. with a track of its own, the investment in pavement to link together the oval track, the drag strip and the return road to make a road course came to naught when the price tag to buy the facility jumped. In retrospect, a blessing in disguise, but a big step in the learning process.

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with NW Motorsports so conference can get out of the business of providing timing equipment.

- Mike Tripp was last year's steward and is the new vice president for conference and is expected to become president in 2016 to take over for Dave Bennitt.

RATS meeting Sat March 7th. Conference lost \$1400 in 2014 and ended the year with \$88000. SCCBC will not be able to use Labor Day weekend in 2016 due to obligations with the track which will be doing drag races instead. So TC may want to consider that weekend for a race weekend in 2016.

RACE CHAIRMAN (Pete Belfanti):

- If you were past committee member and would like to participate again to contact Pete.

Pros vs. Joes would like to join as group 8.

PRESIDENT (Ben Weaver): (not present) Working on getting volunteers for Roadster Show stand at PIR in March.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BANQUET CHAIR: Next year's theme will be Senior Prom.

TROPHY CHAIRMAN(Steve L): Would like to be reimbursed \$798. Wants to update the far horizon trophy for 50-75\$. Skip Y motions to reimburse Steve. Kevin S seconded, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: (none)

NEW BUSINESS: Next board meeting will be held on the first Wednesday in February at Laurel wood brewery

M/S – Motion to Adjourn, **Motion passed**, meeting adjourned at 12:10PM;

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Peters, TC Secretary

Team Continental Past President Don Starr Passes Away

Team Continental Past President Don Starr went to rest in Christ Jesus, January 29 at 12:12PM. For Many years Don was a TC instructor, as well as Driving Master more than once. Driving was a source of pride and enjoyment all Don's life. He called me often and many times I would give him the latest on TC or ORP. A little bit James Dean and a little bit Marlin Brando, he was an interesting mix, and I hope to expand on him in a future TT issue. Good bye and God Bless, from Don :-)

Duane Starr

TEAM CONTINENTAL – BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 4, 2015

Location: Laurelwood Brewery 5115 NE Sandy Blvd, 503-282-0622– Portland, OR

BOD MEMBERS: President: Ben Weaver, Past President: Duane Starr, Vice-President: Scott Olsen, Treasurer: Val Starr, Driving Master: Dylan Olsen, Secretary: Elizabeth Peters, E-Board Rep: Kevin Smith, Contest Board Rep: Peter Linssen, Membership Chair: Dennis Roberts, Race Chair: Pete Belfanti, Communications Director: Jeremy Plance.

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Meeting called to order at 7:06pm by TC President, Ben Weaver

OFFICER REPORTS: (No reports not listed)

PRESIDENT (Ben Weaver):

Registered for a booth at the roadster show but doesn't have a booth number. Since we have been consistent we may get a better spot and slots will be finalized next week. Volunteer sign-up sheet will be passed around at the general meeting on the 18th. TC will not pay for parking but may be willing to pay for the max.

Any information you would like to be on the agenda for the next meeting please e-mail Ben ahead of time.

TREASURER (Val Starr):

Report of TC General Funds with income/expenses and account balances after banquet is \$107,918.80.

SECRETARY (Elizabeth Peters):

2015 BOD and General Meeting Minutes are pending, will be ready by Sunday.

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR (Jeremy Plance):

- Currently working on updating our website.

Now enrolled with MAVTV. Film crew will be at the track trying to capture racing activity. We are making sure we are accommodating to their needs including participation.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR (Dennis Roberts):

TC has 95 renewed or new Members to date for 2015; A lot of new names.

DRIVING MASTER (Dylan Olsen):

- Jim Larfield: Will be sending out an E-mail blast to previously enrolled participants for the following track day and drivers training. To break even there must be at least 23 entries for each day.
- Projected expenses are to remain about the same, Appreciation Day=\$3,418 DT=\$4,843
- Dinner will no longer served on the Sunday after drivers training due to lack of participation.
- Jim thinks a projected profit of \$7,500 with 53 entries is very plausible.
- Drivers Training has 5-6 entries in group 1. Novice specifics TBD.
- TC appreciation day: Talked about having a novice group run a couple 20 minute intervals to allow lower experience TC members the opportunity of track time. Or the option of turtle sessions under full coarse caution was another thought.
- Duane Starr thought it was a great way to market TC to friends.
- Pete Belfanti mentioned we already advertised to those who registered 6 hours of track time. Therefore we should take away from their time but could introduce a novice controlled time.
- Bill Murray was concerned if the insurance covering two people in the car even though it was not driver training.

Discussion on this matter will continue at the general board meeting.

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RACE CHAIRMAN (Pete Belfanti):

Every driver entry pays \$20-25 sanction fee to conference.

- Presented May budget. Race income budget = \$51,828 Total budgeted expense= \$46,056 Forecasted income= \$5,772. Kevin moves to pass, Duane seconds and motion carries.
- Pros vs. Joes: Conference drivers work with IMSA for a team enduro. You can talk to Dan Rodgers about lining up a pro driver.
- Kevin gives thanks to Pete for Pros V Joes
- Discussion on group 8 running the first 30min clockwise then the second 30 min counterclockwise. This must be approved by the E-board.
- Waco will cook the food but not purchasing the food. BC will put together the menu and brings the perishables.
- Jim: Has contract for March 8th in hand and waiting on March 29th.

Race committee meeting will be February 22nd and April 12th held at Busters BBQ in Tigard at 6pm.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REP (Kevin Smith):

Attended the spring meeting, gave the full report and everything went well.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Annual Banquet (Lynn Coupland, Val Starr and Tony Hauser):

Theme will be Senior Prom.

Merchandise Director (Ben Weaver):

Working on pictures of possibilities of merchandise. Red is a hard color to find a good jacket style. Talking about doing black or grey with the red TC logo.

Tale Tell Editor (Kevin Smith):

Tell Tale will cost \$300 this year to publish.

Mailing list will be redone in April.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rick: Bought a good radio system but needs 20 batteries (\$20/battery). Motion passed to buy new batteries for existing radios. Motion also passed to donate 11 old radios to SCCA so they have their own equipment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Oregon laws place marijuana as a controlled substance. ORP impairment rule will allow the substance to be treated like alcohol at the track. This will not come into effect until July. The club will be responsible to report anyone acting in an impaired manner during race hours.

Bottled water was being waster at ORP so the idea of buying igloo coolers for ORP.

Chief of flags is TBD, in need of a strong leader.

(M/S by consensus): **Motion** to adjourn 8:42 pm, **Motion passed** (unanimous), meeting adjourned approx.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Peters, TC Secretary

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