



# Tell Tale

**2019 Officers nominations end at this month's meeting. Race date for 2019 is reserved. Please be sure to attend the meeting.**

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## President's Message

### Greetings TC.

Congratulations are in order for three of our members who made the trip to Sears Point (oops-Sonoma Raceway, I'm showing my age) to participate in the SCCA Runoffs. They were Joe Harlan, Darren Dilley, and Gordon Jones.

In case you haven't heard Joe finished 2nd in GTL after starting 5th. While making some good passes he worked his way to 3rd then started reeling in the 2nd place car of Peter Zekert only to seemingly throw it away with a spin entering turn 4 while diving to the inside of Zekert. Joe made a good recovery to maintain 3rd place setting off to catch 2nd place Zekert. Now is where the story gets a little fuzzy. As Joe started to catch up once again to Zekert he mentioned something about having "target fixation" and following him off the track when he (Zekert) had mechanical issues. And after all this he still managed to finish second.

In EP Darren Dilley started 6th, fell to 7th for a couple of laps, but moved back up to 6th where he stayed until making a nice pass on Jesse Prather to take 5th five laps from the checkered.

In HP Gordon Jones started 8th, quickly took over 7th, but dropped to 11th on lap 3 and then steadily worked back up to 7th place before falling out of the race on lap 18.

Two quick announcements - The Christmas party is at our house (Toni and Jim Larfield) Sat Dec 8 in Oregon City. Time and address in the flyer later in this issue.

The Banquet is at the Shilo Hotel in Newport Jan 18-20. Again, there is a flyer later in this issue with all the particulars. There is an exciting proposal regarding the banquet that will be brought before the membership to be voted on at the next meeting Thur. Nov. 15 at Elmer's Delta Park.

There have been many lengthy discussions about TC hosting a race in 2019 at the last few meetings. We were presented with an offer to put on a race at The Ridge (thanks to Carl Clinton) with permission from IRDC with the thought that it would help us maintain our Member Club status in Conference. This at first was very enthusiastically accepted by many of our members. After gathering more information regarding entry counts, expenses, profits, and losses, it became apparent that it would be best if we declined their offer. Plus, their offer for The Ridge was only good for 1 year and not for ongoing events. So, as it stands now, TC is going to tentatively put on the Conference race schedule a race to be held at ORP the first weekend in Oct 2019.

Race events like these require lots of volunteers to make them successful and without you, our members, this will not be possible.

This brings me to my next subject. We had only 12 people show up at our October meeting. Since our new board for the upcoming year are nominated at the Oct. and Nov. meetings it's going to be difficult to have enough people to fill all the positions. It wasn't that long ago I remember the room at Mars Meadows was full. What's going on that people are no longer attending our meetings? This is a question we discussed at our last board meeting. What changes do we need to make to increase attendance? Change the meeting day, the location, the frequency of the meetings? These are some of the questions we will be asking in an upcoming poll so we can make the changes necessary to increase participation at our meetings. Stay tuned to the Tell Tale for information of when and how to participate in this survey.

Jim



## 2018 TEAM CONTINENTAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The editor may edit all submissions for length and content.

Tony Hauser, Editor 503-438-0297

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## MEETINGS

### General Meeting

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

### Board Meeting

Wednesday December 5th, 7 PM  
 Elmer's Restaurant  
 9848 N Whitaker Rd, Portland, OR

## New Member Work Discount



Submitted by President Jim Larfield

### Objective:

To encourage new and/or young people to join and become active members of Team Continental while learning the inner workings of sports car racing with the reward of a deep discount at a Team Continental driver training. The goal is to develop more volunteer workers for TC to help lower our event expenditures and help the sports car racing community as a whole by exposing these new people to all aspects of the sport.

### How It Works:

New members will earn credits towards a driver training discount by

- Working one or more of our events
- Attending a worker's training seminar and/or...
- Working an ICSCC or SCCA race in any of their specialties.

### The Details:

- 1 credit is earned for each day worked.
- A form will be given to the worker to be signed off at the end of the day by the specialties chief with the date and name of the event. No credit will be given without this form being filled out.
- Each credit has an approximate value of \$25 for a total for the program of \$100.
- The new member can use 1 or all credits towards a single driver training/track day event with the maximum of 4 credits to be applied toward this discount.
- The program participant can use one (1) credit at a time (potentially spreading the discount over 4 events) until all four (4) have been used at which time their participation in the discount program ends.
- The driving master has discretion as to how many discounted participants (if any) can enter an event to ensure financial viability/profitability of the event. The new member participant must apply directly to the driving master with his/her request to use said discount at which time the driving master will put them on a first come list and notify them as space becomes available.



*2019 TC Banquet News*

*DENIM & DIAMONDS*

*Newport Shilo Inn*

*January 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> 2018*

*Reservations 541 265 7701*

*Mention:*

*Team Continental Retreat*

*On or before 12-20-18*

*All rooms \$99.00*

## Team Continental

Board Meeting / Elmer's Delta Park

November 7, 2018



- ◆ Call to Order - Jim Larfield called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm  
First order of business congratulatory applause for Joe Harlan finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in his class at SCCA runoffs!
- ◆ Officer Reports
  - President - Jim Larfield, respectfully declined IRDC's offer to hold a race at the Ridge.
  - Vice President – Joe Harlan, no report
  - Secretary – Toni Larfield, no report
  - Treasurer – Stacy Smith, absent, Kevin reported check mailed to conference for 2019 renewal.
  - Contest Board Rep – Jon Wilson, TC requested rule changes submitted to be voted on this weekend at the conference banquet.
  - Executive Board Rep – Michael Conatore, not present
  - Communications Director – Tony Hauser, no report
  - Driving Master - Kevin Smith-reserved March 30th, 2019, Drivers Training at ORP
  - Race Chairman - Bob Smethers, reserved date with ORP for race weekend October 4th, 5th, and 6th
- ◆ Committee Reports  
Christmas Party-Save the date, December 8th, at Jim and Toni Larfield's
- ◆ New Business:
  - Joe Harlan expressed concern that the Tell Tale may not be reaching many members
  - Jon Wilson requested members return their perpetual trophies at the next meeting.
  - Nominations are open for the 2019 Board of Directors, ballots will be distributed through MSR to be announced at the Christmas party. Below is the current list of nominations:
    - President, Jim Larfield nominated, accepted
    - Vice President, Joe Harlan, accepted
    - Race Chair, Bill Murray nominated, accepted
    - Contest Board Rep, Jon Wilson nominated
    - E Board Rep, Carl Clinton nominated
    - E Board Rep, Mike Conatore nominated
    - Communication Director, Tony Hauser, accepted
    - Membership Committee, Denny Roberts nominated, accepted
- ◆ Meeting adjourned, dang it, missed time stamp, again.

**Membership Renewal for 2019**

Join or renew online using this link: <http://msreg.com/2019TCMembership>

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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 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:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <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: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2019 ORP Instructor Training Advance Notice

From Bill Murray

Murray's rule #2: At speed the present is already history. Only the future exists. The faster you go, the farther ahead you have to think.

Rule # 3: In marriage, investing and auto racing, fortune favors those that get their information early. Keep your eyes up and your sensory inputs open.

Rule # 8: The primary function of the brain is not to think, it is to learn to master things that at speed you don't have time to think about. (B.T.W. March 2019: STAR Projects Instructor School at Oregon Raceway Park Track Office 541-333-2452, Call to get on preregistration list).

## TC Perpetual Trophy Returns Announcement

From Jon Wilson

Perpetual trophy recipients, please bring your trophy to the next general membership meeting or deliver it directly to Steve Leonard. If you are unable to deliver your trophy, call Jon Wilson at 971-219-3184 to make arrangements.

Thanks,  
Jon

## Tell Tale Reader Response Request

From TT Editor Tony Hauser

In an effort to quantify actual readership of The Tell Tale, I am requesting that each member (this means YOU) that receives this issue via email please send an email back to me at [editor@teamcontinental.com](mailto:editor@teamcontinental.com). Just place the words “got it” or “received” or something like that either in the subject line or the body of the email.

Yes, I realize that I sent the email to your address on record, but my goal here is to verify that you actually are getting the TT (and hopefully reading it). No, I’m not going to send you spam, or sell your email address to Facebook, or place you on the Elect Hillary 2020 campaign email list.

This is just the easiest way I can think of to make sure you’re getting the information you need about TC. I appreciate your participation.



## TC Christmas Potluck Announcement From The Larfields



*The holidays are here.*



### Team Continental Christmas Potluck – December 2018

Jim & Toni Larfield, 19316 Windmill Drive, Oregon City, 97045

Saturday, December 8th, 6pm to 10pm, dinner at 7PM.

Ham, Turkey, mashed potatoes and stuffing will be provided.

Bring your own beverages in addition to a side dish, salad or dessert.

If you would like to participate in the gift exchange bring a wrapped gift  
(under \$20).

RSVP: Jim Larfield at [president@teamcontinental.com](mailto:president@teamcontinental.com) or call 503-908-7790.



## Team Continental

General Membership Meeting / Elmer's Delta Park

October 18th, 2018



- ◆ Call to Order - Jim Larfield called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm  
Hint - For you speed readers you may want to skip to the Committee Report and Old/New Business
- ◆ Officer Reports
  - President - Jim Larfield, no report
  - Vice President – Joe Harlan, absent
  - Secretary – Toni Larfield, no report
  - Treasurer – Stacy Smith, absent
  - Contest Board Rep – Jon Wilson, meeting to be held Thursday, October 25, 7pm at Elmer's for rule changes to submit to conference.
  - Executive Board Rep – Michael Conatore, absent
  - Communications Director – Tony Hauser, no report
  - Driving Master - Kevin Smith, absent
  - Race Chairman - Bob Smethers, absent
- ◆ Committee Reports
  - Christmas Party-Save the date! December 8 at the Larfield's, see posting in Tell Tale
  - Banquet Committee: Shilo Inn Newport, theme is Diamonds and Denim. When requesting rooms make sure you say Team Continental.
  - Membership, Denny Roberts, it is once again time to renew your TC membership online through MSR.
  - Equipment Chair, Tony Hauser, work needed on church van, gaskets and... exhaust leak is getting worse. Wants to move van within the next 3-4 weeks, looking for space to park van while the work gets completed.
- ◆ Old Business, IRDC approved TC holding a race at The Ridge in September 2019, after much discussion and consensus of members present TC will respectfully decline the offer.

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◆ New Business:

- Please remember to bring in your perpetual trophy at the next meeting to be held Thursday, November 15.
- It is time to elect a new board! Nominations are open for the 2019 Board of Directors and committees. Please attend the next meeting, your nomination matters. History proves it is better to attend a meeting than to find yourself nominated for any number of positions!
- President, Jim Larfield nominated, thinking about it
- Secretary, Toni Larfield nominated, respectfully declined
- Race Chair, Bill Murray nominated, accepted
- Driving Master, Jon Wilson nominated, respectfully declined
- Contest Board Rep, Jon Wilson, thinking about it
- E Board Rep, Carl Clinton nominated
- E Board Rep, Mike Conatore nominated
- Communication Director, Tony Hauser, accepted
- Membership Committee, Denny Roberts nominated, accepted

Respectfully submitted by Toni Larfield

## 2019 SCCA Runoffs Videos Posted

For those of you who have not watched TC members Joe Harlan, Darren Dilley, and Gordon Jones represent TC at the 2019 runoffs, the full race videos have been posted on SCCA.COM.

Gordon Jones in HP can be found here: <https://www.scca.com/videos/2035604>

Darren Dilley in EP: <https://www.scca.com/videos/2035596>

Joe Harlan in GTL: <https://www.scca.com/videos/2035582>

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