



Tell Tale

Nominations for Board of Directors were opened at the October General Meeting. There are still Board positions that need nominees. Start helping the club plan for 2018 by attending the November General Meeting and volunteering.

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TC President's Message

Party Time!

Team Continental's Annual Christmas Party will be held at the Red Lion Jantzen Beach on Saturday December 9, 2017. Look for details in this issue

The Team Continental Annual Banquet will be held at the Hallmark Inn in Newport, OR on the weekend of January 19th. mark your calendars and plan to be there.

If you are the lucky holder of a perpetual trophy, please bring it to a meeting or the Christmas Party or return it to Jon Wilson or Steve Leonard.

The November General Meeting Will be your last opportunity to get nominated for a board position. See you there!

Scott Olsen
2017 TC President - president@teamcontinental.com



Team Continental General Meeting Minutes

Mars Meadows-Portland, OR
October 18, 2017

President, Scott Olsen called this meeting to order at 7:02pm.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

President, Scott Olsen: Pete's father passed away this weekend. There is a card being passed around so please sign it.

Vice President, Jim Larfield: No report.

Contest Board, Joe Harlan: We have a rule change meeting set up at Famous Dave's in Tigard on the 25th of October at 7pm. I encourage you to be there since we have some important rules to vote on that directly affect us as a club.

Driving Master, Dylan Olsen: Absent. Assistant Driving Master, Kevin Smith: No Report.

Race Chairman, Bob Smethers: Two weeks ago at the October TC BOD meeting I presented option #1 for consideration for hosting a 2018 race event at ORP. That option featured a 1-day/1-race event on Sunday, April 1, 2018 following a scheduled Saturday TC School and awarding double points to conference drivers, Of course the double points would be contingent on the ICSCC Executive board passing the rule proposal before them in the upcoming fall meeting. Besides these challenges with option #1 including early-season hard to predict weather, participation commitment and conflict with the Easter Bunny, is the single day event format itself. My team of advisors and I agree that a one day format does not lend itself to success for conference races events. While the



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Electronic submissions are preferred. Please don't spend a lot of time on formatting.

The editor may edit all submissions for length and content.

Kevin Smith, Editor 503-522-2016

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MEETINGS

General Meeting

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

Board Meeting

Wednesday December 6th, 7 PM
 Laurelwood Public House
 5115 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland, OR

Christmas Party & General Meeting

Saturday December 9th
 Red Lion Jantzen Beach
 909 N Hayden Island Dr, Portland, OR

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limited lodging options and ORP facility itself bodes well for 1-day destination events, it's not likely that enough ICSCC drivers and workers would commit to a single day event even if double points were available. Option #2 for consideration this evening would be more a traditional 2-day/1-race format using a shorter course. Specifically, we could consider running the lower bypass. The main objective would be to inject a new and interesting course configuration into the current ICSCC venues. Earlier today I verified that this course configuration has already been approved by ICSCC. The secondary objective would be to eliminate 2 or 3 staffed stations thereby reducing our total cost commitment to our diminishing base of corner personnel. One of my biggest concerns with option #2 would be to lose current customers that prefer the long course. It is very possible that several drivers would not support our event as a participant if we only ran the lower bypass short course. Losing even a few driver entries would far outweigh the cost of saving eliminating 3 staffed corner stations. Discussion and comments followed. Joe Harlan offered to draw up a questionnaire for an MSR survey and will have it ready for the BOD meeting. Kevin said he would hold onto March 31st, reserve March 24/25 and let Easter date go.

Secretary, Darcy Olsen: No report.

Treasurer, Stacey Smith: We have \$8900.00 in checking. We had one member renew.

Executive Board Rep, Carl Clinton: No report.

Communications Director, Pete Belfanti: Absent

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

Membership Director, Dennis: We have 111 members.

Membership Drive, Joe: We should encourage more members to attend the meeting by calling them and reminding them.

Banquet, Darcy: No report. Any questions? Bob asked if he could invite non-members? Answer: Of course!

Christmas Party: We have secured a room at the Red Lion again this year. Bill Craine offered up his location at The Goose for Sunday December 10th for a potluck, no host bar and he offered it up for the same price as we are getting through the Red Lion. The general consensus is that everyone preferred to hold the Christmas party on a Saturday night so we will stick with the Red Lion.

OLD BUSINESS:

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Tell-Tale Needs A New Editor

Starting with the February 2018 issue, the Tell-Tale needs a new editor.

The January 2018 issue will be my last issue as Tell-Tale editor. I will have done this service for 3 years, 3 months, 39 issues total. I am happy to train any volunteers for the position. I currently use Microsoft Publisher 2010 to format the document, and previously used Microsoft Word 2007. I will supply any volunteers with all the master files for every edition I have published, so that they can be used as a starting point for future issues, and if the volunteer is planning on using MS Publisher, I will give some training on how to use it, and photo editing tools, to create a new edition each month.

Part of this job also entails printing and mailing the hard copy editions to a few members who do not have electronic access. I will supply the mailing list for that, as well as MS word doc for printing mailing labels.

If you are interested please contact Kevin Smith,
editor@teamcontinental.com, or call me at 503-522-2016.

Kevin Smith

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Webmaster: We still need a new Webmaster. This is an appointment by the **Communications Director:** Joe commented that we need someone to always have the passwords.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Harlan asks if we should have our money in a trust. Decision was made to discuss it more at the Board Meeting.

Nominations are open for the 2018 Board of Director's

President:	Jim Larfield nominated by Joe H. Accepted
Vice President:	Scott Olsen nominated by Jon W. Respectfully declined Joe Harlan nominated by Jon W. Accepted
Contest Board:	Jon Wilson nominated by Kevin S. He will think about it
Driving Master:	Kevin Smith nominated by Jon W. He will think about it
Race Chairman:	Bill Craine nominated by Joe H. Respectfully declined Bob Smethers nominated by Scott O. Accepted
Secretary:	Scott Olsen nominated by Joe H. Respectfully declined Darcy Olsen nominated by Bob S. Respectfully declined Dee Clinton nominated by Scott O. Respectfully declined
Treasurer:	Stacey Smith nominated by Darcy O. Accepted
Executive Board:	Michael Conatore nominated by Kevin S. He was absent Carl Clinton nominated by Joe H. Will do it with assistant
Communications:	Ric Farrar nominated by Joe H. Respectfully declined Kevin Smith nominated by Jon W. Respectfully declined Pete Belfanti nominated by Bob S. He was absent

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Kevin Smith. Seconded by Joe Harlan. Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy Olsen, TC Secretary

Team Continental Christmas Potluck 2017

Red Lion Jantzen Beach, 909 North Hayden Island Drive, Portland (503-967-4066)

Saturday December 9th, 6PM to 10 PM, dinner at 7PM

Bring your own beverages, bring a side dish, salad, or dessert for the potluck.

Hot dishes will need to be in a crockpot or electric warmer, no oven/stove will be available. A small refrigerator will be available.

Main course meat (Ham & Turkey) will be provided by Jim & Toni Larfield.

Bring a wrapped gift (under \$20) if you would like to participate in the White Elephant Gift Exchange.

Space is somewhat limited. Please RSVP to Scott Olsen at president@teamcontinental.com, or by calling 360-430-4521

Team Continental Board Meeting Minutes

Laurelwood Brewery, Portland OR
November 1, 2017



President, Scott Olsen called this meeting to order at 7:01pm.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

President, Scott Olsen: No report

Vice President, Jim Larfield: Absent

Contest Board Rep, Joe Harlan: We had our rule change meeting it went well. Had good food and good fun. Jon Wilson has agreed to be my assistant at the ICSCC Fall Meeting. I will need Scott to sign a letter of Authorization.

Driving Master, Dylan Olsen: Absent

Assistant Driving Master, Kevin Smith: I have reserved the 24th and 25th of March with ORP. I recommend that we use the 24th for the school. We will tell ORP that we no longer need the 31st. Should we consider giving students a discount if under the age of 30? It may help is obtain members. Joe commented that maybe we should give away free memberships to the young drivers. The Board of Director's agreed to allow Kevin to move forward with these ideas. Joe asked Kevin if we choose not to put on a race could we do a second school. Kevin said we could and insurance can still be obtained.

Race Chairman, Bob Smethers: Please refer to Bobs report in this edition of the Tell Tale. In addition to this informative report Bob made a motion that at the ICSCC fall meeting Carl does not request a race date for the 2018 race season. Stacey seconded this and discussion ensued when called for the question. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary, Darcy Olsen: No report

Treasurer, Stacey Smith: We have \$8713.00 in checking. I got a bill from ICSCC for our member fee. Joe Harlan made a motion to reimburse John Rissberger for his rental of the forklift for the 2017 race event. Kevin Smith seconded the motion. Motion Passed. Stacey said she would send a check.

Jon Wilson brought up the topic of trophies. He will be helping this year and will need to talk about a budget. Jon asked that if anyone has a perpetual trophy to please bring it to the next General Meeting or to the Christmas Party.

Executive Board, Carl Clinton: No report

Communications Director, Pete Belfanti: Absent. Kevin Smith reports that Pete has appointed him as Webmaster and he has accepted.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

Membership Drive, Joe Harlan: Nothing new to report. Will work on ideas for next year.

Banquet, Darcy Olsen: Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Membership news: Kevin says MSR is ready to go live.

Webmaster news: Kevin met with Jeremy and got everything needed to be Webmaster. Kevin spent some time looking into our website and says that we pay Hostmonster.com annually to host the site. Kevin now owns the domain name. The president of the club should probably be the second holder of the info. Kevin reports that he got the Facebook feed working again. We are now using a version (of Facebook Feed) that is free. If we want paid/supported version we will need to pay \$50 a year, \$100 for 3 years or \$150 for lifetime support. Joe Harlan motioned that we spend \$150 to obtain the lifetime support. Seconded by Bob Smethers. Motion tabled until the General Meeting for discussion.

Kevin motioned that we transfer all old photos to DVD's. Seconded by Carl. Motion passed unanimously. Kevin reports that there are administrators to Facebook and MSR.com that have fallen out of the positions which needed access. He would like to clean them up a bit. Kevin thanked Bob for his help with MSR administration.

Joe reports that he put together some questions for the survey that he is sending out as part of info gathering exercise. We went through them and they are okay to publish on MSR.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Tabled from the last General Meeting was the topic of a trust for the money that we have on the Baggs fund. Scott would like to delegate this to Jim Larfield as incoming President. Joe is working on a fundraiser he calls Dyno Day.

Motion to adjourn by Carl Clinton. Seconded by Kevin Smith. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy Olsen, TC Secretary

Team Continental Driver Training - Saturday March 24th or 31st, 2018

We have reserved Saturday March 24th and Saturday March 31st, 2018 for Team Continental driver training and HPDE at ORP. Originally, March 31st was chosen, but I hadn't noticed that was the day before Easter Sunday for 2018. So, currently working to decide dates.

In order to be successful with this event, we need to start planning for and promoting it now.

Even with this being an early season lower rate for the track, it still takes at least 35 or so entries just to break even. We really need 40-50 entries to make a reasonable amount of money. Dividing that number of entries evenly among groups means 15 or more per group. So, TC really needs about 15 (more would be better) committed instructors to be there. If you are willing to instruct (sit in the passenger seat, and teach the driver high performance driving), please contact me.

We will also need 4 people to volunteer to present at the ground school, and every volunteer we can get to commit to man a corner station for that day is a direct contribution to TC making a profit on this event. We also will need a pre-grid person or persons, and there may be other positions I have forgotten.

Please support this by volunteering to help put on the event, and to sell the event to prospective entrants.

Kevin Smith - kevinbsmith@frontier.com, or call me at (503) 522-2016.



Race Chair Report to BOD 11/1/2017

Over the past few weeks as TC race chairman, I have endeavored to “work at putting on a race in 2018”. I have presented three optional venue formats for consideration and discussion:

Option #1: 1-day/1-race, double-points event on Sunday, April 1st

Benefits include:

- Early season ORP facility rental rates (\$2750 instead of \$6250 per day)
- Fewer days for workers & volunteers to commit to an out of town race event
- Driver participants wouldn't be as constrained by lack of available local lodging
- Saturday Tune & Test groups could be well attended by Sunday race participants
- Favorable budget considerations include much lower entry fee cost compared to 2017

Challenges include:

- Sunday, April 1st is also Easter and weather is no more predictable than in August!
- Worker commitment level by TC Membership and non-member “volunteers”?
- Driver commitment level to support an event with no mini-enduro or special event?

Option #2: A traditional 2-day/1-race format using a shorter course – lower bypass

Benefits include:

- Inject a new and interesting course configuration into the current ICSCC venues
- This course configuration has already been approved by ICSCC
- Eliminates 2 or 3 staffed stations thereby reducing our total cost commitment

Challenges include:

- Losing current customers that prefer the long course. It is very possible that several drivers would not support our event as a participant if we only ran the lower bypass short course. Losing even a few driver entries would far outweigh the cost savings of eliminating 3 staffed corner stations.

Option #3: Negotiate a discounted facility rental rate or secure an event sponsor

Benefits include:

- Early season ORP facility rental rates (instead of \$6250 per day)
- Favorable budget considerations include much lower entry fee cost compared to 2017

Challenges include:

- Event date would likely be limited to late April – very early for most race teams
- Subject to extensive negotiation with track principal owners

While none of these have been analyzed to the fullest extent and there certainly exists more creative options, one underlying reality still persists.

I believe we have exhausted enough of our worker base that we can no longer reasonably expect to host race events in the near future. With all due consideration given to financial viability of these race event options, there exist far too many emotional and physical burdens to expect our active participants to shoulder them all.

Team Continental has brought over 30 wonderful years of racing events and venues to ICSCC. I have developed a lifetime of wonderful relationships and fond memories with everyone who's ever been involved in the sport. Setting aside my personal perspectives and rationalizations, I must acquiesce to the majority of sentiment expressed by the constituents I represent - members of the TC race committee.

Therefore, I intend to propose & support the following motion: “At the 2017 ICSCC Fall Executive Board Meeting, TC does not request a race date for the 2018 season.”

This downward participation trend does not have to be irreversible. We could experience an influx of active new-member or non-member participation such as to co-host with another club. TC still reserves the option to request a date at the 2018 ICSCC Spring meeting.

Bob Smethers

2018 **TC BANQUET** NEWS

IT'S THE 70'S !!

JANUARY 19TH, 20TH

HALLMARK RESORT

744 SW ELIZABETH, NEWPORT

RESERVATIONS: 1-541-265-2600

Call and mention 'Team Continental Retreat' on or before

December 19th 2017 for group rate

BANQUET DINNER: Register with MSR avail soon

Grilled Salmon (baked potato or rice) \$34.00

Grilled Rib Eye (baked potato or rice) \$34.00

Stuffed Portabella Mushroom (vegetarian) \$34.00

For questions: Darcy – 360-200-2169



Membership Renewal for 2018

Join or renew online using this link: <http://msreg.com/2018TCMembership>

Or fill out the form below and mail it in.



Team Continental Membership Application/Renewal

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

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 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.

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 |
| <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 |
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| | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Party Chairman |

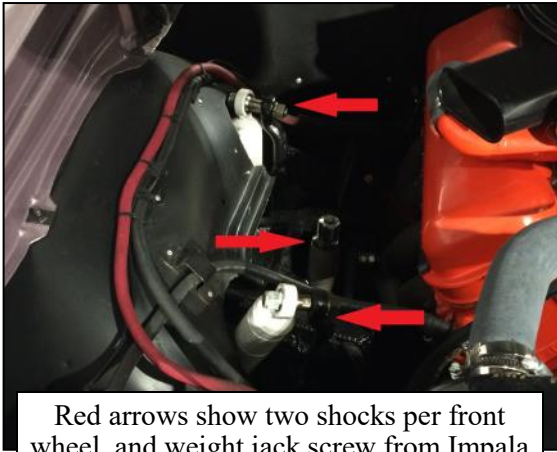
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 TC Membership Chairman, PO Box 2273, Portland, OR 97208-2273.
 Please include the \$45.00 membership fee along with your application/renewal.

Signature _____ Date : _____

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 Year: _____ Membership Number: _____
 Notes: _____
 Status : Novice Active Senior Inactive
 Fee received: \$ _____ (Check # _____ or Cash) New card sent: _____

Lemay America's Car Museum

Stacey and I visited this museum last Sunday. Here are just some of the cars that I liked. Hope you enjoy them as well. If you haven't visited this, I'd say it was a must see for a car person. <https://www.americascarmuseum.org/>



Red arrows show two shocks per front wheel, and weight jack screw from Impala stock car. Some of that cool engineering.



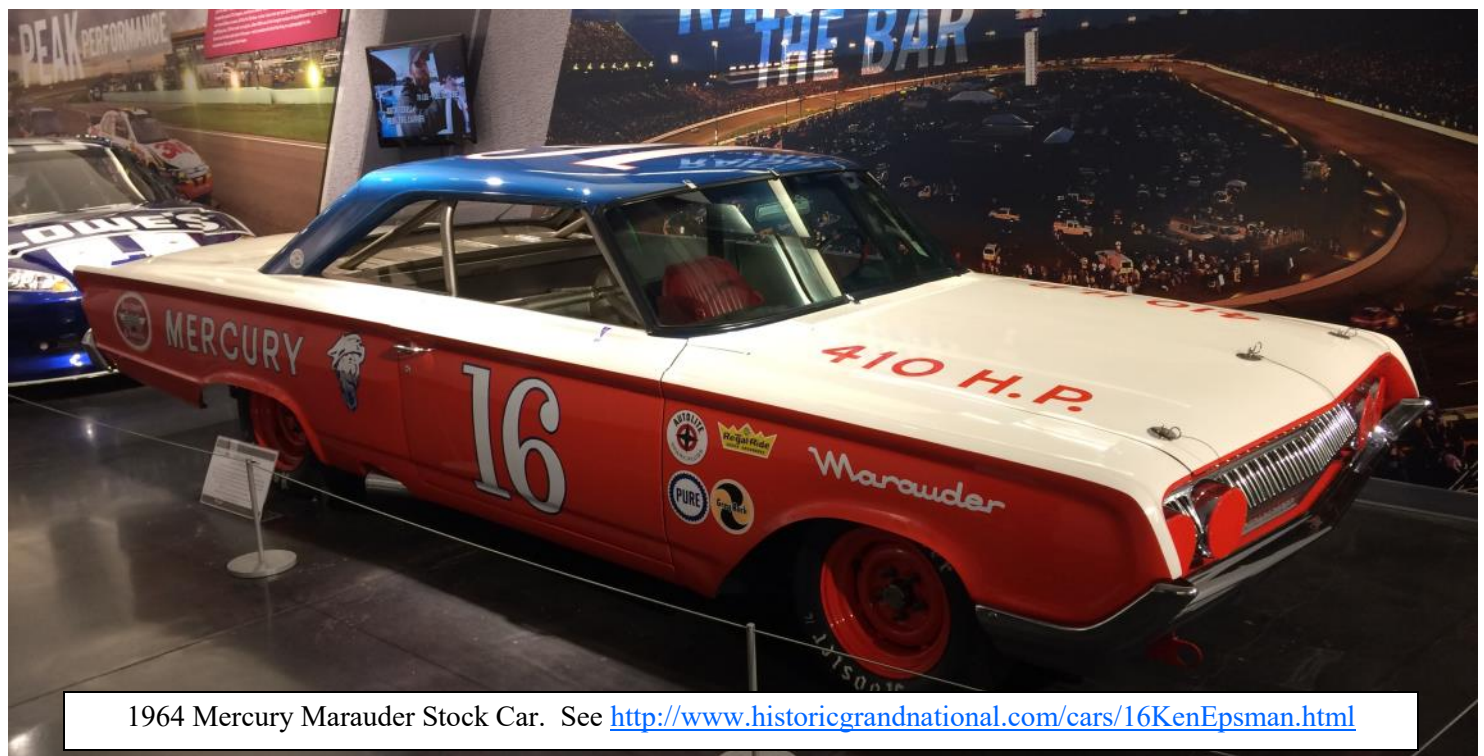
1965 Chevrolet Impala Stock Car. These always have interesting engineering if you can look closely.



1955 Mercedes 300 SL Gullwing



1965 Lotus 35 Climax powered Tasman Series/Formula 2 car.



1964 Mercury Marauder Stock Car. See <http://www.historicgrandnational.com/cars/16KenEpsman.html>

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