



Tell Tale

**Our March HPDE and School was a success!
Read about it in this issue.**

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President's Message

Greetings TC

It's April - already? That means racing season is right around the corner. Are your cars ready? The season begins soon. First race on the calendar is the Oregon Region double regional April 14-15. I know there are a few of you who are trying to qualify for the SCCA Runoffs this fall at Sonoma so let's get those hot rods ready because we want to see you there. The Conference opener is just a few short weeks away on May 4-5 at PIR.



As I think you all know we had our spring driver training on March 24 and it was a success in many ways. First, we made some money, second, it was well organized and third, every one of our participants had a smile on their face at the end of the day - soooo overall I call that a **HUGE** success. I'd like to thank Kevin Smith for doing a stellar job and keeping everything running well. And a huge thank you to all of our instructors for coming out on a cold morning with some of you having a few hairy moments just getting to the track. And I congratulate you for doing a great job with your students. It's always fun to see the students improve throughout the day culminating in the final session when you see the light click on and they really begin to shine. Great job all. And at the end of the day a group of us gathered at the Goose Pit in Wasco for dinner, drinks, stories and a lot of laughs. So it looks like we are going to do this again in September. Stay tuned as details are upcoming.

Come to the next general meeting Thursday, April 19th, at Elmer's at Delta Park as I try to ramrod my driver training work credit program through. Let's see who is paying attention. I'll be presenting my proposal with it's goal of trying to attract younger people to join and stay engaged in the sport by trading out working race events to gain credits to be used to discount the entry fee for one of our driver training days. With the help of the discount they will more likely be able to afford a driver training day and tempted to try it. Like having sex for the first time, once you try it, you want to keep doing it. Are you still paying attention?

And, finally, if you have a story, interesting or not, please submit it to Tony Hauser for inclusion into the Tell Tale.

Jim

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MEETINGS

General Meeting

THURSDAY!!! April 19th, 7 PM

Elmer's Restaurant

9848 N Whitaker Rd, Portland, OR

Board Meeting

Wednesday May 2nd, 7 PM

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9848 N Whitaker Rd, Portland, OR

Team Continental March 2018 High Performance Driving School

Submitted by Driving Master Kevin Smith

On Saturday, March 24th, Team Continental held a High Performance Driving School at Oregon Raceway Park. The day started out quite cold with the tiny remnants from a few sputters of snow overnight on Friday. At 7 AM on Saturday it was clear and sunny, but still only about 28 degrees.



Driver's Meeting, 8 AM

Quite a few volunteers and entrants showed up on Friday night, and camped overnight in ORP's paddock area. The day got started at 7 AM with hot coffee and donuts in registration. Toni Larfield was the Driving School Registrar and was assisted by Stacey Smith. They made sure that entrants and volunteers alike got registered, got waivers signed, and were greeted by happy, friendly faces. Thank you Toni and Stacey.

The day continued with entrants bringing their cars to pre-grid for tech inspection. Bert Dilley was in charge of tech inspections, with many of TC's volunteer instructors also helping out. The cars got teched quickly, and entrants chatted with

inspectors, instructors, and generally tried to keep warm. Doing tech on a cold morning is hard on the fingers. Working with gloves on makes it hard to fill out the tech sheets, and taking gloves off results in numb fingers quickly. Thank you to Bert for heading this up, and for all the instructors that helped out with teching cars.

We had a few cancellations and no-shows due to the cold weather, snow in Portland, and so on. Also a few people sick, and as normal with early season events, a few people who didn't get their cars ready in time. Even so, we had 36 paid entries, and it was a successful school from that point of view.

A driving school would be impossible without many volunteer driving instructors, and I was very lucky to have an excellent set of instructors. Austin Smith, Pete Belfanti, Peter Linssen, Steve Lovejoy, Jon Wilson, Scott Olsen, Jim Larfield, Duane Starr, Bob Paasch, James "Gator" Hudson, Tony Hauser, Brian Bogdon, Bill Harris, Zack George, Steve Clinton, John



Craig Lowe Corvette, Steve Heino Firebird.

Bachofner, Rob Rissberger, Don Crawford, Mike Conatore, and Tony Kihlstedius all volunteered as instructors. Thank you for volunteering to sit in the passenger seat, help keep folks safe, and teach students to be fast as well as safe. It is a hard job, and Team Continental is lucky to have such fine volunteers for this.

New students take a ground school which is presented in one of the garages at ORP during the day, when group 1 is not on track. Thanks to Jim Larfield, Duane Starr, Joe Harlan, and Steve Clinton, who each presented one segment of the ground school.

Bob Smethers worked in communication, keeping on-track course workers, pre-grid, driving master and registration all informed of any important issues. Bob also served as announcer for the event, announcing the schedule and helping keep folks on-time for their sessions. Thank you Bob.



Eric Howell and Bert Dilley in Pre-Grid.

Bert Dilley and Eric Howell manned pre-grid all day in the cold and wind, and did an excellent job keeping track of the cars as they went on and came off track. Thank you guys!



Just a sampling of smiles.

Lastly, thanks to the corner workers, starter, and other ORP personnel that helped us stage this event.

The event was a great success. Team Continental made a little money. We introduced quite a few new folks to track days, with over 20 total students out of our 36 entries. Of these, five students received Novice Eligible certificates, and I hope they will all turn into ICSCC licensed drivers. It was a beautiful sunny day for most of the day, and track conditions, although chilly, were excellent. Lastly, and most importantly, folks were there having fun, enjoying the cars, the driving, the track, and both new and old friends. It was a great day. Hope you were there. If not, you should have been!



Three of the 20 instructors.



Very nice and fast C7 Corvette. The driver, Yingjie Pan, told me after every session how much fun he was having.

Stay tuned. Planning is starting for another event on Saturday September 22nd.

Save the date!



Saturday night, dinner at the Goose Pit.

TEAM CONTINENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 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 Thanks to Kevin Smith, our driver training made money. People had fun. It was fun to see it all come together and click for our students.

Driving Master – Kevin Smith We made money! We received \$750 over what was projected. We also had a total of 14 cancellations and several of those were going for conference licenses. Of the ones we did have, 5 were Novice Eligible.

Vice President – Joe Harlan No VP report, No Bylaws report

Secretary – Toni Larfield Absent, No Report. Stacey Smith taking notes in her absence.

Treasurer – Stacey Smith We have \$8460 in checking. The \$2000 I moved to make sure we could cover any checks we needed to write, has already been returned to the savings account. Financials show the breakdown of revenue and expenses for DT, with a profit of \$1744.85.

Contest Board - Jon Wilson No Report

E Board – Mike Conatore Absent, No Report

Communications Director – Tony Hauser No Report, Needs articles for Tell Tale by a week from Friday.

Race Chairman – Bob Smethers I have prepared a preliminary 2019 budget & event schedule suitable for review. These currently apply to a 2-day/2-race format with a Special Event. Extra sessions dedicated to the Special Event could consist of an ICSCC Affiliate Club or any other suitable marque club interested in partnering with TC. I am looking at the possibility of SOVREN or HPDE 3 20 minute sessions. We need 25 additional entries for a special group at \$400-450. Found that SOVREN also reimburses their workers so no savings there. Maybe they can reimburse their workers and we reimburse ours. SOVREN rules, issues, conflicts would have to be worked out. Need to look at other options – enduro, etc.

Committee Reports:

Picnic – Bob Smethers We tentatively have this years' picnic scheduled for Friday-Saturday, August 3-4, with a nice area in the trees reserved at Pat's Acres Racing Complex. Our facility rental cost is \$200 for both days. This amount could be significantly reduced or offset completely, depending on whether participants are interested in renting karts. Cost for rental includes Basic Membership (\$12) and Rental Kart – 9hp, 12-minute sessions, 50 mph (\$25).

Featured activities include extensive BS sessions starting Friday night with potluck meal. Salad & Desert contest on Saturday with prizes awarded. Saturday meal is forecast to include burgers & brats and may include a fabulous smoked meat.

This event could be a fabulous membership drive opportunity – spread the word & bring a friend!

One additional idea – TC could buy carts in a quantity large enough to offset the rental fee and raffle them off to general membership at the General Meeting to help get people to attend the meeting. The raffle would be free of charge!

Membership – Denny Roberts No Report

Membership Drive – Joe Harlan 3 PCC Grad students participated in the DT at ORP. They are also new members. Free membership deal worked out and didn't cost us anything. We need other race cars at PCC Graduation. They were very excited about it. Jim floated the idea of possibly offering a credit toward an event for working at another event. No free ride, set a max discount credit allowed per event. Bill willing to donate a car for a day.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Driving Master – Kevin Smith Sept. 2018 DT Budget prelim. Suggested we try a new model. Set pricing and entries needed 35 days ahead, not enough entries at that time, then we cancel the event. If we have enough entries to go forward, at day 34 out from the event, we charge MSR and have no refund policy. Have to make sure conference will give insurance for event with 45 days notice but able to cancel 30 days out without being charged. Could do Saturday 22nd or Sunday 23rd of Sept. 2018. Board poll preferred 22nd.

Vote – Motion to reserve Sept. 22nd, 2018 at ORP Jim Larfield, second Joe Harlan. Approved unanimously. Start advertising in May as soon as the flyer is ready and conference has been contacted. May do an abbreviated school – Instructors in cars, no ground school.

Motion to adjourn – Kevin Smith

Second Joe Harlan

Approved – meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Stacey Smith



AN UPDATE ON BOB CASPELL

Submitted by Bill Murray



I had occasion to think of Bob Caspell the other night and gave him a call. For those that don't know Bob he is a long-time T.C. member, former Race Chairman, and one of the ten Founding Partners of Oregon Raceway Park. He is now living in a care facility in Illinois where his daughter, Melissa, can look in on him. Bob's favorite memories are of racing, mostly in his 914-6 in the late 60's and early 70's and the work he did as the Landsman and Co-designer of the track. Memories are important, and with Alzheimer's disease, they ebb and flow as time erases the essence of a lifetime. The insidious trick is that the victim can have periods of high retrieval only to slip back into an abyss of grasping for a thought that won't come. This night Bob was hav-



ing an evening of lucidity and we talked for 20 minutes without any of the fog that sometimes drifts into such conversations. One thing was clear to me, He was very grateful for the call. Time is scarce in the lives of all of us, but if you knew Bob, and can squeeze in a call, his number is 618-438-7768. Early evenings are best, or drop him a Howdy: Bob Caspell, 100 Glenhaven, Alton, Illinois 62002.

A MESSAGE FROM THE F.I.A. RE: TANAKA BRAND SEAT BELTS RECALL

Submitted by Bill Murray

15708 Pomerado Road, Suite N208, Poway, CA 92064 • (858)451-8868 FAX# (858)451-9268 website: www.sfifoundation.com email: sfi@sfifoundation.com 15708 Pomerado Road, Suite N208, Poway, CA 92064 April 2, 2018 Notice of Recall: Driver Restraint Assemblies Manufactured and Certified to SFI Specification 16.1 by Ruian Dragon and Ruian Dongjinlong. To All Racers, Sanctioning Body Officials, Equipment Wholesalers and Retailers, Driver Restraint Assemblies Manufactured and Certified to SFI Specification 16.1 by Ruian Dragon and Ruian Dongjinlong have been found to be non-compliant with SFI Specification 16.1. All camlock type Driver Restraint Assemblies Manufactured and Certified to SFI Specification 16.1 by Ruian Dragon and Ruian Dongjinlong must be immediately be removed from service and returned to Ruian Dongjinlong. This recall includes Driver Restraint Assemblies Manufactured and Certified to SFI Specification 16.1 by Ruian Dragon or Ruian Dongjinlong and sold under the "TANAKA" brand: Ruian Dongjinlong Auto Parts Co.,Ltd Buliding 1, No.2 South Development Zone, Economic Development Zone, Feiyun Town, Ruian City, Zhejiang, China Tel:+86-13486706757 +86-0577-66853034 Fax:+86-0577-65028808 E-mail:alanwanautoparts@vip.163.com www.djlseatbelts.com 15708 Pomerado Road, Suite N208, Poway, CA 92064 • (858)451-8868 FAX# (858)451-9268 website: www.sfifoundation.com email: sfi@sfifoundation.com

TEAM CONTINENTAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2018

7:00PM, Elmers 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 – Talked to Sovren president Andy Collins, nothing to report until Andy meets with his board and reaches out to TC which may or may not happen.
- Vice President – Joe Harlan – No report
- Secretary – Toni Larfield – No report
- Treasurer – Stacey Smith – Moving funds from saving to buffer drivers training event, to be moved back after the event revenues are received.
- E Board Rep – Absent
- Contest Board Rep – Jon Wilson – No report
- Driving Master – Kevin Smith, DT school March 24, currently 37 registered with 19 students.
- Race Chairman – Bob Smethers – Tossed optional budget around with a two-day race combo working with Sovren, tabled until Sovren actually shows interest.
- Communications Director – Tony Hauser – No report
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Committee Reports:

- Membership Chair – Denny Roberts - membership total 67
- Picnic Committee – Bob Smethers - researching holding picnic at Pat's Acres tentatively scheduled for the first weekend of August.
- Banquet Committee – Darcy Olsen - Hallmark Inn, Newport has two options, rates go up holiday weekend January 18-20th, she is researching the weekend of January 11-13 and the first weekend of February.
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Old Business:

None

New Business:

- Ric Farrar approached by FOPIR to use TC radios for Rose Cup Race weekend and Indy Cars, 24 radios minimum, borrowing from Cascade Sports Car Club first, from Team Continental second, discussion to be continued at next board meeting in April.
- Membership Drive – PCC Grads/other auto program, Joe Harlan made a motion to give graduating class free TC membership, hats and stickers. Seconded by Bob Smethers, motion passed.

Jon Wilson made a motion to adjourn at 8:28PM, Tony Hauser seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Toni Larfield.

TC DISPLAY AT PCC AUTOMOTIVE TECH GRADUATION CEREMONY

Submitted by VP Joe Harlan



The event was a success! Member Tiffany Neil graduated the automotive program. I gave away a number of TC memberships and people were very excited from the students to the instructors. I think I will be doing this 3 times a year! This is a great resource !



Member Tiffany Neil graduating this program

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

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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.

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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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☐ Driving Master
☐ Driving Instructor
☐ Other

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☐ 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 : _____

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