



# Tell Tale

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

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## TC President's Message

Great news! We have a new Race Chairman! Steve Leonard has agreed to take over responsibilities and the membership overwhelmingly voted in favor at the last General Meeting. Steve has previous experience as Race Chairman including our inaugural event at ORP. Welcome aboard Steve!

Bad news! Lizzy Peters was forced to resign her board position as Secretary due to work responsibilities. We would like to vote in a new Secretary at the next General Meeting so we need a volunteer. Your club needs you! Please contact me if you would like to consider this position.

We still need a Vice President. Vice President is considered "President in training." With no Vice President our options for a 2017 President are limited. If you are interested in running for President for 2017 please contact me to volunteer for the Vice President position.

Dylan Olsen is looking for an assistant to learn the Driving Master duties, and run for the position of Driving Master for 2017. Please contact Dylan to volunteer for this position.

See you at the Picnic!

Scott Olsen  
2016 TC President - [president@teamcontinental.com](mailto:president@teamcontinental.com)



## Team Continental General Meeting Minutes

MARS MEADOWS

MAY 18, 2016

Meeting called to order by President, Scott Olsen at 7:06pm.

### BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

President, Scott Olsen: I have some bad news and good news. The bad news is that Race Chairman, Brian Bogdon has resigned. Secretary, Lizzy Peters has also resigned and we still have not filled the position of Vice President. The good news is that past Race Chairman, Steve Leonard has volunteered to step into our vacant Race Chairman position! Motion made by Gordon Jones to appoint Steve Leonard as the Race Chairman. Motion Seconded and passed.

Past President, Ben Weaver: Absent

Vice President, position vacant

Contest Board, Kevin Smith: No report

Membership Director, Dennis Roberts: 132 members to date.



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## MEETINGS

### General Meeting

June 15th, 7 PM

Mar's Meadows

9620 North Whitaker Road, Portland, OR

### Board Meeting

July 6th, 7 PM

Laurelwood Public House

5115 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland, OR



## **It's Picnic Time**

**Join us at the Clinton's home for an afternoon/evening  
of food and fun**

**2212 SW Butler Rd  
Gresham, OR 97080**

**Saturday, July 16, 2016  
Noon until ??**

**BBQ planned for 3PM**

**Burgers & Hot Dogs provided**

**Bring a side dish or dessert and your favorite beverages**

**Please RSVP by July 10  
503-761-4603**

**Directions on following page**

**Picnic Directions**

- From I-5 or I-205 take I-84 Eastbound towards The Dalles
- On I-84 take the 181st Avenue Exit, and turn south (right from the eastbound lanes)
- Continue south on SE 181st Ave, which makes a jog and becomes 182nd Avenue
- When you cross Powell Blvd (approx. 3.6 miles south of I-84) continue southbound
- (From Powell Blvd the road name changes from SE 182nd to SW Highland Dr. going up the hill, then changes again to SW Pleasant View Dr, and then to SE 190th)
- At the first stop sign on SE 190th (approx. 1.5 miles after crossing SE Powell Blvd), turn left onto SE Butler Road (on the right side of 190th will be SE Giese Rd)
- Go to the stop sign and turn right (Butler Creek School will be directly in front of you at the stop sign)
- Follow Butler Road through a 90 degree turn to the left, continue on Butler about 100 yards past a new development and we're the tan house on the right (2212 SW Butler Road). U-sharped driveway and a white sign at the 2nd driveway says Butler Big Oak Century Farm (by the Large Oak Tree). If you go down the hill, turn around and come back to the first driveway.

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Driving Master, Dylan Olsen: No report

Race Chairman, Pete started by saying that a handful of TC members met for a Race Committee meeting to get started on the planning until a Race Chairman could be found. Many topics were discussed and have been handed over to Steve Leonard and the race committee.

Secretary, position vacant

Treasurer, Stacey Smith: I handed out copies of the financial report,

Executive Board, Skip Yocom: No report

Communications Director, Pete Belfanti: No report. Scott brought up the fact that the TC Roster had been taken down from the website and needs to be put back up. It is difficult for members to get a hold of one another without it. Pete commented that it is a privacy issue and that we should move forward with ideas for the Roster.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Picnic Chairman, Dee Clinton put out flyer and a copy will be included in the Tell Tale. Arrival time at noon, food will be served at 3:00. Please bring a side dish or dessert and BYOB! Please RSVP to Dee at 503-761-4603.

Trophy Committee, Jon Wilson reports that the trophy screw up has been resolved and Jeremy Plance is here to receive said trophy.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Pete will pick up the donated fire bottles from work.

Motion to adjourn at 8:16 pm by Kevin Smith, second by Jon Wilson and passed.

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

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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"/> Flat tow           | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Chairman        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paddock Marshall   | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications Director    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driving Master     | <input type="checkbox"/> Telltale/Newsletter Editor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driving Instructor | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic Chairman            |
| <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 BOD Meeting Minutes**

Laurelwood Public House

June, 1 2016



Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by President, Scott Olsen.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

Past President, Ben Weaver: Darcy Olsen has agreed to take over as Merchandise Chair so I am able to help the club in other ways.

Vice President, position vacant

Contest Board, Kevin Smith: I would like to have a rule change proposal meeting sometime in August.

Membership Director, Denny Roberts: 133 members to date. I am hoping to recruit some from the race.

Driving Master, Dylan Olsen: I will be looking for an assistant. I will be speaking with Jim Larfield. Skip said he would ask around.

Race Chairman, Steve Leonard: Steve handed out a budget report and then numerous topics were touched on.

Track rental needs to be addressed. Motion made by Steve Leonard to pay ORP \$1812.50, seconded by Ben Weaver. Motion passed.

Secretary, position vacant

Treasurer, Stacey Smith: No changes to the Profit/Loss Statement.

Executive Board, Skip Yocom: No report

Communications, Pete Belfanti: No report

**COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:**

Picnic: Scott says that the picnic flyer will be in the Telltale. (and Scott was right, see page 3)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

ORP Projects, Scott spoke with Bill Murray and there are currently no projects to earn discounts.

Telltale Editor, Kevin Smith asked for the Secretary minutes to be submitted by the Sunday deadline for the Telltale. Darcy Olsen said they would be done. Kevin also said that he would like the Race announcement and Driver Training announcement to go into the July Tell Tale.

**NEW BUSINESS: None**

Motion to adjourn by Kevin Smith at 9:19pm. Second by Steve Leonard. Motion passed.

**Trailer from Hell Story #2**

as told by Jon Wilson

Jon told this story at the April General meeting. I recorded it, and this is very nearly word for word as he told it. - Editor

Sometimes when you are towing and the trailer starts to get the wiggle-waggle, you speed up and that stabilizes your rig. The only problem is eventually you have to try to slow down. And then you get the wiggle-waggle again. In my case, I was on my way to Seattle to race at SIR and I was towing with the "Danger Ranger", pulling the Datsun 1200 up there.

A buddy of mine lived up in the Ballard area, which is north of the track a ways. So I was going to go up to his house and stay there and then Saturday morning come over to the track. I am going up I-5, and the traffic has been OK, but it's in the early evening. It's kind of rush hour, but I haven't seen the traffic stopping, it's going 60 to 65.

Right up there by where the Kingdome used to be, up in there, are these hills that kind of go up and down. To get up a hill, I'd kind of bomb it up as fast as it would go, and as long as I am pulling up the hill, everything is fine.

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But when you crest over, if you're not careful, you are still carrying a little too much speed and then all of a sudden you get the wiggle, so you have to speed up going downhill, and then you hit terminal velocity on this Ranger, and you're still wiggling, and you're like uh-oh.

So, I've been doing this, and I was kind of getting practiced at it. But then I crest over a hill, and I look, and at the bottom of the hill, the entire I-5 was stopped. And I knew from previous hills that we're not stopping in time. There's no way. And I try to slow down, but the trailer was like trying to pass my truck. It was skidding sideways. You could see (Jon makes skid noises here) the trailer going back and forth, the whole unit this way, then that way, back and forth. I'm covering I think there is four to six lanes to I-5 there, counting the exists and the HOV lane.

Holy s\*\*\*, it's going back and forth, back and forth, and I'm wondering what's going to happen, because I could see all those cars parked at the bottom. I could see that they could see me because they started all trying to go down the hill and off to the sides, and just get out of the way. And it was like they were scurrying out of the way, like the sea was parting. The worst of it was



The "Danger Ranger" and trailer from hell.

the car, the 1200 was sitting on this trailer, and I think I described before how the trailer was all cobbled up, it was homemade, it had channel iron for where you would drive the car but track wasn't wide enough for the car to sit on. So the guy who owned it before me put these boards up on top, some plywood, so the car would actually sit on top of this plywood on top of the channel iron. And there were no fenders on the trailer, and what happened was, as the trailer was whipping back and forth, the car started sliding across the plywood decking.

So then the plywood slides over and jams against the trailer tire and then the car jams the plywood against the tire and the tire just starts smoking like crazy, creating huge clouds of smoke. So, the race car trailer is smoking while we are sliding sideways. And everybody is dodging out of the way. And then on the next slide over, the plywood slides away from the tire, but this time the race car's rocker panel gets stuck against the trailer tire on the other side. And this is the same as putting the brakes on only one side of the trailer, and so the trailer is trying to come around even worse now. It did finally stopped at the bottom of the hill, and I didn't hit anybody, but it was about ninety degrees to the direction of travel.

Then I pull off to the inside lanes because that was where I was closest but I couldn't move because as I was trying to drive, now the car is sitting ON the trailer tire. So, every movement, the tire is either sliding on the ground and smoking, or sliding against the car and smoking. I left a big old black tire mark on the side of my race car. And I get to the side of the road.

Now mind you we've moved this car, with three people we could lift it up, but it was just me. I couldn't move it. A guy stopped to try to help me, but we couldn't move it. And then he had to leave and finally a state trooper comes and he had a scissor jack. We'll he got that scissor jack under the car, and we could jack the car up so that it was off the trailer tire. And the together we pushed the car and slid it back over to where it was supposed to be on the trailer, and then we dropped it down, and re-tied everything down.

And I didn't sleep for a couple of days. The racing was easy compared to that tow. And that is trailer from Hell story #2.

## Pictures from Sept 2011 Team Continental Race Weekend



Bob Skinner testing a 350Z



Zack George with his C5 corvette. Zack now races in ST class.



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