



Tell Tale

March is here! Please contact Driving Master Kevin Smith to volunteer for our HPDE March 24th!

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President's Message

Greetings TC

Grab your favorite beverage and have a seat because I have a lot to report on. Cinch up those straps because here I go. SOVREN the vintage racing group has applied for and been accepted as a Conference affiliate club with their interest in racing at The Ridge and ORP as part of a Conference race. This looks like a way to fill in our sagging entries that might make us profitable and at the very least break even at our race. I was invited to and attended a SOVREN driver's meeting in Preston, WA just east of Issaquah to do a 5 minute (a six hour round trip, a 3 hour meeting) presentation about ORP and TC. There seemed to be a fair amount of interest amongst those attending about racing at ORP. But there are many discussions with the SOVREN president and their board before this happens.



New member Tiffany Neil came to the last general meeting with two of her fellow PCC automotive classmates Dom and Alex who expressed an interest in joining. Please join in making these new members feel welcome if you happen to meet them at a meeting or event. Hopefully we can convince them to help us at our upcoming driver's training. Tiffany also contacted Joe Harlan about TC members bringing their race cars to the PCC automotive graduation March 22. Talk about a captive audience, what a great way to introduce a group of young people to our sport who otherwise may never get that exposure. If you'd like to participate in taking your race car to the PCC graduation please contact Joe for more information.

And on the membership topic we have been discussing ideas about getting new members by offering discounted or free memberships to students like these automotive students with the hope of them coming out and helping at our events. If any of you need a crew member this might be a way to get some help and nurture a future racer as we foster growth in the sport.

If any of you have an idea, question, or comment please feel free to contact me.

Jim

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MEETINGS

General Meeting

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

Board Meeting

Wednesday April 4th, 7 PM
 Elmer's Restaurant
 9848 N Whitaker Rd, Portland, OR

STAR PROJECTS

LAST CHANCE: INSTRUCTOR TRAINING SEMINAR & ON COURSE PRACTICE!

Dear Driving Instructors: Both new to instructing and experienced:

Our Annual Instructor Training Seminar is coming up fast. This year it will be Saturday, March 17th at O.R.P. Only 12 more applications will be accepted. If you are serious about learning or improving your instructor skills I think you will find this seminar very worthwhile. There is no cost to attend; however there is a \$100.00 fee to offset the insurance and ambulance costs for those driving in the afternoon on course session. If you have not yet registered, application must be made through the Brenda at the Track Office. 541-333-2452.

info@oregonraceway.com

The Instructor Program has always concentrated on developing ways in which the instruction process can be improved as well as keeping instructors abreast of the latest track rules, teaching techniques and procedures.

This year our featured speaker will be Eddie Nakato. Eddie has held licenses with SCCA, ICSCC, F.I.A, NAS-CAR, GRAND-AM, and NASA. He has instructed at all levels including club days with Audi, Porsche BMW and others. He currently serves as a Senior Instructor with the Hooked On Driving organization and has spent many hours at O.R.P. in both the right and left seat. His talk will focus on "Protecting the Instructor".

The morning session is capped by a round table discussion in which participants are invited to offer their best instructing tip or, a case history which may be of value to others. This opportunity is only offered once a year. Your participation, although it does not guarantee acceptance as an instructor, carries significant weight in the instructor assignment process.

The classroom session begins at 9:00 a.m. sharp. Following the morning seminar there will be a Fire Suppression and Driver Assistance demo. From noon to 1:00 p.m. lunch will be served. The afternoon will be a largely open track format, practiced in both directions, with breaks to rotate turn trainees to various stations, and to coordinate training scenarios with the instructors. This format has served us well with our incoming and returning turn personnel by providing an opportunity to practice communication, response and simulated emergencies in real time. It also allows our instructors a pre-season opportunity to get in some track time.

If you are new to the instructor program and have not done so already, please send a summary of your driving and instructing experience (if any) to Brenda for our files.

Questions: Bill Murray
Event Coordinator
starprojectsevents@gmail.com
503-358- 2617 - 10:00 a.m. to midnight

Registration: Brenda Piki
O.R.P. Office Manager
info@oregonraceway.com
541-333-2452

Track gates will be open Friday night on the hour to accommodate arrivals until 11:00 p.m. Drivers entered in Sunday's Skip Day event are welcome to camp at the track Saturday night.



TEAM CONTINENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 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 –Met with SOVREN Vintage Racing in Washington, following up on the possibility of combining an event at ORP. After a lengthy discussion the board decided they will not pursue SOVREN unless they are willing to share in the cost and work associated with putting on an event.
- Vice President – Joe Harlan – No report
- Contest Board Rep – Jon Wilson – No report
- Secretary – Toni Larfield – No report
- Treasurer – Stacy Smith --\$5,918 in checking, transferring \$2,000 from savings to cover Drivers Training weekend, funds will be recovered directly after event.
- E Board Rep – Mike Conatore – Absent
- Driving Master – Kevin Smith--38 attendees currently registered with 18 in group 1, 12 of the 18 are wanting a conference license.
- Race Chairman – Bob Smethers – No report
- Communications Director – Tony Hauser-No report

Committee Reports:

- Membership Chair – Dennis Roberts – Absent
- Membership Drive Committee – Kevin Smith made a motion to offer 20 complimentary TC memberships to the graduating class currently enrolled in the automotive program at PCC, Bob Smethers seconded, motion passed. Plan is to continue reaching out to upcoming automotive graduates, fostering growth and enthusiasm for the sport of racing.
- By Laws – No report or committee
- Picnic Committee – Bob Smethers volunteered for the position and will start researching venues, thank you.
- Banquet- Darcy Olsen accepted the challenge and will begin planning for another fabulous event at the Hallmark Resort in Lincoln City.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Jim Larfield made a motion to adjourn at 8:37PM, motion seconded by Joe Harlan.

Respectfully submitted by Toni Larfield.

TEAM CONTINENTAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 2018

7:00PM, Elmers Delta Park, Portland, Oregon

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

New member Tiffany Neil brought two guests; Dom and Alex to the meeting, welcome to TC Tiffany!

**Reports from Board members:**

- President – Jim Larfield – See New Business, consensus on 2019 event
- Vice President – Joe Harlan – No report
- Secretary – Toni Larfield – No report
- Treasurer – Stacy Smith – No report
- E Board Rep – Absent
- Contest Board Rep – Jon Wilson – No report
- Driving Master – Kevin Smith--DT school March 24, currently 27 registered with 16 in group 1, called out for more instructors.
- Race Chairman – Bob Smethers – I have been performing the duties associated with the position to which I've been elected, but any correspondence expressed or implied is not in a format suitable for discussion at this time.
- Communications Director – Tony Hauser – No report

Committee Reports:

- Membership Chair – Denny Roberts-Steve Clinton (Dee and Carl Clinton's son) joined bring membership total to 60.
- Picnic Committee – Dee Clinton – The Clinton's will be experiencing an adventure of a lifetime traveling for an extended period of time visiting NASCAR tracks throughout the USA. While hosting the TC picnic is most important they conceded it may not be worthy of squeezing the event in between their travel plans. TC is currently looking for a chair person to fill in for the 2017 picnic. Only worthy people of filling Dee and Carl's hospitality need apply, although, in a pinch we will take anyone who is breathing.
- Trophy Committee-Jon Wilson-2016 Competitive trophy presented to Bill Harris, 2016 Hard Luck trophy presented to Peter Linssen.

Old Business:

- Liability/Asset Protection, motion made by Jon Wilson to table seconded by Joe Harlan, motion passed.

New Business:

- Race 2019 potential-Overall desire is to host a race in 2019, to accomplish this it will take planning with emphasis on fun. SOVREN recently became an affiliate of conference and may be looking to participate in an event. Overall opinion was positive, President, Jim Larfield will reach out to SOVREN and pitch the idea of combining events to share in the risk and reward.
- Tony Hauser requested a copy of the 2017 trophy recipients, need not be accurate, just a list to publish in the Tell Tale to be forever imbedded in the archives, again, accuracy not needed just a list.
- Bill Harris saw a photo posted on Facebook recognizing Joe Harlan, Joe asked if it was his backside, Bill sheepishly smiled, proof Bill Harris has Joe's back, TC tradition and all, didn't Joe have Tony's back last month?

Jon Wilson made a motion to adjourn at 8:00PM, Joe Harlan seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Toni Larfield.

The 2017 TC Perpetual Award Winners

As Awarded to Recipients at the TC Banquet in January

- **Driver of the Year** - Kevin Smith
- **Victory Cup** - Jon Wilson
- **Competitors Trophy** - Tracey Hazard
- **Vagabond Trophy** - Gordon Jones
- **Crash & Burn Trophy** - Michael Conatore
- **Hard Luck Trophy** - Bill Murray
- **Outstanding Member Trophy** - Kevin and Stacy Smith
- **Maloney Cup** - Jeremiah Russell
- **Course Master Trophy** - John Rissberger
- **Instructor of the Year** - Jim Larfield
- **Far Horizons Trophy** - Bert Dilley
- **Gary Pazina Memorial Trophy** - Tony Hauser
- **Waving Flag Award** - Toni Larfield
- **Gordon Scott Memorial Trophy** - Bob Smethers
- **MViP (Most Valuable invisible Person)** - Ali Montgomery



DRIVER OF THE YEAR TROPHY



INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR
TROPHY

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



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.

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:

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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 |
| <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 \$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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