



Tell Tale

Wonderful banquet in January, See the photos inside. Renew your membership, come to the general meeting. March Driver Training coming up, let's make it a great event.

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TC President's Message

Hello and welcome to the 2017 season!

We just had a fantastic Annual Banquet and if you were there you know we had a fun weekend. If you were not able to make it you missed out! Crab was back for the General Meeting on Sunday after being absent for several years, Yahoo! Most people enjoyed the crab feed. I know I did, however I saw a few people holding their nose and refusing to partake. Oh well, their loss. More crab for the rest of us! This years crab fest was paid for by Team Continental, donations from members, with a considerable contribution from Bill Murray (Master Mechanic's) and Scott, Dylan And Darcy Olsen (Gresham Collision Center). Thank you all who helped make the crab possible.

A new year brings new responsibility for some of our Board members. If your position requires appointing a chairperson please do so and let me, Pete, or Kevin know so we can post their names. My appointed positions are:

Trophy Committee Chair
Club Historian
Competition Committee Rep- Filled
ROD-Filled
Equipment Chair
Spiritual Leader

If you would like to volunteer for one of these chairs please contact me to let me know, otherwise I will lean on the ones that have done a good job doing it last year.

We have an early Driver's Training this year on Saturday, March 25th. Please volunteer to instruct by contacting Dylan Olsen. Enter and bring a car for the Test & Tune group and encourage your friends and neighbors to participate. We need the entries.

See you there!

Scott

Scott Olsen

2016 TC President - president@teamcontinental.com



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MEETINGS

General Meeting

Wednesday February 15th, 7PM
Mar's Meadows
9620 N Whitaker Rd, Portland, OR

Board Meeting

Wednesday March 1st, 7 PM
Laurelwood Public House
5115 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland, OR



TEAM CONTINENTAL will be holding an ICSCC Performance Driving School and Track Day at Oregon Raceway Park on Saturday March 25th, 2017, and a Track Day and Test & Tune on Friday August 4th, 2017.

Please mark these on your calendar and join us to drive THE MOST EXCITING RACE TRACK in the Pacific Northwest, Oregon Raceway Park. Learn the track and car control skills from Team Continental's accomplished performance driving instructors. Never been to an event like this? No problem! Instructors will be present to help guide and teach you so you will have a successful and fun day of on-track driving. Tell your friends and family because this event is open to anyone with a safe car and a helmet!

We will be running the track clockwise for these events.

Entry fees:

\$225—ICSCC Sanctioned Driving School (3/25/2017)

\$225—Track Day (3/25 & 8/4/2017)

\$225—Test & Tune (8/4/2017)

\$195—TC member price

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Mar 25th: <http://msreg.com/TC-Mar2017-ORP>

August 4th: <http://msreg.com/TC-Aug2017-ORP>

TC Banquet—January 27th, 28th, 29th 2017



Toni Larfield, Jim Larfield and Norma Elorriaga enjoy Lemon Drops.

TC held their annual banquet at the Shilo Inn in Newport. The theme for the weekend was Oly to ORP, celebrating all the different race venues that Team Continental has used. On Friday evening, Jon and Cynthia Wilson hosted a cocktail party in the hospitality room featuring Lemon Drops and Margaritas. On Saturday afternoon Don Crwaford & Gayle Kovacs sponsored a wine tasting event. Saturday evening was the banquet and it was attended by roughly 50 people. President Scott Olsen, Steve Leonard, and Jon Wilson all shared podium duties. The outgoing board was thanked, the incoming board was introduced, and the perpetual trophies were awarded to the deserving recipients. After the banquet, social hours (a bunch of them) continued in the hospitality suite.

The hospitality suite had race videos going much of the time it was open, with occasional switch over to the Daytona 24hr race coverage. Carl Clinton brought a video tape compilation of conference races (mostly whatever group GT1 was in) from 1989. This included some footage from the Olympia track during the TC race that year.

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Shilo Inn has the welcome mat out.



Cynthia & Jon Wilson sponsored cocktail hour Friday evening. Thank you!



Sonjia & Don Smethers.



Darcy Olsen (left) and Stacey Smith work at Banquet registration.

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The banquet weekend concluded on Sunday with the general meeting, and a return to the traditional TC crab feed, sponsored by Gresham Collision Center (Scott, Darcy and Dylan Olsen), and Master Mechanics (Bill Murray). Based on the concentration displayed by folks eating, I'd say the crab was a hit.

It was a great weekend, and a special thanks goes out to the Banquet Chairman Darcy Olsen, and to Sonjia Smethers, and Judith Yocum who greatly assisted Darcy with the banquet arrangements.



Duane Starr(left) receives Instructor of the Year award from Driving Master Dylan Olsen.



Jon Wilson presents Ali Montgomery with the Course Master award.



Bonnie Aarseth receives MVIP (Most Valuable Invisible Person) award from Race Chairman Steve Leonard.



Lynn Coupland is surprised and delighted to receive the Far Horizons award.

2016 Perpetual Award Recipients

Driver of the Year	Kevin Smith
Victory Cup	Jon Wilson
Competitors Trophy	Bill Harris
George Brockbank Memorial	Robert Paasch
Vagabond Trophy	Gordon Jones
Outstanding Member Award	Don Smethers
Crash and Burn Trophy	Skip Yocom
Hard Luck Trophy	Peter Linssen
Instructor of the Year	Duane Starr
Gary Pazina Memorial Award	Darcy Olsen
James Hugh Maloney Cup	Steven Lovejoy
Far Horizons	Lynn Coupland
Waving Flag	Tony Hauser
Course Master	Ali Montgomery
Gordon Scott Memorial	Don Crawford & Gayle Kovacs



Don Crawford & Gayle Kovacs receive the Gordon Scott Memorial Trophy.



Ali Montgomery, Bonnie Aarseth, and Holly Remington.



Bob Smethers working hard judging the "TC raced where & when" contest.



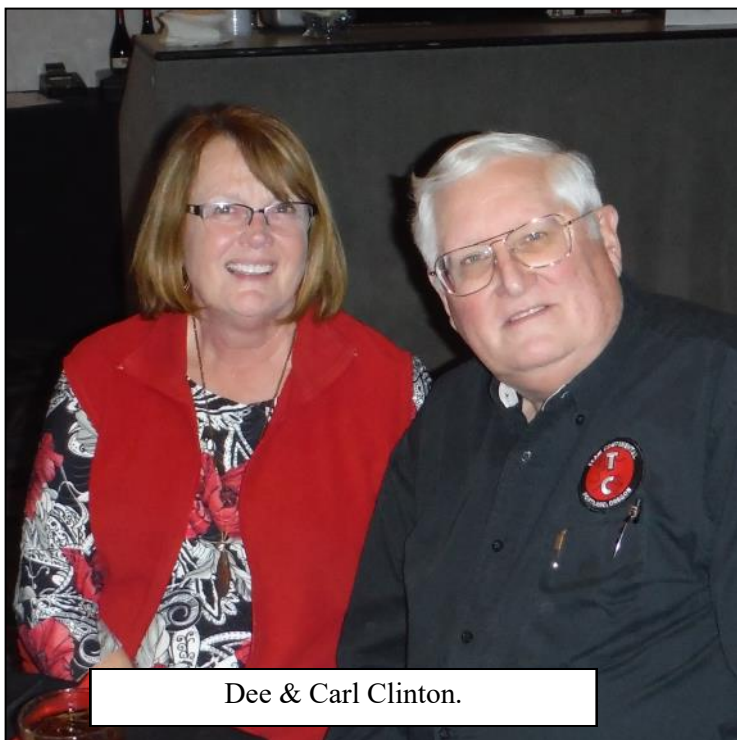
Kevin Smith (left) clearly enjoying getting the Driver of the Year award from Trophy Chairman Steve Leonard.



Jon Wilson (left) presents Vagabond Trophy to Gordon Jones.



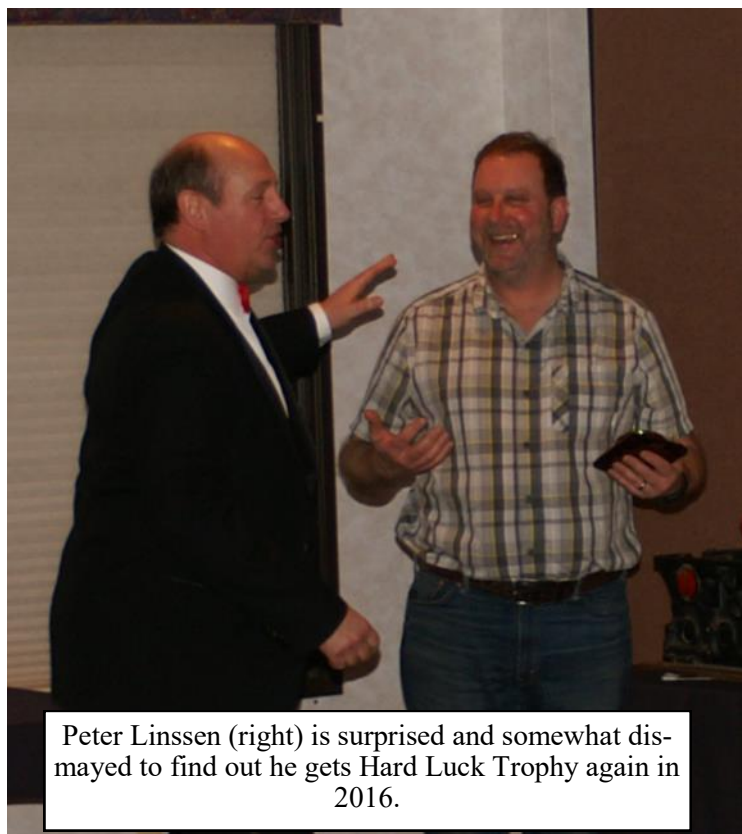
Steven and Michelle Lovejoy



Dee & Carl Clinton.



Duane & Val Starr.



Peter Linssen (right) is surprised and somewhat dismayed to find out he gets Hard Luck Trophy again in 2016.



Steven Lovejoy looks proud to take home the James Hugh Maloney Cup.

Team Continental General Meeting Minutes

Shilo Inn-Newport, Oregon
January 29, 2017



The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm by President, Scott Olsen.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

President, Scott Olsen: No report

Past President, Ben Weaver: Absent, no report.

Vice President, Jim Larfield: No report.

Contest Board Rep, Joe Harlan: No report.

Membership Director, Dennis Roberts: Absent. Filling in for Dennis is Kevin Smith who reports that we have 43 members as of Friday the 27th. We had 11 people sign up this weekend, bringing us up to 54 members.

Driving Master, Dylan Olsen: I am looking forward to our first Driver's Training in March.

Race Chairman, Bob Smethers, I am planning on approaching the Legends cars. Spec Miata as well. I would like to discuss adding our event to their series.

Thanks to Skip and Carl for working on getting us a double points event. I have been busy rounding up crew.

Secretary, Darcy Olsen: No report.

Treasurer, Stacey Smith: We are \$5686.29 in the black for 2016. Bob Smethers asks the question about procedure to secure funds from the Baggs account to have start up funds for our August race event. Topic tabled until another time.

Bill Murray reports that ORP has installed a \$5 per person per day gate fee or \$25 for an annual.

Executive Board Rep, Carl Clinton: It was voted to allow us to have a double point's race on Sunday at our Event in August at ORP. It was voted to allow Cascade and IRDC to have double race weekends. We are also approved to combine race groups 3 and 6 for our race weekend.

Meeting suspended for a moment to allow Duane Starr to address the members and ask that we remember his father as well as others we have lost. All members took a minute to remember those they have lost. Duane would like to see this become an annual tradition at the Banquet General Meeting.

Back to Carl's report: Conference has decided to buy new scales. They are in the process of securing them now. We need to decide whether we are having a Driver's Training or a Track Day/Test and Tune the Friday of our August race weekend. Discussion led to a motion made by Joe Harlan and seconded by Jon Wilson to have a Track Day/Test and Tune for Friday, August 4th. Motion passed.

Communication Director, Pete Belfanti: Absent, no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trophy Committee, Jon Wilson: Barty Trophy goofed up the invoice and I am handling that. Everyone seemed to like the coasters.

ROD, Skip Yocom: I will be attending the RATS Meeting in March. It's at South Sound Mall.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bill Murray announced that ORP is having their instructor training the 18th of March. You can sign up with Brenda Pikel.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lynn Coupland reported that she had fun at the Banquet and thought it was successful. She saw people really enjoying themselves and enjoying the Hospitality Suite. The addition of crab this year was great. Lynn also thanked everyone for her trophy.

Duane Starr made a motion to adjourn. Jon Wilson seconded it. Motion passes. Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy Olsen, TC Secretary

Membership Renewal

Join online using this link: <http://msreg.com/2017TCMembership>

Or fill out the form below and mail it in.



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.

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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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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 \$45.00 membership fee along with your application/renewal.

Signature _____ Date : _____

Official Use Only:

Year: _____ Membership Number: _____

Notes: _____

Status : Novice Active Senior Inactive

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

Team Continental Board Meeting Minutes

Laurelwood Brewery-Portland, OR
February 1, 2017



The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President, Scott Olsen.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

President, Scott Olsen: No report.

Past President, Ben Weaver: Absent, no report.

Vice President, Jim Larfield: I read the By-laws. I am ready to jump in with both feet. Do we have a Banquet Chair for next year? Sonjia Smethers agreed to take on the banquet. Jon Wilson stated that he would like to be on the By-laws Committee.

Contest Board Rep, Joe Harlan: Jon has helped me with what I need to get started with.

Membership Director, Dennis Roberts: Absent. Scott reported that we currently have 57 members. Joe asks how we get members back. Joe noticed low participation at the Banquet. Bob suggests reaching out to the past members with a solicitation. Much discussion on obtaining new members while keeping current members involved. Scott is in favor of a membership drive. Topic tabled until Dennis is present.

Driving Master, Dylan Olsen: To answer Carl's question from a previous meeting. The March 25th date is a Driver's Training and the August 4th date is a Track Day/Test and Tune. Jim wonders if we could encourage participation by offering some drivers their own group. Dylan thought maybe 10 cars would be enough to have a group. Carl suggests that we encourage drivers from Canada as they have the following Monday as a holiday. Stacey brought up the fact that we have not heard anything about the deposit or insurance for the March date. Pete is currently working on advertising and Dylan asked if we would benefit from paid advertising. Pete thought it probably wasn't necessary. Dylan asked Pete about the Facebook advertising and how often the ad will go out. Pete thinks 2-3 times should be enough and encourages all members to share this on their Facebook feed.

Race Chairman, Bob Smethers: I have secured a set of tires for our van. I spoke with Wrecker Mitch and will be in touch with NW Safety Adam and Joel for our safety. We will have a Race Committee meeting the 1st weekend in March at Buster's BBQ in Tigard.

Secretary, Darcy Olsen: No report.

Treasurer, Stacey Smith: Reported the Banquet financials to date. It does not include the trophies which will not be included in the Banquet expenses. We had some unexpected expenses. Sonjia reported that the linens needed to be rented and we were not informed. The chef lost the menu. So many things went wrong.

Executive Board Rep, Carl Clinton: No report.

Communications Director, Pete Belfanti: The advertising went out today for the Driver's Training event in March.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Banquet committee: Sonjia reports that the participation in the Hospitality Room was good. The open area was good and she enjoyed having the photos. The weather was good and we had fun. We will check into the Hallmark for next year. Bill Murray chimed in and said that we don't necessarily have to stay in Newport. Scott announced that we will be going with the 70's theme. Sonjia says get in touch with her if you have any ideas for that. Darcy thanked everyone for all their hard work and participation.

Finance committee: Don Smethers reports that the taxes have all been filed for 2016. There was minimal cost for submitting the taxes. Don thanked Stacey for being such a fabulous bookkeeper. The 2016 books were to the penny. The money that TC borrowed from the Baggs fund was all repaid and only needed to be used as a float. Bob stated we will need to borrow from the Baggs fund again this year and Don says that the Baggs committee is already talking about it and it is not a problem. Stacey can transfer the funds when needed.

Jon Wilson stood up and asked that we all give Don a big hand for everything he has done this year and for him being the recipient of the "**Member of the Year**" Trophy.

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INSTRUCTOR SEMINAR 2017 at O.R.P. Saturday, March 18TH



Oregon Raceway Park Club and STAR Projects again host the most comprehensive performance driving instructor training in the Northwest. New to instructing, or old and experienced? Come learn techniques that can make you a more effective instructor. Help train our new workers and get in an afternoon of track time. **CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED.**

Registration is through Brenda at the Track Office. 541-333-2452. Cut off is Wednesday, March 15TH.

7:00 a.m. Gates open.

9:00 a.m. **Sharp!** Classroom:

10:30 a.m. Instructors Round Table discussion.

11:15 a.m. Fire suppression practice.

12:00 Noon. Lunch served in the Club Garage.

1:00 p.m. On course / O.R.P. / Multi-directional.

5:00 p.m. Debrief

The track fee for instructor candidates and returning instructors is \$100.00 and includes the annual gate pass AND a hot lunch. Course workers are free. Race prepared cars are allowed but are not a requirement for this event. Convertibles will have standard roll over protection. Please come prepared for a variety of weather conditions.

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.

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Questions? Bill Murray: 503-358-2617 / starprojectsevents@gmail.com

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

NOT READY TO INSTRUCT? The following Saturday, March 25th is a Team Continental drivers training and track day, come and learn from some of the best road racing drivers in the country!

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

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Trophy committee:

Since Pete could not be at the Banquet, Jon presented Pete's replacement award for the Gordon Scott Memorial Trophy.

Jon reports that there were some changes this year to some of the trophies. The Waving Flag Trophy had to be replaced due to being lost. That cost the club a bit of money. The old Waving Flag trophy was found and it should be store in the archives. The Far Horizon's trophy was changed a bit and the Maloney Cup was also changed a bit. These changes will make it easier and more streamline down the road. The coasters ended up costing less than we expected.

OLD BUSINESS:

The crab feed. We gave away all the crab. Thank you to Team Continental, Master Mechanics, and Gresham Collision Center for donating 120 pounds of crab for our Banquet. Hopefully we can carry on with the tradition that we had to let go of many years ago.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pete reports that he is holding a SKIP DAY TRACK DAY event June 1st at PIR that he will offer instructor services to TC members that would like to participate.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:06pm
Respectfully Submitted,
Darcy Olsen, TC Secretary



THIS YEAR INSTRUCTOR TRAINING AT O.R.P. WILL BE SATURDAY MARCH 18TH THE FEE IS \$100.00. AND INCLUDES THE MORNING CLASSROOM, ANNUAL GATE PASS, LUNCH, AND AFTERNOON ON TRACK. I WILL NEED YOUR HAVE YOUR DRIVING HISTORY ON FILE AT THE TRACK OFFICE.

CALL BRENDA 541-333-2542 TO APPLY.

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STAR Projects Instructors during a private event at O.R.P. in August 2016:
L. to R: John Bachofner, Tony Hauser, Jack Steiger, Ronnie Swyers, Neil Bradley, Bill Murray Sr., Roman Brent, Gator Hudson, Morgan Smith, Bill Murray Jr., Ben Weaver, Colin Waltz, Brian Bogdon.
Not pictured: Austin Smith, Kyle Nadeau, Duane Starr.

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