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It's a New Year.

Resolve to participate in your club's events!

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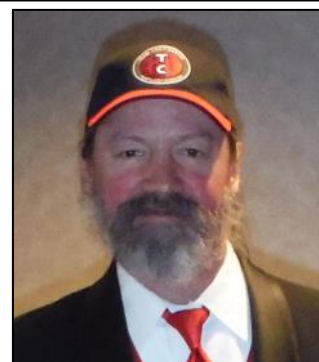
January 2018

Outgoing President's Message

Team Continental has reached a turning point. 2018 will be the first time in a decade that we are not going to have an ICSCC race, and we currently have only 1 School/Track day event on the schedule. We all need to ask ourselves if this is the direction we want our club to go. If so, no change needed. If not, things will have to change. We will need volunteer help. Ask the Race Chairman what specialty position you can train for so TC can race in 2019. Many critical specialty positions need to be filled. We need volunteer Marshals and event staff. VOLUNTEERS, the kind that donate their time! Next we will need participants. It takes more than 65 entries to have a financially successful race. Ask yourself which direction you want our club to go. If you want racing back in TC's future, volunteer and participate.

See you all this weekend for the best TC party of the year!

Scott Olsen
2017 Team Continental President



Incoming President's Message

Greetings from your new president.

I look forward to the challenges facing the club as your president over the next year. One of those challenges is putting on races in the future that are financially viable and will excite our much needed workers to join us. Another is membership. Not only getting new but also younger members who will stay with the sport for an extended period of time. I'm thinking of a James Hugh Maloney type who does everything he can to be at the track. Membership will be included for those under 35 who sign up for driver's training (a Kevin Smith idea). Increasing participation by our current membership, from attending meetings, to being part of a committee, to helping out at driver's training. I plan to contact as many of you as I can on a personal level over the coming year. Feel free to contact me with your questions, concerns and ideas on how we can make TC stronger for the future.

Jim Larfield
2018 Team Continental President president@teamcontinental.com



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MEETINGS

General Meeting

Sunday January 21st, Noon
Hallmark Resort

744 SW Elizabeth St, Newport, OR

Board Meeting

Wednesday February 7th, 7 PM
Elmer's Restaurant

9848 N Whitaker Rd, Portland, OR

2018 **TC BANQUET** NEWS**IT'S THE 70'S !!**

January 19 – Evening Margarita's

Thanks to Jon & Cynthia

January 20 - Afternoon Wine Tasting

Thanks to Don & Gayle

Banquet – 5pm to 9pm

Get your costumes on & dance the night away!!

Registration – Lower Lobby – 5:00-5:30

Salon - Social Hour & Dinner – 5:00-7:00

Awards – 7:00-9:00

HALLMARK RESORT

744 SW ELIZABETH, NEWPORT

RESERVATIONS: 1-541-265-2600 (Darcy for questions 360-200-2169)

Call and mention 'Team Continental Retreat'

On or before December 19th 2017 for group rate

BANQUET DINNER: Register with MSR

Grilled Salmon (baked potato or rice) \$34.00

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

Stuffed Portabella Mushroom (vegetarian) \$34.00



Team Continental Board Meeting Minutes

Laurelwood Brewery, Portland OR
December 6, 2017



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

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

President, Scott Olsen: No report

Vice President, Jim Larfield: No report

Contest Board, Joe Harlan: No report

Driving Master, Kevin Smith: The budget will be much the same as last year. We will need 32-35 entries to break even. I got the 2018 preliminary rate card from ORP. I have been working on a flyer for the Driver's Training event. I have the MSR set up but it is not currently live. There was discussion on whether there will be a 2nd Driver's training event this year. Joe Harlan asked about promoting to chump car and lucky dog drivers with a possible discount.

Race Chairman, Bob Smethers: Wished his running mate Bill Murray the best of luck.

Treasurer, Stacey Smith: We have \$7890.00 in the checking account. We received the first of the banquet meal payments. We have 12 membership renewals.

Executive Board, Carl Clinton: Carl reports that he may not make to our banquet due to the ICSCC President changing the date for the ICSCC annual spring Executive Board meeting to January 20th.

Communications Director, Pete Belfanti: Absent. Kevin mentioned that he updated the TC website. He had to thin down the pictures from 2100 to 700 so they could be displayed. Everything is also archived on DVD.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Membership Drive: Joe has been brainstorming since the last meeting on ways to increase membership. After looking back in history the membership has been driven by the Driver's Training events. We should focus on having 2 or 3 a year with discounts for multiple entries from car clubs. We might also want to look at TC fund-raising events such as a Dyno Day. We really need to put focus on ways to grow the club as opposed to not racing. Jim Larfield thinks we should take the show on the road to Bend. We could have a picnic or other event and involve our members from Bend. Carl said we should have a Member Club President's meeting.

Banquet: Darcy encouraged everyone to put in their room reservations as they will be closing soon and we are short reservations to get a great discount. Bobby says to contact the hotel and see if they will extend the deadline for reservations. The crab feed was discussed and it will happen so long as the crab are available.

Trophy: Jon says that Steve Leonard has agreed to MC the banquet! Jon has been collecting the perpetual trophies.

OLD BUSINESS

Asset liability protection discussion was tabled to a later date.
Survey results were discussed.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jim Larfield and seconded by Bob Smethers. Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Darcy Olsen, TC Secretary

Team Continental General Meeting Minutes

TC Annual Christmas Party-Red Lion-Jantzen Beach
December 9, 2017



President, Scott Olsen called this meeting to order at 8:29pm.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

President, Scott Olsen: No report

Vice President, Jim Larfield: No report

Contest Board, Joe Harlan: Absent-excused

Driving Master, Kevin Smith: Absent-excused

Race Chairman, Bob Smethers: No report

Secretary, Darcy Olsen: No report

Treasurer, Stacey Smith: Absent-excused

Executive Board, Carl Clinton: Absent-excused

Communications Director, Pete Belfanti: Absent

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Banquet: Sonjia Smethers asked that everyone reserve their rooms at the Hallmark by December 19th to secure the discounted room rate.

Trophy: Jon Wilson says that he collected 2 more perpetual trophies tonight.

OLD BUSINESS

Scott announced that it is Bert Dilley's 80th birthday today. We all sang Happy Birthday to him.

Motion to adjourn made by Darcy Olsen and seconded by Jim Larfield. Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Darcy Olsen, TC Secretary

Team Continental Board of Directors Meeting

January 3, 2018
Elmers, Delta Park, Portland



7:00pm Meeting Called to Order by Scott Olsen.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

President, Scott Olsen: Alerted today to no room available for the Board meeting at Laurelwood Pub. Contracts has run out at year end rather than at end of January and restaurant had not called to resign them. They did not seem to want our business anymore – for 2018 2 hrs - \$200 minimum food/drink purchase, 3 ½ hours - \$350 minimum food/drink purchase. So, January Board Meeting held at Elmer's at Delta Park. Friendly and accommodating, no minimum required.

Vice President, Jim Larfield: No report

Contest Board Rep., Joe Harlan: No report

Driving Master, Kevin Smith: Budget presented. Approx. \$6535 expected expense at ORP. Cost is up between \$600-700 in 2018. Profit expected with at least 40 participants is \$980. Would like to see the ORP gate fee capped due to the unpredictable nature of the event. No control over what visitors might show up and TC would be charged for that.

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DT event is on Facebook as 3/24/2018 event date. Getting hits already, registration is open. Kevin is looking for instructor commitments.

Joe Harlan wants a list of TC members in the Bend/Redmond area that he can contact when he is out that way. 40-45 entries will make us money. At 45 we should think about doing a 2nd event.

3 groups – 4-5 sessions per group.

Bill Murray announced that ORP Instructor Training at ORP is the week before our event if anyone is interested is signing up for that - \$100 for the day.

Race Chairman, Bob Smethers: Bob doesn't see us having a race in 2018. We won't set a date at the E-board Meeting. We may still be able to co-host but nothing is in the works right now. Looking for 2019 ideas.

Secretary, Darcy Olsen: Absent – No report

Treasurer, Stacey Smith: P&L should be set for 2017 unless some correction needs to be made. TC lost \$6,487 for the year. We have begun to receive income in 2018 for membership and the banquet. Some banquet income was received in 2017. We have \$8,284.96 in checking and \$84,964.56 in savings.

E-Board, Carl Clinton: Need worker fund report for the E-board meeting.

Communications Director, Pete Belfanti:: Absent – No report

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Membership Drive, Joe Harlan: Wants to take a trip to Bend – hand out flyers, contact members there. Get TC Flags, Logos on cars.

Attended SCCA – NW region Board meeting, Same issues we are having – rates up/attendance down. Maybe we support them in their race? Merge together to do an event since our classes are accommodated there. Rose Cup is a good example of Conference and SCCA working together.

SCCA has a program for National regions w/o schools to observe drivers and sign their licenses without all the schools work.

Banquet, Stacey Smith: Reminder to register for meals if attending and we have 30 registered so far. 70's theme.

Trophy, Jon Wilson: Trophies are all returned. Engraving ordered, also BOD gifts. Estimated cost of trophies \$1400-1500.

Lynn Coupland thanked Jon for his efforts to get the trophies returned. He even went and picked some up himself.

OLD BUSINESS

Asset Liability – Nothing done yet, per Jim Larfield.

Marshall Atherton is doing better - health. Joe Harlan got him a scooter and put a TC sticker on the back – for membership advertising.

NEW BUSINESS

Lynn Coupland not getting Tell Tale and couldn't vote. Her email not working. Kevin will fix. MSR also not working for her – Kevin will fix that too.

Motion to adjourn – Joe Harlan and seconded by Stacey Smith.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacey Smith subbing for Darcy Olsen

Team Continental Driver Training - Saturday March 24th, 2018

We have reserved Saturday March 24th, 2018 for Team Continental driver training and HPDE at ORP. 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 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.

Event Registration is open: <http://msreg.com/TC-Mar2018-ORP>

Facebook event is here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1953814151540039/>

Please share with your friends, help sell our event, and come out and help put it on!



Team Continental High Performance Driving School

TEAM CONTINENTAL will be holding a High Performance Driving Event (HPDE) and ICSCC Performance Driving School at Oregon Raceway Park on Saturday March 24th, 2018.

Join us to drive **THE MOST EXCITING RACE TRACK** in the Pacific Northwest: Oregon Raceway Park.

Learn 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!

\$230—HPDE or ICSCC Sanctioned Driving School (non TC-member price)

\$200—Team Continental member price*

***All entrants 35 yrs of age or younger will receive a complimentary Team Continental 2018 membership, and the Team Continental member pricing of \$200.**

Registrar: Toni Larfield – 503-702-1482

dtregistrar@teamcontinental.com

Driving Master: Kevin Smith– 503-522-2016

drivingmaster@teamcontinental.com

Link to online registration: <http://msreg.com/TC-Mar2018-ORP>



General Format of the Day:

Drivers will be divided up into groups roughly based on previous track driving experience.

Group 1 (novice/"driver training") will be anyone that is a novice and anyone taking the driving school that is going for an ICSCC novice eligible certificate from the class. All drivers in group 1 will have an in-car instructor, and will attend a ground-school in between their on-track sessions.

Groups 2 & 3 will be filled with experienced drivers (the higher the group #, the more experience)

The day starts out with registration and a technical inspection of all cars and drivers' helmets. Long pants, full toed shoes, and short or long-sleeve shirts are required for all drivers and instructors.

There will be a driver meeting before any on-track sessions, followed by a slow drive around ORP with instructors for anyone wanting to learn/refresh their knowledge of the ORP track layout.

Then the individual run groups will go out onto the track for 20 to 30-minute sessions in rotation of groups. Each run group will have 4-5 sessions, with a total of at least 100 minutes of on-track time for each group.

Frequently Asked Questions:**Is this an open lapping day?**

No, each group gets 4 or 5, 20 to 30-minute sessions on the race track.

Will all drivers have an in-car instructor?

All drivers in Group 1 will have an in-car instructor for all of their on-track sessions. For the other HPDE drivers (Groups 2 & 3) we may be able to provide instructors on a limited basis if requested ahead of time. Please contact the driving master in advance if you would like an instructor but are signing up for the HPDE. If drivers want a guaranteed instructor for all sessions, they must sign up for Group 1 and we will assign one to you. All Group 1 drivers will attend a ground school while not on track. If drivers want to qualify for an ICSCC novice license then they need to be in group 1, attend the ground school and have an instructor (because the instructor must sign off on the ICSCC novice eligible certificate).

Is a classroom session/download meeting after track driving session part of the plans for the day?

Yes, for the Driver training group 1. Drivers in the other HPDE groups may attend the classroom session if they choose to while they are not on track, but the classroom sessions will overlap with group 2 & 3 on-track sessions.

Are passengers (other than instructors) allowed in the car while on track?

No, only designated Team Continental instructors are allowed in cars with drivers on track.

Is lunch or breakfast provided?

Neither lunch or breakfast is provided. Please bring your own food and drinks for the day.

What time should I arrive?

Please arrive between 6:30 and 7:30 AM. Track gates will open at 6:30 AM, Registration will open at 7 AM. Technical inspection will start at 7 AM, Driver's meeting is at 7:45 AM, course tour is at 8:15 AM, First hot on-track session will be at 9 AM.

We will be running the track in a clockwise direction for this event.

Fuel is available for sale at the race track.

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: _____

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.

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:

☐ Driver services
☐ Registration
☐ Tech Inspection
☐ Scales
☐ Timing & Scoring
☐ Pre-grid
☐ Turn Worker
☐ Flat tow
☐ Paddock Marshall
☐ Driving Master
☐ Driving Instructor
☐ Other

☐ President
☐ Secretary
☐ Treasurer
☐ ICSCC Executive. Board Rep.
☐ ICSCC Contest Board Rep.
☐ Race Chairman
☐ Driving Master
☐ Membership Chairman
☐ Communications Director
☐ Telltale/Newsletter Editor
☐ Picnic Chairman
☐ Banquet Chairman
☐ 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 \$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: _____

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