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Tell Tale

**Announcements for Bylaws meeting and Rule Change submissions. October TTT is now a go!!!
Next general meeting at Buster's BBQ on the 21st.**

August 2019

President's Message

Greetings TC

Our Aug. Track Time Trials is now in the books and man it was great to see the smiling faces of our participants. While we had a minor hiccup with timing in the morning it was nothing for our ace in timing, Don Smethers, to figure out and get us back on track in no time at all. Other than that, everything seemed to go smoothly even flat towing Noor in after spinning in turn 3 and causing a black flag all. But that's another story. One of the things we did differently from driver's training was having a coach's meeting after every group session. This really opened up interactions between drivers which seemed to make for more cooperation on track. Unfortunately, I had to leave early to attend a niece's wedding and wasn't able to see the trophy presentation but from what I was told it was a big hit with our participants. From the responses I have gotten they can't wait for the next one.

While we may not have had the entries we needed to make it a financial success it was a huge success in the way it was run and in our participants' eyes. Conference president Rick Bostrom was in attendance and in one of my conversations with him he mentioned how he liked how professional our event was being run. Well duh we know what we are doing!! So, on the success of a well-run and well received inaugural Track Time Trials, the Team Continental board has voted to continue on to build on this momentum by hosting the next event Sat. Oct 5, at ORP.

TC'ers, your club needs your help for these events to be successful \$\$ - we need your entries in the Track Time Trials. I'm proposing a TC Challenge. Who is the fastest?? The format is yet to be determined but I envision a system based on improved time throughout the day. Who's in!!!

Remember the general membership meeting has been moved to Buster's Barbeque in Tigard. Hope to see you there, Wed. Aug 21, 7pm.

Jim



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MEETINGS

General Meeting

WEDNESDAY! August 21st, 7PM

Buster's Texas BBQ

11419 SW Pacific HWY, Portland, OR

Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 4th, 7PM

Tentative: Elmer's Restaurant

9848 N Whitaker Rd, Portland, OR

Announcement may be forthcoming regarding a venue change for the next Board meeting

TEAM CONTINENTAL – GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 17, 2019

NEW Location: Busters BBQ – Tigard, OR

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS: Sabrina (Dennis Roberts Grand Daughter), Holly Remington

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by TC President, Jim Larfield; Everybody is welcome to TC BOD meetings

OFFICER REPORTS:

PRESIDENT (Jim Larfield): was present at yesterday's Track Time Trials committee meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT (Joe Harlan): By-Laws committee meeting tentatively planned for August – looking forward to seeing everybody at our Track Time Trials Event.

SECRETARY (Tiffany Neal): not present, no report

TREASURER (Don Smethers): (see handout) – paper report is not actually required, all outstanding checks have cleared, CD interest: \$355 since April. 2019 event Insurance has been paid to ICSCC. Don insured the TC owned computers.

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR (Tony Hauser): not present, no report

CONTEST BOARD REP (Jon Wilson): no report

DRIVING MASTER (Lynn Coupland): Lynn was asked for Instructors at upcoming Track Time Trials in case of desperate need at the event.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REP (Carl Clinton): not present, no report

TRACK TIME TRIALS EVENT CHAIRMAN (Bob Smethers): The Event Committee held a meeting yesterday at Busters and have resolved several open issues in preparation for our August 3rd event at ORP. Joe has boosted FB readership, over 100+ new page looks. Recommend all

Members navigate to TC FB page, select “Invite Your Friends”.

BS Break – Scott O – attended SOVREN vintage race in Seattle with old FF, hadn’t been to the track in 20+ years. 4 racers driving 1969 Titans totally whipped him, Scott returned home extremely humbled. Apparently, contact is not completely discouraged – every lap there was another couple cars retired with contact. Scott saved an almost spin inside another competitor inside turn# 2. Bill H – SRF competitors avoid SIR/PR due to susceptibility for serious body damage. Bill C, Jim L – reminisce about the early days at SIR; Joe H – 1983 TransAm parade lap with all drivers in T-tops. Don S – new hook in front straight is exciting at F&C station Turn10, especially as blue flagger.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP (Dennis Roberts): 85 current members, will be gone on annual trip to Minnesota 5 weeks.

BANQUET CHAIRWOMAN (Sonjia Smethers): if anybody needs assistance with MSR, need counts as soon as possible; Assistants include Dee, Toni and Lynn – Bob will help close doors at end of evenings.

SPIRITUAL LEADER (Jon W): at Rose Cup weekend, met up with Jay Culbertson – says hi to everybody!. Jon collecting names for attending Members wearing TC colors – drawing winner for TC T-shirt: Carol Harris won the “I survived A TC Event”; Jim Larfield was the winner of Summit Racing hat provided by TopTech Motorsports, complete with Joe Harlan DNA;

BS Break – Jim L – recounted the recent story with meat ball flag for tire rub into Turn 1, another meat ball flag in subsequent session. Turned out the pan-hard rod was cracked, had broken off at the welds. Joe H – after crashing the previous car, nobody reported driver status to then-Wife. Agreement going forward was to have radios. Put out the burning grass but forgot to disconnect radio harness. Bill Forest – shared pictures of early PIR pics, including 1949 MG TC driven by Norm Creitz

PICNIC CHAIRMAN (Bob Smethers): see picnic report in latest Tell Tale – thanks to everyone who attended!

OLD BUSINESS: (none)

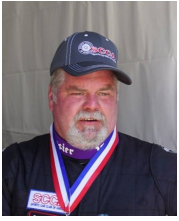
NEW BUSINESS: (none)

Motion to adjourn (consensus), **Motion passed** (unanimous), meeting adjourned 8:03pm;

BS & BONER DISCUSSIONS:

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Smethers, acting TC Secretary



Message from the VP,

8/8/2019

Good day!

Sorry I missed my message in July so the August message will be a little long. Since my last posting I personally have been major busy with life and hobby. We as a club have been up to some really great things and we look forward to more! I need take a moment to express thanks to the BOD for standing behind the vision of Team Continental's new program of Bracket Track Trials. I also need to express thanks to the hard work of the committee that spent so much time developing this program creating a rules package and getting it through the ICSCC governing body. Jim Lairfield, Bob Smethers, Jon Wilson, Carl Clinton and Myself all have spent countless hours on this program.

One of the most difficult things about being a club member is finding the balance between life, club, and family. For a lot of us the club is extended family with all kinds of different personalities, attitudes, and opinions. In my mind the purpose of being in a club is to have fun and enjoy life and hobby as a common group. We as a group need to work together to grow this club and those duties cannot be left to just a few. As club members we value your company and your input. Our monthly meetings are a place to share stories, tell lies, give advice, buy a car or what ever floats your boat.

Bracket Track Trails is a major hit. The feedback from the group that participated was actually beyond my expectations. We had several people by mid-day switch from HPDE to the bracket group because they saw how much fun was being had. Honestly this program will be the best thing this club can do to bring new blood and members to motorsports in general! This was a TC kind of FUN event and in my opinion was the most fun you could have with your clothes on! I would encourage everyone to join us for our Oct 5th event!

I will ask your help on one more project. Getting the word out about our club. Social Media is the best format we have. If you have not been please go check out our Webpage <http://www.teamcontinental.com> and like and invite your friends on Facebook. We have live streaming video and information to enjoy in both of these places!

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

Joe

Team Continental Track Time Trials and Driver's Training

On the heels of a fun inaugural Track Time Trials

Team Continental is pleased to announce our next event

Sat. October 5th, at Oregon Raceway Park

For this event we are including a full driver's training

We will be using the South Loop in the counterclockwise direction

Many feel this direction on the South Loop flows the best of all the configurations at ORP

Come join us for what should be a fun day as we build momentum into turning this into a series next year

Lunch will be available for pre-purchase at the time of registration

At the end of the day we will have a trophy presentation for the top 3 in each bracket and

A pizza feed for **all participants**

See you there

www.motorsportreg.com/events/team-continental-track-time-trials-hpde-oregon-raceway-park-tc-187137

CONTEST BOARD RULE PROPOSALS SUBMISSIONS

To: All Team Continental Racers

From: Jon Wilson, Contest Board Rep

Hello team -

It is time to submit rule proposals to the Contest Board.

Please send proposals to me at jonwils72@gmail.com by August 23.

For your convenience, I will accept proposals in person at the bylaws meeting August 19th and the general membership meeting August 21st.

Please submit proposals in the approved ICSCC format.

The ICSCC format instructions can be found here: https://www.icscc.com/references/rule_change_proposal_guidelines.pdf.

A printable form can be found here: https://www.icscc.com/forms/rule_change_blank.pdf,

Feel free to call (971-219-3184) or email if you have any questions or concerns.

Looking forward to your input.

BYLAWS PROPOSALS MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

From: VP Joe Harlan

There will be a Bylaws proposal meeting Monday, Aug. 19, at 6:30 pm at Famous Dave's BBQ, 7121 Nyberg Street in Tualatin.

TEAM CONTINENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 7, 2019

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



Meeting called to order by President Jim Larfield at 7:12pm

Introduction of Lynn Coupland's guests Shunta & Mariko Inatsugu, visiting from Japan.

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT – Jim sent thank you emails to participants of our August 3rd inaugural Time Trial event. Feedback is positive and there is anticipation for October. Jim also thanked TC members who volunteered and or participated.

VICE PRESIDENT – Joe will have Tony send out a meeting announcement for By-Laws Committee

TREASURER – Don provided financials

SECRETARY – Absent no report

DRIVING MASTER – Requests from August 3rd is that novice drivers would appreciate in depth instruction/training (school). Joe Harlan will reach out to Conference about the possibility of adding a training session with time trials.

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR – No report

CONTEST BOARD – No report

TIME TRIALS EVENT CHAIR – Thanked everyone including ORP staff. Kudo's to everyone for a job well done. Only 1 incident occurred that required a flat tow.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

General discussion voted on and accepted that we would host an October 5th Time Trials at ORP.

There is some discussion of moving the board meeting to the Wild Hare in Oregon City, Jim will research and keep ALL OF US posted no later than Monday, August 12th.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Toni Larfield, acting Secretary

South of the Border

Team Continental Banquet

January 24 – 26, 2020

Hallmark Resort Newport

Room Reservations 1-855-391-2484

Identify yourself as Team Continental

For rates quoted below by

December 24th, 2019

Fiesta Grande Buffet

\$37. incl gratuity

SW Green Salad

Warm Flour & Corn Tortillas

Spanish Rice

Refried Beans

Cheese Enchiladas

Pork Carnitas

Panko Breaded Catch of the day

Shredded Cabbage & Cheese

Sour Cream & Pico De Gallo

Please register through MSR for Dinner Reservations – pay at the banquet or thru MSR

GROUP ROOM RATE:

Please contact The Hallmark for room reservations

Room Type	Rate	Fri 1/24/20	Sat 1/25/20	Sun 1/26/20
Traditional One Queen Guestroom	\$ 109	15	15	checkout
Traditional Two Queen Guestroom	\$ 129	Optional	Optional	checkout
Limited Edition Two Queen Guestroom	\$ 144	10	10	checkout
Limited Edition King Spa Guestroom	\$ 144	5	5	checkout
Admiral Suites #548 & #549	\$ 199	2	2	checkout
Ward Room	Comp	1	1	checkout
TOTAL		33	33	0

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For any questions please contact Sonjia 503-310-8511

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(Open practice for those not entered in the race) is \$260.00. 2nd driver same car \$195.00. Roll bar rules will apply to cars with removable tops.

All vehicles will be single occupancy. Exception will be made for STAR instructors only. If you would like to hire an instructor / driving coach, the fee (team or individual) is \$220.00. Arrangements must be made in advance.

Friday Lunch is included with your entry and will be served in the Club Garage. (Just maybe the best track food you ever had). All registered Drivers are included. Additional Guests and Crew \$12.50 each. Please make reservations in advance. There are few other food options available in the County.

Practice Day Questions:
Bill Murray, Event Coordinator
503-358-2617 - 10 a.m. to Midnight.
Registration Questions: Marla
503-901-7661.
starprojectsevents@gmail.com
Pre registration Track Office:
Brenda 541-333-2452

Attention Lucky Dog Teams and Track Day Drivers

Registration is now open for
Friday, September 13th, 2019
Registration closes Wednesday, September 11th

**The number of vehicles accepted will be limited.
Early sign up is encouraged !**

For team discount pricing you must be entered in the September 14 / 15th "Lucky Dog Days of Summer" event at Oregon Raceway Park. Race Car rentals are available for this event by prior arrangement. Gates will be open Thursday evening until sundown.

7:00 a.m. Friday Gates Open: Driver check in at track office.

8:30 a.m. Driver's meeting (mandatory).

9:00 a.m. Motorized track tour followed by open track until noon.

12:00 Cold track / Lunch served (see note)

1:00 p.m. Open Practice.

5:00 p.m. Checkered flag.

For further race details and entry information.

Please contact Cathy at Lucky Dog Racing League

www.racelucky.com



As an accommodation to those Lucky Dog Teams who are only entered in the Race, access will be allowed for move in, set up and tech, however those entered in the Practice event will have priority on Friday.

Fueling practice is encouraged in the Hot Pits. 92 Octane Fuel is available at the track and is Non-Ethanol and Gluten Free @ \$5.50 gal. Smoking at this event is restricted to the designated "Smoking Box" only.

This practice / track day is organized and presented by STAR Projects Events. We strive to make racing safe, fun, cheap and easy. To do that sometimes we need to change rules, schedules, track directions and generally make it up as we go along. Whining is not allowed. All decisions of the Event Coordinator will be final unless changed.



Be advised! Please be prepared to pay the \$5.00 per person daily gate fee upon arrival. Annual gate passes are available for \$25.00 through the track office.

Camping is free and the showers are top notch. Gates will be open until 10:00 p.m., Thursday for move in.

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Team Continental Membership Application/Renewal

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Home Phone: _____-_____-_____ Work Phone: _____-_____-_____

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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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☐ Banquet Chairman
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Please present this completed form to the TC Membership Chairman or send it to:
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Please include the \$45.00 membership fee along with your application/renewal.

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