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Tell Tale

March will be here before you know it.
Resolve NOW to volunteer for our HPDE March
24th!

February 2018

President's Message

Greetings TC

The TC party season is over and if you missed the banquet then you missed out on a whole lot of fun. And with the theme being the 70's there were some great costumes. One of my favorites was "Disco" Don Smethers and that hot little hippie chick on his arm Sonjia (Sonia). There was Bob "Sonny Bono" with Cher (Ali Montgomery). I can't forget the Olsen's in their platform shoes (I believe Scott said his gave him a 4" lift - we almost looked eye to eye) with bell bottom high waisted jeans (if Scott's were any higher his voice would've been 3 octaves higher). A great time seemed to be had by all thanks to Sonia and Darcy our banquet chairs. And thanks to all who contributed - Jon and Cynthia (or is it Cindy-ask Steve Leonard), Don and Gayle, and Steve for being our MC.



As most of you know TC is taking a year off from hosting a race to regroup and figure out how to make this event profitable and FUN, a key ingredient. At the recent board meeting there was much discussion and some creative ideas on how we can increase our car counts and put a buzz and that much needed fun into our event. We still have lots of details to work out but I think we are going in the right direction. Car counts are only one of the issues that need to be worked on for us to put on a race in 2019. So I invite all of you to join us at the next meeting to express your ideas as we work toward hosting our next race.

Speaking of the next meeting our **venue** and **day** have changed. Some of you may have heard that Mars Meadows has closed due to a fire in the kitchen plus this April it was scheduled to close and be redeveloped as a McDonald's. Our new meeting location is Elmer's at Delta Park (within eyesight of Mars Meadows) and very important the new day is **Thursday**. So the next general meeting is Feb 15. The only thing that remains the same is the time - 7pm.

Hope to see you there.

Jim

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The editor may edit all submissions for length and content.

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MEETINGS

General Meeting

THURSDAY!!! February 15th, 7 PM
 Elmer's Restaurant
 9848 N Whitaker Rd, Portland, OR

Board Meeting

Wednesday March 7th, 7 PM
 Elmer's Restaurant
 9848 N Whitaker Rd, Portland, OR

2018 Team Continental Banquet

The cool kids, CW from top left: Straight from the Soul Train studios, The Olsens. Two groovy chicks, Lynn and Sonia. Kevin and Stacey, ready to hit the dance floor. Bob "Sonny Bono" Smethers, with removable hair.



TEAM CONTINENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2018

7:00PM Elmer's – Delta Park

Portland, Oregon



Call to Order – President Jim Larfield called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Reports from Board members:

- ♦ President – Jim Larfield – No report
- ♦ Vice President – Joe Harlan – No report
- ♦ Contest Board Rep – Jon Wilson – No report
- ♦ Secretary – Toni Larfield – No report
- ♦ Treasurer – Stacy Smith
- ♦ Provided financial statement, waiting for final bills for the banquet.
- ♦ Will move funds temporarily from savings to float deposits needed for drivers training until the event occurs and can replace funds.
- ♦ It has been determined that the banquet is not self-sufficient, typically runs at a loss of \$1,200 we should expect to see a loss each year
- ♦ E Board Rep – Mike Conatore – Absent
- ♦ Driving Master – Kevin Smith, 24 attendees currently registered. Needs instructors for drivers
- ♦ Race Chairman – Bob Smethers – Sending a big thank you to banquet committee and to members, Jon and Cynthia Wilson, Gail Kovacs and Don Crawford who hosted the hospitality suites, thank you to Steve Leonard. Bob requested a list of award winners be published in the newsletter. RATS meeting scheduled for the second weekend in March
- ♦ Communications Director – Tony Hauser
- ♦ Producing his first issue of the Tell Tale, dead line to submit pictures and articles is Friday, February 9th.

Committee Reports:

- ♦ Membership Chair – Dennis Roberts – Absent
- ♦ Membership Drive Committee – No report
- ♦ By Laws – No report or committee
- ♦ Picnic Committee – Dee Clinton – Absent
- ♦ Trophy Committee – Steve Leonard/Jon Wilson – Has perpetual trophy replacements to distribute, presented Don Smethers with his.
- ♦ Financial Committee – Don Smethers – Taxes signed and ready to file
- ♦ Equipment Chair – Tony Hauser – Asked for \$200 for preventative maintenance on the van for fluids and exhaust manifold, sounds like a personal problem to me that a bit of KY and Gas X can solve. Joe Harlan asked for a list of parts, he will contribute up to \$150.00 in parts, Woo Hoo way to go Joe, a true friend indeed!

Old Business

Liability/Asset protection, the board will check on certificate of insurance for non-profit events

New Business

Question was put to the board “what direction is club going to go, where do we want to go and how best to prepare for 2019”. General consensus is the desire to host events in 2019. Conversation centered on what does that look like and how do we start preparing for the future. Juices were flowing and there many creative ideas were heard to drive up participation. The need to make events fun again, begin now preparing and training volunteers for 2019. Overall opinion is that there may be too many races in a small period of time which depletes worker resources and driver's participation per event. Opinion is that maybe two race events per club would be sufficient for workers and drivers.

Kevin Smith made a motion to adjourn at 8:55PM, motion seconded by Joe Harlan.

Respectfully submitted by Toni Larfield.

TEAM CONTINENTAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2018

12:00PM Hallmark

Newport, Oregon



Call to Order – President Jim Larfield called the meeting to order at 12:06 PM

Reports from Board members:

- ♦ President – Jim Larfield – No report
- ♦ Vice President – Joe Harlan – No report
- ♦ Secretary – Toni Larfield – No report
- ♦ Treasurer – Stacy Smith – Provided year end report, net loss for the year, \$6,485
- ♦ E Board Rep – Mike Conatore, Carl Clinton --Rule change: Minimum of 3 races; The License Director has authority to issue upgrade from novice to senior driver
- ♦ Contest Board Rep – Jon Wilson – No report
- ♦ Driving Master – Kevin Smith, DT school March 24, require 35 attendees to be profitable, asked for volunteers.
- ♦ Race Chairman – Bob Smethers – No report
- ♦ Communications Director – Tony Hauser – No report

Committee Reports:

- ♦ Membership Chair – Dennis Roberts – Currently 45 members have renewed their membership
- ♦ Picnic Committee – Dee Clinton – No report
- ♦ Financial Committee – Don Smethers – Thanked Stacy for keeping clean accurate books, begin and end year matched to the penny. Prepared and filing Tax Form 990, 2017 gross income is \$52k. Don reminded club that we have to file from 990 each year to maintain non-profit status.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mars Meadows, the previous location for monthly membership meetings is no longer an option. Proposed moving the monthly membership meeting to the third Thursday of each month to be held at Elmer's at Delta Park. Bill Murray made a motion to move the monthly membership meeting to the third Thursday of each month, Mike Conatore seconded. The general meeting was stopped, an emergency board meeting was called, Kevin Smith proposed by-laws to change the general membership meeting to the third Thursday of each month, Mike Conatore seconded, motion passed.

Jim Larfield made a motion to adjourn at 12:45PM, Stacy Smith Seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Toni Larfield.

Incoming Editor's Message

Allow me to take a few moments to introduce myself. My name is Tony Hauser and I have been a TC member since 2007 when Greg (Scott) Ball and Robert Waco introduced me to the wonders of amateur racing and ICSCC. They were TC members, so, of course, I also joined and began racing. How fortunate I was to have joined such a great group of people! My first official position with TC was, and still is, as Equipment Chair about 5 years ago. I have also been Course Marshal and a turn worker for our recent race events. This experience has given me the opportunity to meet and learn from not just our racers, but our Board, race coordinators, and workers and volunteers.

Since I have several years of experience publishing a monthly newsletter for another organization, I decided it was time to step up and ~~put Kevin out of his misery~~ give Kevin a well-deserved reprieve from his 39-month tenure as Editor. Please make sure and thank Kevin the next time you see him for filling this vital role these past 3+ years. Hopefully I can maintain his high standard in publishing The Tell Tale.

Usually, my deadline for submissions will be the Friday night following our Board meeting, but don't let that stop you from sending in your pictures (VERY important as I cannot attend all events) and articles whenever you can. I look forward to serving you as TT Editor.

No fake news here,

Tony
editor@teamcontinental.com



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/>



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



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

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☐ 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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