

Tell Tale

Our first event at ORP is only 6 weeks away! Join our new Board at Busters BBQ this Wed. night. There may be a prize or two given away!

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President's Message

Submitted by Steve Leonard

I never dreamed after serving as TC President in 1997 that the opportunity would come my way again. I was honored then as I am now. The membership must have forgotten that I'm the only member to be thrown out of Driver's Training and go on to race and have several TC BOD jobs. I suspect as our group ages we forget stuff like that, thank goodness.



February 2020

I remember the first action I took back then was to cancel the crab feed in favor of cheap pizza... TC was so broke in those days that we couldn't even pay attention! But this year was the best crab I've ever tasted. Along the crab story line, thank you Eric Howell for buying the last crab for me to take home.

The banquet was well attended and organized to perfection. Thank you Sonjia Smethers for organizing a great event and taking care of securing the dates January 22-24, 2021, at the Hallmark. So far, Sonjia has resisted my attempts convince her to be in charge for the next extravaganza at the beach, therefore if you're interested please let me know. Sonjia also educated me that it takes at least 3 people to put on the event, so don't be shy.

Thank you also to Don Crawford and Gayle Kovacs for 20 years of the always popular wine tasting, Darcey and Scott Olsen for excellent breakfast and running the Hospitality suite and to Jon Wilson for doing 99% of the work over many years making sure the various trophies are beautiful, names are correct, and schlepping them around for months in preparation for the banquet. And Noor it was great to see you there to collect the "engine block". As I listened to the various shenanigans you're credited with it gave me confidence for TC to be the best racing club for many years to come.

A big "Get Well Soon" to 2020 Driving Master Lynn Coupland. I talked with her recently and she's making steady progress and is scheduled to go home 2/18. She is scheming to attend our first TT event 3/28 at ORP. I told her that looking at the gang of scoundrels elected that make up the BOD we really need her as the voice of reason!

For, at least, February, the General meeting will be at Buster's Tigard. Suggestions for a new and bigger location (great problem to have btw) are welcome. Not sure about location of BOD meetings yet but we'll keep you posted. Thanks to Secretary Steve Adams, the details of the General and BOD meetings are accurate and complete and by reading the Tell Tale we're all informed and up to speed.

Jim Larfield is filling in for Lynn and needs volunteers to staff the March and April TTT events at ORP. Please contact him directly.

I joined TC it because I wanted to join the best racing club and then, as now, it remains the BEST! TC is developing the very promising TTT program to make this sport we all love much more accessible to future racer's, club members, etc. It's the best idea I've ever heard to ensure our future and I encourage you to get involved now!!!

Formerly incontinent, now very Continental,

Steve Leonard

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MEETINGS

General Meeting

Wednesday, February 19th, 7PM Buster's Texas BBQ 11419 SW Pacific HWY, Portland, OR

> Board Meeting Wednesday, March 4th, 7PM TBD

Gary Bockman Memorial Service Announcement

It has been suggested that TC members planning to attend should wear their TC jackets as a sign of respect.







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TELL TALE 4

TC General Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Secretary Steve Adams

Date: January 26, 2020

Location: Hallmark Resort Newport, TC Hospitality Room, Newport, OR

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by TC President Steve Leonard

OFFICER REPORTS:

PRESIDENT (Steve Leonard): Motion for Sonjia Smethers to renew a date and negotiate the costs for the 2020 Team Continental Banquet to be held at The Hallmark Inn, Newport, OR. Motion was seconded. **Motion passed**, (unanimous).

Motion for Sonjia Smethers to identify possible optional banquet dates available in January and February with the Hallmark Banquet Director. She will submit the prospective dates at the February TC Board Meeting. Motion was seconded. **Motion passed**, (unanimous).

Steve Leonard requested Bob Smethers secure the Busters Barbeque banquet room for general meetings and board meeting as soon as possible for February. Board Meeting will be held 1st Wednesday of the month. General Meeting will be held the 3rd Wednesday of the month until further notice.

VICE PRESIDENT (Bill Murray): No report.

SECRETARY (Steve Adams): New meetings will be recorded and submitted in a general written report format to fulfill the TC General Meeting Minutes.

TREASURER (Don Smethers): Submitted Team Continental 2020 January Financial Report. Report is on file and available upon request.

Taxes have been signed and are ready to be submitted. This year's Team Continental Banquet was not subsidized by the club and was made possible by Sonjia's good negotiations skills for a better dinner entree selection and overall banquet cost for the club event. Thank you, Sonjia!

MEMBERSHIP (Dennis Roberts): 1New member, Steve's wife. Linda Howe is back as a reactivated member. Bill Harris has signed up 2 grand kids for TC memberships.



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We currently have 54 paid members in good standing. Steve Leonard asked how many members we ended up with for 2019? Response: we had 88 members total.

Question was asked if we had a current membership roster? Response: no roster currently due to Privacy and Security information acts. A Board committee will work on a hard copy for the membership to reference upon request.

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR (Bob Smethers): Sent an email for General Meeting Template to new acting secretary Steve Adams.

Kevin Smith has agreed to fill the position of Webmaster for Team Continental's webpage.

We need to approve a budget \$580.00 for the 2020 Team Continental webpage renewal.

A motion was made to approve the \$580.00 for the 2020 Team Continental webpage renewal. Motion was seconded. **Motion passed**, (unanimous).

Bob also requested an additional \$10.00 dollars per month for 2020 Team Continental webpage security fee.

Tony Hauser will be the TC Tell Tale Editor for 2020. Reminder to send all communications info. and pictures in as early as possible to be published in the new month's Tell Tale.

Joe Harlan will be administrating the advertising and marketing for the March and April 2020 TC Drivers Training events and Track Time Trial events.

Bob is preparing a budget to submit to the board meeting in February.

Bob announced he will be working on a special project to preserve the Tell-Tale documents from the mid-1980s by digitally remastering and preserving them for access in the TC website for the TC club historical file.

DRIVING MASTER (Lynn Coupland): Absent, No Report currently.

TRACK EVENT CHAIR (Jim Larfield): We have our new ORP March drivers training and timed event website online and we have received 2 entries at this time. Jim will be recruiting for volunteers to help and fulfill track operations positions for the March ORP event.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REP (Joe Harlan): No report.

RACE CHAIRMAN (Bob Smethers): No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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CONTEST BOARD REP (Jon Wilson): No report.

PICNIC CHAIRMAN (Bob Smethers): 2020 Picnic tentatively planned for Saturday, June 29th at Pat's Acres.

BANQUET CHAIRWOMEN: ()MERCHANDISE (Darcy Olsen):WEBMASTER (Kevin Smith):MERCHANDISE (Darcy Olsen):CHRISTMAS PARTY ():TROPHY CHAIRMAN: ()SPIRITUAL LEADER ():COMPETITION COMMITTEE ():ROD REP ():HISTORIAN (Jon Wilson and Bill Murray):EQUIPMENT CHAIRMAN (Tony Hauser): (Tony is no longer the Equipment Chair—ed.)

OLD BUSINESS: No old business currently.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steve Leonard raised the questions as to where we would like to have the TC General Meeting location? What are we looking for? Discussion was active to identify a possible alternative location. Elmer's Restaurant at SE Mall 205 was suggested.

Steve Leonard entertained a discussion for Team Continental's future direction to increase membership and club revenue from our new Track Time Trials. The general meeting consensus was to continue holding driver's training and TTT events at ORP for 2020.

Joe Harlan reported on the successes of the driver's training and Track Time Trial events at ORP. Joe informed and educated members on the advertising, technical, and mechanical operational aspects of the TTT events and how well they have successfully performed for the club.

Joe shared the new outside interest numbers in the TC club events. Joe has had about 150 people interested in the TTT events. He provided TC facebook page interest of between 8 and 15k hits a month. The Buzz is getting around and the TC club made a big investment in 2019 to get the events started and operational at ORP.

Joe announced a new concept that could be good for TC and Conference racing would be to attract people to a new entry-level program. It would start with the possibility of expanding the boundaries for hosting TTT events. We might be able to get the interest of other clubs to hold an event at other tracks and to create a TTT event series at 4 other tracks. The overall outcome would grow membership in Team Continental and Conference. Joe indicated that he got a decent reception and interest from two of the other clubs and the current Conference President. Joe feels that, with this new concept, TC could take the lead on who grows club racing membership and Conference racing events in the northwest. Conference currently has only 300 licensed race

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drivers. Joe indicated times are tough for everybody in the racing communities and we need to identify the "really cool" programs that are helping us the most.

Duane Starr mentioned he is willing to be our Membership and Track Event TC ambassador for Central Oregon.

Bill Murray elaborated on the concept of customer retention and TC membership recruitment opportunities. He would like to see the TC picnic be more related to a club driving event and have a nice picnic afterwards to celebrate the day.

Bill Murray quoted the great sage and wise man, Jon Wilson, who once said "The reason we race cars is so we have something to talk about when we sit around and drink beer." I could not agree more. Thanks Jon for your legendary TC quotes!

President's Closing Message: "Anything that gives the club a shot to continue into the future and builds new members is good for the club."

Steve would like to see the possibility of a chapter of TC to start in Central Oregon with people who would like to be a part of a racing organization and host events rather than just being customers of our club. Duane Starr and Steve Leonard have had discussions about the possibility of expanding Team Continental into Central Oregon. Further discussions will be continued at the board meeting. Stay tuned for any new updates and developments as they become available. Discussion was entertained to partner with other clubs in Central Oregon and Washington Tri-Cities.

President Steve Leonard Motion to adjourn (consensus), **Motion passed** (unanimous), meeting adjourned 1:00 pm

BS & BONER DISCUSSIONS: No boner candidates announced at this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Steve Adams, TC Secretary

Name That Vintage TC Member

Submitted by Bill Murray, TC Historian



HINTS: Exploiting a loophole in the rules of the period, this member earned his S.C.C.A. national license at 16 so he could race I.C.S.C.C. before he was 18 and learned to like Canadian beer at an early age.

A prize of unspeakable value will be handed out at the next meeting for the first with the right answer.

Bill Murray T.C. Historian







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

Our 2020 Annual Instructor training at O.R.P. will be held Saturday March 14th

Our Guest Speaker this year: To be determined

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 \$150.00 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 Pikl 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.



TACO BOUT A PARTY!!

It was great to see everyone again this year!

We're sending mucho thanks to everyone who contributed so much to make this year's banquet weekend a success.

A special thanks to those that stayed & packed up for those of us who left early.

Cheers to you all for another year of racing & ORP Time Trials.

The 2021 banquet will back at the Hallmark. We're looking at January 22-23-24.

OLE!! Sonjia & Crew

January 2020 TC Banquet Photos

Submitted by John Rissberger, Sonjia Smethers, Bob Smethers, and Michelle Lovejoy









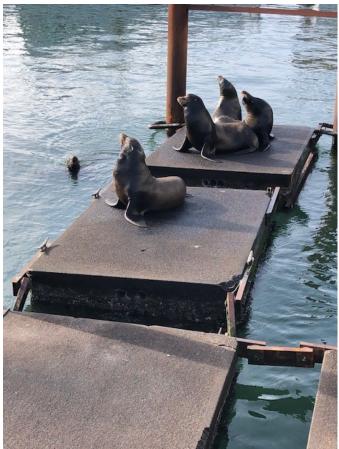
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TELL TALE 11









February TC Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Secretary Steve Adams

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS: Jon Wilson, Sonjia Smethers, Holly and Rick F.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by TC President Steve Leonard;

ATTENDANCE: Steve Leonard, Bob Smethers, Don Smethers, Sonjia Smethers, Jim Larfield, Steve Adams, Joe Harlan

OFFICER REPORTS:

PRESIDENT (Steve Leonard):

Steve wanted to say he joined TEAM CONTINENTAL because it was a racing club.

Steve wanted to have open discussion for proposed location to have our board meetings and our general meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT (Bill Murray): No Report.

SECRETARY (Steve Adams): Board Meetings will be recorded and submitted in a general written report format to fulfill the TC Board Meeting Minutes. The January General Meeting Minutes were summited to Tony Hauser and will be published in the Tell Tale.

TREASURER (Don Smethers): Submitted Team Continental 2020 January Financial Report. Report is on file and available upon request.

Taxes have been signed and submitted.

This year's Team Continental Banquet was not subsidized by the club and was made possible by Sonjia's good negotiating skills for a better dinner entree selection and overall banquet cost for the club event. Thank you, Sonjia! The Banquet cost came to \$3,200.00

The CD that we started 10 months ago on 4-1-19 has earned \$1,036.08.

A payment of \$2,500 from ICSCC Race Promotion has been deposited in the TC account.

We discussed leaving Jim, Joe, and Don as the TC account signers at this time. No need for any changes currently. Motion was brought up and all were in favor. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP (Dennis Roberts): Absent, No Report.



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DRIVING MASTER (Lynn Coupland): Absent, no report.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REP (Joe Harlan): Canadian race clubs are going to provide their own CASC insurance this year. SCCBC is going to provide \$450.00 to \$500.00 dollars to the Conference race pool fund. SCCBC is going to hold one Conference race for 2020.

The race licensing and physical requirements are still on hold.

Cascade is lobbying very hard for an enduro license that wouldn't require standard physicals and licensing. Cascade is trying to compete with the Lucky Dog Racing events?

Conference race forms are now posted on the website and the medical form is still the same.

Lucky Dog does not provide participant insurance for the drivers or workers. So, you need to provide your own medical insurance for their race events. That's how they get away with the lower level of insurance that they are paying for their race events.

Joe indicated that we have lower interest in conference racing due to reduced driver's training events. Joe proposed a new idea at the Conference Board Meeting that we take TC's new time trials program on the road to other race tracks, like Pacific, The Ridge, PIR, and have the final time trial event at ORP to finish out the season. Joe indicated he didn't get a hard no from any of the other board members.

Joe recommended we give up trying to hold a race at ORP but continue lobbying to hold driver's training and, possibly, our new TTT events at PIR. This would be a great opportunity for TC, as well as Conference, to get exposure and increase racing opportunities in the NW.

Joe indicated that trying to combine a time trial event with a race weekend event would not work due to limited track time. It was outlined that it takes approximately 15 to 20 "club volunteers" to put on a time trial event at ORP and other tracks alike.

Joe was approached by Northwest Region about renting radios for The Ridge race. Their normal rental radio supplier is going to Spokane for an event that weekend (first weekend in June). They would like to rent TC's radios to support their SCCA race event at The Ridge. Joe would request we get honorable mention for supporting the race communications that SCCA race weekend.

TC has approximately 40 to 48 radios to support the communications of the proposed SCCA race at The Ridge race event. We would have a cost and rental agreement terms to protect our TC radio equipment during the rental use. We would need to investigate a radio base station.

Steve Leonard requested Rick Farrar investigate the cost and rental agreement. Joe was appointed by President Steve Leonard to contact Northwest Region and Oregon Region and see what equipment they need and date they would require delivery of the radio equipment. Joe is to report back to President Steve Leonard and Steve will administrate the remaining rental terms and agreements for the TC radio equipment.

Bill Murray requested the radios be moved from ORP to Portland so we can verify the operation before we commit to renting them out.

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TRACK EVENT CHAIR (Jim Larfield): We are open on Motorsportreg.com for entries to our ORP time trial event. We have our new ORP March driver's training and TTT event website online and we have received 5 entries at this time. Jim will be recruiting volunteers to help and fulfill track operations positions for the event.

Jim has been investigating trophies for the ORP Track Time Trial event. We spent \$10.00 for the trophies at our last TTT. We used an online company called Crown Awards as the vendor.

Bill Harris would donate money in the amount of \$500.00 to the ORP TTT for an after-event dinner and awards banquet. Joe would approach Peggy for another donation.

We need to make sure we have enough bottled water for the participants and volunteers.

Jim is requesting volunteers for the drivers training and chalk talk instruction. Jim is going to do one session and Joe will do another session.

Steve Leonard requested we place an ad in central Oregon to advertise our events at ORP. Steve volunteered to write the ad and submit it for publication. We would need pictures of race cars on track to place in the ad.

Jim proposed a time trial event to follow the Auto Cross of Central Oregon event. Jim would like to offer the ACCO members a time trial event the next day at a proposed 15% entry fee discount. They have their event at ORP the Saturday in April the day before our Sunday TTT event. A motion was made and unanimously approved for Jim to offer the discount.

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR (Bob Smethers):

Proposed marketing budget for 2020 is \$999.15 rounded up to \$1000.00 for 12 months. This covers TC domain name web page fee for 12 months, TC Tell Tale supplies and postage fees, publicity, and marketing costs needed for facebook to advertise our Track Time Trial events at ORP. Motion was brought up to approve the marketing budget for \$1000.00 and all were in favor; motion passed.

Bob reported that TC was approached in a mailing proposal "Talk 360" to publicize our club with a marketing package for a fee of \$3500.00. Bob recommended we decline the offer and move no further on it. All board members were in favor to decline the offer. Motion passed to decline offer.

Bob has sent our TC Club announcement, schedule, and subs to ICSCC Headquarters that Jim has approved for the Time Trial Events.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PICNIC CHAIRMAN (Bob Smethers): No Report. BANQUET CHAIRWOMEN: () WEBMASTER (Kevin Smith): No Report. CHRISTMAS PARTY ():

MERCHANDISE (Darcy Olsen): No Report TROPHY CHAIRMAN: ()

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COMPETITION COMMITTEE (): HISTORIAN ():

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sonjia's Team Continental Banquet report: Next year's Team Continental Banquet date has been established for January 22nd thru the 24th, 2021, at The Hallmark Inn again.

The price has increased \$10.00 for the room rental fees. We need to select committee members for the banquet. We need to select a menu for the banquet dinner that will give us a cost for the dinner to negotiate with.

The Hallmark Inn wants to work with one person. We need 3 people on the banquet committee:

Communication contact person with Hallmark Inn, hospitality suite, and banquet tables.

Motion to adjourn (consensus), Motion passed (unanimous), meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.

BS & BONER DISCUSSIONS: N/A

Respectfully Submitted, Steve J Adams, TC Secretary



TC Networking

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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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