



Tell Tale

Our March 20th driver training was great!

Come to the general meeting and see how you can help make our Labor Day weekend race event great as well.

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TC President's Message

Our first on track event was a success! And thanks to all the volunteers that made this event possible. We earned a profit! Now it appears that we may have enough money to host our race on Labor Day weekend.

For our race to break even or make a profit we need more than the 95 (+ or -) first day entries that we have had in the last few years. Please start preparing now to attend our race and please invite your friends from other clubs to attend. I know there will be at least 1 new entry this year, Me! I have been granted an ICSCC Novice License! Yahoo!

Our next event will be the TC picnic on the weekend of July 16th. It will be held at the home of Carl and Dee Clinton. Watch for details in upcoming Tell Tales.

See you all at the races!

Scott Olsen
2016 TC President - president@teamcontinental.com



Tales of Wayward Towing

At the end of last month's general meeting, we started swapping stories of towing adventures. Some were mishaps. Some were barely made it there,. Some were "Oh my god, what the h*** were we thinking,. And some were just memories of days gone by. Don Smethers talked about flat towing, and not being able to back up at a gas station, otherwise the front wheels of the towed vehicle would turn all sideways and go back no more. Bill Harris told of towing with an old Ford Torino (I think) wagon with a 429 that would tow at triple digit speeds smooth as can be. Kevin Smith told of a breakdown on the way to Port Orford, and having to drain the race car's cooling system to keep the tow rig working. Bert Dilley had a tale of falling asleep on the way to Spokane while flat towing, and watching the race car pass him as he woke up. And Jon Wilson told a tale of pretty much everything that could go wrong, luckily without killing or maiming anyone. I will try to reproduce that full story for you in next month's Tell-Talle. But Jon says that is just the first of several towing stories, and that he will be telling another following April's general meeting. Do you have a story, towing or otherwise, come on out, and share it with all your fellow club members.

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MEETINGS

General Meeting

April 20th, 7 PM
 Mar's Meadows
 9620 North Whitaker Road, Portland, OR

Board Meeting

May 4th, 7 PM
 Laurelwood Public House
 5115 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland, OR

2015 TC Award Recipients

At the Team Continental annual banquet, held January 30th, the perpetual trophies were given to their deserving, lucky, and unlucky recipients.

Driver of the Year	Skip Yocom
Victory Cup	Jon Wilson
Competitors Trophy	Brian Bogdon
Hard Luck	Peter Linssen
Crash and Burn	Douglas Hedges
Vagabond	Rick Delamare
Outstanding Member	Kevin Smith
Instructor of Year	Bill Harris
Far Horizons	Garth Ankeny
Course Master	Holly Remington
Waving Flag	Ben Wilson
Gary Pazina Memorial	Jim Larfield
Hugh Maloney Cup	Joe Harlan
Gordon Scott Memorial	Peter Belfanti
George Brockbank Memorial	not awarded



In the February Tell-tale it mentioned that the club got back the original waving flag “trophy”, after the having already purchased and had engraved a new version of the trophy. The new trophy is shown above right, and it is a very nice trophy, and it is shown engraved with recipient Ben Wilson’s name, along with the previous two years’ winners. The full list of winners of the Waving flag trophy is shown below, and is quite a collection of passionate race workers. Ben is definitely joining an elite group with this award. Here’s the list of those who have received the waving flag award:

1995 Cheryl Allen	1996 Bruce Baggett	1997 Roxanne Olsen
1998 Holly Remington	1999 Hugh Figueroa	2000 Gary & Cathy Frasier
2001 Holly Remington	2002 Margo Camevale	2003 Diana Dance
2004 Teresa Hanken	2005 Ken Killam	2006 Diana Dance
2007 Gary Frasier	2008 Hugh Figueroa	2009 Ali Montgomery
2010 Russ Newhouse	2011 Ciera Newhouse	2012 James Collins Jr “Jimbo”
2013 Rob Jacobson	2014 Kim McFarland	2015 Ben Wilson

Thank you to all the workers who have received the waving flag award, and to all the workers who have supported Team Continental over these many years, helping us successfully put on both races and driver trainings.

Team Continental Memberships expired Dec 31. Please renew your membership now using the form below, or on Motorsportsreg.com at: <http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/team-continental-membership-2016-tc-592296>



Team Continental Membership Application/Renewal

Full Name: _____
 Nickname or Preference: _____
 Street Address: _____

 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Home Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ Work Phone: _____ - _____ - _____
 Other Phone: _____ - _____ - _____
 E-Mail: _____

New Membership _____

Renewal Membership Status _____ (See explanations below)

Active – A New Member after attaining ICSCC Senior Competition or SCCA Regional License or a member in good standing for one year.
 Senior – An Active Member who has won an ICSCC, SCCA Regional or National Championship, or other recognized championship, or at least ten first in class wins in races comprising more than four cars, or who has been an Active Member in good standing for more than three years will attain Senior status when present at a formal meeting.
 Inactive Member – An Active or Senior Member who no longer wishes to, or cannot take an active part in the activities of Team Continental, but who wishes to maintain an allegiance with the Team may assume Inactive status by so advising TC in writing of this intent. An Inactive Member may attend meetings and may resume membership at any time by advising TC, and paying the remaining yearly dues.

Team Continental relies on volunteers to put on our racing, driver training, and other club events. Please indicate below any areas where you would be willing to help:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driver services | <input type="checkbox"/> President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registration | <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tech Inspection | <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scales | <input type="checkbox"/> ICSCC Executive. Board Rep. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Timing & Scoring | <input type="checkbox"/> ICSCC Contest Board Rep. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-grid | <input type="checkbox"/> Race Chairman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turn Worker | <input type="checkbox"/> Driving Master |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flat tow | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Chairman |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Driving Master | <input type="checkbox"/> Telltale/Newsletter Editor |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Banquet Chairman |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Party Chairman |

Please present this completed form to the TC Membership Chairman or send it to:
 TC Membership Chairman, PO Box 2273, Portland, OR 97208-2273.

Please include the \$30.00 membership fee along with your application/renewal.

Signature _____ Date : _____

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Year: _____ Membership Number: _____

Notes: _____

Status : Novice Active Senior Inactive

Fee received: \$ _____ (Check # _____ or Cash) New card sent: _____

Team Continental- General Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2016 at Mars Meadows

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President, Scott Olsen

Board member reports:

President, Scott Olsen: The work party went well. We only dropped the container once. It is currently level and ready to use. Thanks to Bill Murray for feeding us and providing shims. Thanks Brian Bogdon for donating the locks.

Tony Hauser has the fire bottles and will bring the silver ones to the Driver Training event. The remaining fire bottles will be certified and brought out for the TC race in September.

Past President, Ben Weaver: Absent

Vice President, Position vacant: Scott asks for a volunteer. Suggestions would be welcome.

Contest Board, Kevin Smith: No report

Membership Director, Denny Roberts: We have 114 members as of tonight. We recently picked up some new members, likely from Driver's training.

Driving Master, Dylan Olsen: Good news! 40+ for the Driver's Training event. We need instructor's though. Jon Wilson is helping recruit instructors. There was discussion about doubling up if necessary.

Race chairman, Brian Bogdon: Race Comittee meeting in April. Possible meeting location at the Mill City Grill in Longview, WA. We need to discuss food options for the race in September. Working on ideas for racing packages and possible sponsor's.

Secretary, Lizzy Peters: Absent

Treasurer, Stacey Smith: We currently have \$6342.66 in the bank. We will be okay for the Driver's Training event. I received the insurance bill from ICSCC, possible payment options to discuss.

Executive Board, Skip Yocom: Thanks Scott, Brian and Lisa for attending to R.A.T.S. meeting. Topics included the need for all clubs to have a head (Chief) of Tech, ICSCC regulations on hot areas for minors, comments on spectator liability. Discussion regarding worker compensation, and procedures for helmet and tech stickers.

Communications Director, Pete Belfanti: The results for the ad campaign were a success. 8000 people reached. Demographics need to be looked at.

Committee reports:

Banquet, Darcy Olsen: Discussion regarding whether the banquet will be held at the coast vs. in town. Tabled until April meeting. Sonjia Smethers and Judy Yocom have joined the Banquet team.

Trophy, Jon Wilson: Mismarked trophy has been repaired and we are looking for the oppurtunity to present it.

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Old Business:

Bill Murray: Does TC want ORP to provide meals for Sunday the 20th? Driving Master responded that we will need meal services. Classroom format will remain the same for the Instructor training event on Saturday the 19th. Fire demo will be done. We will have on course sessions after lunch running both directions.

Skip would like to see participation from students for the DT certificate ceremony. Bill Murray was in agreement. Jim Larfield stated that some of the students leave early. Dylan Olsen asks that the driver instructors encourage their students to participate in the certificate ceremony. Scott responded that the novice eligible students participate.

Comment made that instructors should to attempt to recruit membership to students.

ORP club discounts: Bill Murray working on possible projects. Stay tuned!

New Business: No New Business

Adjourned to BS @ 8:18pm

P.S. Be sure to join us at the next General Meeting for more B.S. stories, including the second part of a series by Jon Wilson!

Boner jacket stories welcome!

Long time TC Member Ralph Raimondi Passes Away

Veteran TC Member Ralph Raimondi passed away April 1, 2016 in Chino Valley, AZ. He was 70.

Born and raised in Portland, his life-long interest in all things automotive, and especially racing, began at about 8 years old, when a neighbor took him to the Rose Festival's Grand Prix at PIR. He had his first car before he had a license to drive it, and following that, well over a hundred different vehicles. His first new car, a 1972 Ford Capri (British Racing Green) began his Conference racing career. Ralph joined TC in 1974 because of its focus on Drivers as Members. He began and completed his novice program in 1975. In 1976 Ralph took ICSCC B-Sedan Championship with a very competitive field of 20 cars. Over the years, he was licensed by ICSCC, SCCA, and NASCAR and was a Driver Trainer for TC every year. Ralph was successful in just about anything he drove, including Formula Ford, Improved Sedans, TC's Continental, Endurance Racing, and finally a fun run in Winston West's Modified division at Portland Speedway in 1992.

Serving in several different offices of Team Continental, in 1979 Ralph was elected President of TC, Vice President in 1980, and Membership Chairman when TC put on its first Conference-sanctioned event at Olympia in 1986 with NWR.

Ralph and his wife Lida relocated to Portola Valley, CA in 1989 to care for their elderly families. He remained close to TC through his 40 year friendship with Rob Rissberger and Ann Curtis. He will be dearly missed by Lida, his wife of 38 years, his Oregon, California and Arizona families, many grand and several great grandchildren.



Ralph Raimondi (on left) with one of his race cars.

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