



# Tell Tale

Updated announcements for the TC drivers training in March and ORP Instructors/workers training. Don't forget your 2019 TC dues!!!

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## Vice-President's Message

Thanks to Team Continental for the Vagabond Award! I must say 2018 was a great year for me! I was lucky enough to build a new car and win 2 Majors events in its first season. I managed to Qualify for the SCCA Runoffs and finished with a Silver medal. This all happened because of the friendship and support of many in this club! Thanks to Jon Wilson for his friendship and support, Scott and Darcy Olson for the help with the beautiful paint work, Noor Al-khazraji for sharing the spirit and laughter to remind me I do this for fun, Michael Conatore for telling me I can achieve whatever goal I set out to achieve, and Gordon Jones for being the person I would like to be some day. There are so many more.



So that was 2018 and we all know I don't stand still well! I would really like to encourage our membership to come to the General Meetings. We are working on big things for the future that will put Team Continental back on the map! A few new programs that will mean fun for every member in the club! I am committed to the idea that if we put the same level of effort into our club in 2019 we can have the kind of year I had personally last year!

Come on out and see what's going on! As your VP this is my personal invite! Call a friend and share my invite!

I am also looking for next years Banquet Chairperson! The lovely ladies that have done it so well for so long are ready to share this job with a new person.

Thank you all again for allowing me to be a member!

Joe

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## MEETINGS

### General Meeting

Thursday February 21st, 7PM

Elmer's Restaurant

9848 N Whitaker Rd, Portland, OR

### Board Meeting

Wednesday March 6th, 7PM

Elmer's Restaurant

9848 N Whitaker Rd, Portland, OR

# 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 30th, 2019.

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!

\$240—HPDE or ICSCC Sanctioned Driving School (non TC-member price)

\$210—Team Continental member price\*

\*All entrants 30 yrs of age or younger will receive a complimentary Team Continental 2019 membership, and the Team Continental member pricing of \$210.

Registrar: Toni Larfield – 503-702-1482

[dtregistrar@teamcontinental.com](mailto:dtregistrar@teamcontinental.com)

Driving Master: Lynn Coupland– 503-701-3547

[drivingmaster@teamcontinental.com](mailto:drivingmaster@teamcontinental.com)

Link to online registration: <http://msreg.com/TC-Mar2019-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 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 sessions, with a total of at 100 minutes of on-track time for each group.

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

No, each group gets four 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?**

Lunch will be provided for each paid entrant. Please bring extra drinks for the day as well to keep yourself well hydrated. Extra meals for spectators/crew may be ordered when you pre-register. All lunches need to be ordered 7 days prior to the event.

**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. Camping at the track will be allowed starting at 6PM Friday March 29<sup>th</sup>. Overnight camping will not be allowed on Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

**92 Octane Premium Unleaded Fuel is available for sale at the race track.**

## From Lynn Coupland Team Continental Driving Master



Since 1973, when I was assistant License Director for Conference, one thing you could count on was that the best novices came from Team Continental Driving Schools. TC instructors were some of the best drivers in the Northwest as well as the best party people. **Let's keep our TC traditions alive!! Support the TC Driving Schools!!**

**We need instructors for the TC Driving School on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Please consider instructing to make the day a success for our club. Just let Lynn know at ([coupland@pdx.edu](mailto:coupland@pdx.edu)) or sign up at [www.mortorsportreg.com](http://www.mortorsportreg.com). Instructors will have a group designated just for instructors. So you will have time on track with other instructors only. If you have a friend who would also be willing to instruct please make sure they sign up. If you instruct there is no fee for you at all. **Free time on track what could be better?****

Saturday March 16th Star Projects is holding their Annual instructor training seminar at O.R.P. If you have never instructed before or have never driven O.R.P. and want to instruct you might want to sign up for this event. Even if you have instructed previously it could be a good chance to get on the track earlier than all the other drivers. The format is a morning classroom session for new and returning instructors and is held in one of the O.R.P. garages. In a separate garage a training for new and returning turn workers will be held. Both groups are combined in the late morning for a hands-on fire extinguisher practice, introduction to vehicle safety systems and for driver assistance. The speaker for instructors is Mirko Freguia, professional instructor from Seattle. The on course part of the day is from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and time will be split to allow instructors to get practice both directions.

The fee is \$135 and to register call Brenda at 541-333-2452. The gate fee and lunch is included. Access to the paddock areas will be available Friday night until 10:30 for people who want to stay at the track.

If you have a friend you would like to bring to be trained as a worker please bring them along. Please let Brenda know so they can also have a free lunch and get the gate fee waived.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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:

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

## TEAM CONTINENTAL – BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 6, 2019

Location: Elmer's Restaurant, East Delta Park – Portland, OR



**BOD MEMBERS:** Jim Larfield, Don Smethers, Joe Harlan, Lynn Coupland,  
Jon Wilson, Carl Clinton, Tony Hauser, Bob Smethers

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Sonjia Smethers      **GUESTS:** Bill Murray

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by TC President, Jim Larfield; Happy Birthday to Jim L and Jon W!

Joe H – Marshal Atherton is home again and recovering; Don S – Don Shervey passed away Monday, January 28 at the age of 97, services will be this Saturday; Jon W – Fred Ankeny has been in/out of hospice care;

### OFFICER REPORTS:

**SECRETARY (Tiffany Neal):** Bob Smethers filling in for Tiffany Neal who is excused to attend night class;

**PRESIDENT (Jim Larfield):** Priority issues – resolve bank account signers and discuss banking facilities;

**TREASURER (Don Smethers):** (see handouts) – Profit & Loss statement, Balance Sheet

Reports will be reconciled with banking balances after account access is resolved;

Don has signature pages to update Umpqua Bank account signers to enable TC Treasurer access. With that, account access should be available after meeting with the bank, expect to be 2/7/19.

Next priority is to change bank services from Umpqua to Chase Bank for improved professionalism, convenience and slight improvement in Savings interest – this is a no-added-cost move;

**Motion proposed by Don/Seconded by Joe: Recommend TC General Membership approves authorization to move TC accounts from Umpqua to Chase Bank. Motion passed unanimous;**

General membership previously voted to subsidize TC Banquet fees to limit individual cost to \$25. There were 37 attendees for Banquet Sales totaled \$925, Banquet Cost totaled \$2008 including meal, bar fee and gratuity. Subsidy amount is \$1083 which will be moved from Baggs Savings Fund to checking;

TC has paid \$50 annual fee to Corporation Division with updated Officers and paid \$10 for Certificate of Existence. Don is still seeking a copy of Articles of Incorporation for Team Continental;

Taxes are completed and ready to file once check-writing is activated after this meeting. Forms to be filed are Federal Form 990-EZ (no cost) and Oregon DOJ Form CT-12 (\$32);

**BANQUET CHAIRWOMEN (Darcy Olsen, Sonjia Smethers):** (see handout) – Hallmark Dates & Rates 2020

Sonjia presented a selection of price quotes at Hallmark Newport in January 2020 for discussion. TC BOD recommends date of Jan 24-26, 2020 for TC General Membership approval. Lynn extended thanks to Sonjia & Darcy – we had a great time and our hostesses did a great job! Sonjia expressed appreciation to the following:

Thanks to Jon & Cynthia for the Friday evening margaritas and lemon drops!

Thanks to Darcy & Scott for the wonderful Saturday morning breakfast!

Thanks to Don Crawford & Gail Kovacs for the Saturday afternoon wine tasting!

Special Thanks to Steve & Jon for their great presentation of trophies in such a confined space!



VICE PRESIDENT (Joe Harlan): TC Bylaws discussion – need to plan bylaws committee meeting date(s);

CONTEST BOARD REP (Jon Wilson): no report;

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR (Tony Hauser): Is email forwarding updated and working correctly? A couple had recently bounced to Jim L from Don S. Lynn's new email address is Coupland @pdx.edu;

TELLTALE EDITOR (Tony Hauser):

General Meeting date: Thursday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at Elmer's Delta Park. TellTale submittals due Saturday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>;

RACE CHAIRMAN (Bob Smethers): no report;

DRIVING MASTER (Lynn Coupland): (see handout) – As of yesterday, Lynn is an Administrator on MSR. Driver Training flyer has been generated – copies will be available and printed in next TellTale, blanket email notifications will be sent through MSR. The following personnel have volunteered to assist with the school:

- Bill Harris (Assistant Driving Master) will handle on-track incidents and driver counseling;
- Tech & Safety Inspectors are Rob & John Rissberger;
- Pregrid will be staffed by Eric Howell with possible assistance from Linda Blackburn;

Ground School Instructors will be Steve Clinton, Bill Murray, Jim Larfield, Joe Harlan and Jon Wilson;

We currently have 4 instructors registered, 12 students + 7 first-timer students. Track rental cost is \$2250, down payment is 25% and is DUE NOW. Don expressed his appreciation to Toni L (Registrar) and Stacey S (Asst Registrar) for processing incoming payments at the track day of event. Don will handle all payouts.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REP (Carl Clinton): no report; Clintons will return from vacation for the March DT;

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR (Dennis Roberts): not present, no report;

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TROPHY COMMITTEE (Jon W and Steve L): Costs for engraving increased, some TC trophy recipients were not present to receive their recognition. TC Vagabond Trophy, earned by Joe Harlan, was presented tonight!

PICNIC CHAIRMAN (Bob Smethers): TC has a \$275 credit with Pats Acres. Contact Bob to recommend date to hold a karting track session activity. \$25 per session fee will reimburse TC for previous picnic expense.

**NEW BUSINESS:** President Jim returned to our high priority topic for discussion – What is the future for Team Continental? TC needs to decide whether to host races, host driver trainings only with no races, or turn our wheels in a completely new & innovative direction. We need to put ideas together to define a plan of action.

Vice President Joe initiated discussion for TC to host Time Trial events. These are not wheel-to-wheel racing sessions but rather competition for best lap time. This concept is the fastest-growing group in the country whereby participants can utilize street cars. Group configurations could include Novice with limited point-by and an Unlimited group with passing anywhere. No physical is required, instructors would be available and initial TC club membership could be provided no charge. Our first event could use ORP South Loop with 3 groups throughout the day. A single-day format could feature a



school group and Time Trial group to run concurrently. For reference, a full set of rules for comparison is on SCCA web site. The industry standard has been developed and insurance is expected to be covered through standard ICSCC policy. TC could be "Time Trial club of the northwest", ORP could be the finest time trial track available. Per Jim – We could target auto-crossers & hill-climbers from a projected customer base to include Bend, Redmond and Tri-Cities areas.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Jon W asked whether we should re-address changing meeting date/locations. Jim L requested each BOD member provide input for a 10-question TC Membership survey to solicit feedback and preferences;

**Motion** to adjourn (consensus), **Motion passed** (unanimous), meeting adjourned 9:12pm;

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Smethers, acting TC Secretary

### TC 2018 PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS

Submitted by Jon Wilson



Driver of the Year	Gordon Jones
Victory Cup	Kevin Smith
Competitors Trophy	Jon Wilson
Vagabond	Joe Harlan
Crash and Burn	Gordon Jones
Hard Luck	Team Dilley
George Brockbank Memorial	Noor Al-Khazraji
Outstanding Member	Tony Hauser
James Maloney Memorial	Steve Clinton
Course Master	Jim Larfield
Waving Flag	Eric Howell
Gordon Scott Memorial	Dennis Roberts
Instructor of the Year	Steve Lovejoy
Far Horizons	Skip Yocom
Gary Pazina Memorial	Toni Larfield



At left, Steve Lovejoy receives the very cool Instructor of the Year trophy at the TC awards banquet at the Shilo Inn in Newport last month.



## O.R.P. Club Members, Returning Instructors and Instructor Applicants

Our 2019 Annual Instructor training at O.R.P. will be held Saturday March 16th

*Our Guest Speaker this year will be Professional Driving Coach and Instructor Mirko Freguia.*

### *So why do I want to do this?*

- Instructing is fun and often a great learning experience as well.
- Learn effective instructing techniques from your peers in the driving instructor community.
- The entry fee includes 4 hours of track time to hone the rough edges of the "off season" and a chance to test those vehicle modifications made over the winter.
- The driving portion of the day helps us train our turn workers and response personnel.
- During O.R.P.C. Days (and many other events) if a car on course is to be occupied by more than one person, one of them must be an instructor. (When you bring guests you can instruct your friends).
- If you instruct for a STAR Projects event you get paid.
- Your registration fee is only \$135.00 and includes lunch, and an afternoon of open track.

Attendance at our Spring Instructor Seminar is not a guarantee that you will be accepted to serve as an instructor, but it does carry significant weight in the vetting process. If you have not already submitted the information requested below, please send a brief overview of your driving history.

Please include:

- A list of vehicles, tracks, and years you have been involved with performance driving.
- Competition Licenses you hold or have held (if any).
- Racing experience (if any) significant wins or championships won (if any).
- Driving schools or instructor trainings you have taken.
- Any coaching or instructing experience you have been involved with (motorsports related or other).
- Any pertinent information that would help us determine your qualification and most effective placement as an instructor.
- Send us your favorite selfie to add to our file.

Don't be reluctant to sign up if your list of accomplishments is underwhelming, all instructors started somewhere.

**Advance registration required. Please call myself or Brenda if you have questions.**

Bill Murray  
Operations Manager  
503-358-2617 - 10:00 a.m. to midnight.

Brenda Piki  
Track Office Manager  
541-333-2452

P.S. Got a friend that would like to be a course worker? Watch races and get paid too? Sign them up today and bring them with you. Our staff training coincides with the Instructor School and registration for worker candidates is free.....Call Brenda for details.



This year our Annual Instructor Training at Oregon Raceway Park will be Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>. The fee is \$135.00 and includes the morning classroom, the gate fee, lunch, and afternoon on track. We will need to have your driving history on file. Registration is through the Track Office: Brenda: 541-333-2542.

**Over 80 % Team Continental content, and proud of it.**



STAR Projects Instructors during a private event at O.R.P. in August 2016:

L. to R: John Bachofner, Tony Hauser, Jack Steiger, Ronnie Swyers, Neil Bradley, Bill Murray Sr., Roman Brent, Gator Hudson, Morgan Smith, Bill Murray Jr., Ben Weaver, Colin Waltz, Brian Bogdon.

Not pictured: Austin Smith, Kyle Nadeau, Duane Starr.

## Donald Rudell Shervey

NOVEMBER 25, 1921 – JANUARY 28, 2019

Donald Rudell Shervey, age 97, of Vancouver, Washington, passed away on Monday, January 28, 2019. Don was born November 25, 1921 in Columbus, North Dakota to Severin and Ovedia Shervey. He was the oldest of five children. Don made the best of living so far north and spent his time skiing and ice skating. He and his friends had their fun together, occasionally hopping trains. When Don was in his early twenties the family moved to the St Johns Woods of Portland, Oregon, where work was plentiful in the shipyards.

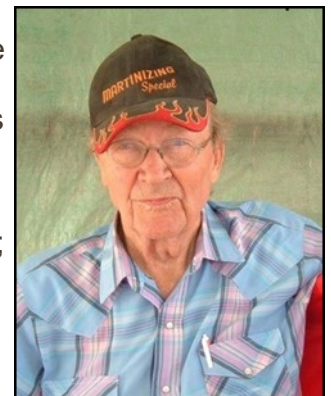


Don enlisted in the Army in 1942. He was sent to Normandy during WWII and served various campaigns throughout Europe, earning him a Bronze Star. He went on to attend college in Germany studying Mechanics. Donald also saw combat in the Korean War.

Upon returning to the States, Don secured work in the log mills. After working for some time within that industry he made the switch to working for Multnomah County. He started as a painter and worked his way up to Painting Supervisor/Inspector. He worked for the county until his retirement.



In 1959 Don joined the Cascade Sports Car Club and ended up being a lifetime member. He was also member of the Continental Team. Don participated in many Rose Cups and had a hand in starting the Portland International Raceway in what was the Vanport neighborhood or Portland. Don drove in the Rose Parade and St Johns Parade. His name is recorded in Historical Racing of Portland. He won many awards for racing, including the Northwest Champion B Improved Production. At the age of 90 he traveled to Indianapolis to drive the Indy car track. His car wouldn't start at the beginning of the race. It finally started when the others were about  $\frac{3}{4}$  around the track. He caught up to the back of the pack going 180 mph and was the oldest driver to top that speed in history! Of course Don was in many accidents, but Don's explanation... they were never his fault.



Don was the father of 10 children. Donny, Linda, Gary, Wayne, Randy & Ronda; Dennis, Debbie, Curtis, and Dawn; fourteen grandchildren, thirty four great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren, the newest born Christmas Day 2018.

Don really enjoyed life to the fullest. He loved ballroom dancing. If he wasn't working on cars in the backyard or out driving, he was having a blast dancing. He also went to many swap meets. Don was also a talented artist; drawing being his strong suit. He was always doodling something!

**So much for the official obit. Next month in the Tell Tale: "What I remember about Don Shervey" Send me your thoughts and I will add them to our remembrance of our teammate. Bill Murray [mastermechanic05@comcast.net](mailto:mastermechanic05@comcast.net) 503-258-2617**

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Send your business card to the Tell Tale editor. We will publish it so other club members know what it is you do to support your habit and they can refer you additional business.



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