



Tell Tale

**April meeting and time trial have been cancelled!
Fun quiz: What is proper social distancing for
drafting off the race car in front of you?**

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Editor's Message

Submitted by Tony Hauser



Welcome to an abbreviated and *very* late April issue of the Tell Tale. Missing two weeks of work due to sickness (likely this garbage the Chinese sent us) and knowing there were cancellations of all things fun this month have combined to eliminate any sense of normalcy in my brain which led me to forget to publish an April issue (on time, anyway). A thousand pardons, I beg of you!

No word yet from the Board on cancellation of the upcoming May general meeting. This should be announced in the next (May) issue of the Tell Tale. Most likely the May BOD meeting will take place as an online-only event. This seemed to have worked well earlier this month. The meeting minutes are included in this issue. Obviously, there are no general meeting minutes from last month.

This month we have a new, and hopefully recurring, feature. Bob Smethers has scanned a few pages from the March 1983 issue of the TT. We also have classified ads again and a new "Trailer from Hell!" story from our own Vintage Bill Murray. I've also included links to an article from The Drive magazine provided by Skip Yocum and to a real estate listing for some commercial property TC members should be familiar with.

As one of my former race instructors once told me: "You should be writing about race cars, Tony, because God knows you shouldn't be driving one!" Wise words indeed.

Editor Tony

Answer to fun quiz question: We'll never know.

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MEETINGS

General Meeting
CANCELLED!!!

Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 6th, 7PM
TBD

TEAM CONTINENTAL – BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 1, 2020

Location: web meeting was held via gotomeeting.com



GUEST INTRODUCTIONS: Jon Wilson

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

ATTENDANCE: Steve Leonard, Bob Smethers, Don Smethers, Jim Larfield, Steve Adams, Bill Murray, Jon Wilson.

OFFICER REPORTS:

PRESIDENT (Steve Leonard):

Started the first TC Web meeting due to Covid 19 stay at home order, social distancing orders and meeting restriction.

Steve was given a recommendation letter from the Web Site Technician for how the web site re-design should operate based off our current needs and user activity. This would get us on an updated web site platform moving into the club's future web site needs, called Word Press. A motion was made by Bob Smethers to move forward with the next level of web site upgrade that was covered in Hana's web site recommendation for \$575.00. Steve called for a second Motion. Motion was seconded by Don Smethers. Motion passed.

Steve discussed whether we could overcome the safety concerns at the ORP time trial event taking in to account the state restriction guidelines as mandated by Gov. Brown.

Bob provided supporting facts and made a statement that we should cancel the April time trial event at ORP due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. Jim agreed with Bob on canceling the April event.

Steve Leonard asked the question of what the fee for the event @ ORP was and what would be the lost dollars to the club.

We had open discussion from the all board members as to the pros and cons for trying to continue the April ORP event. Steve Leonard made a statement that we should probably call off the OPR April event based off our discussion points. Steve will make the contacts to cancel the event and see what the financial repercussions are to the club. Don Smethers motioned to see what the financial repercussions are to the club and cancel the April ORP event. Bob Smethers Seconded the motion on the floor. Motion passed.

Steve Leonard assigned tasks for the board members to bring the information to him for the cancellation's costs.

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VICE PRESIDENT (Bill Murray):

Bill suggested we see the final product of the new web site redesign and do we get any back up support for the web site maintenance for the fee we are paying?? Before we pay for the service.

Bill explained how the previous ORP event was handled with the Covent 19 social distancing and sanitization methods.

SECRETARY (Steve Adams):

The April Board meeting minutes will be recorded and submitted in a general written report format to be published in the Tell Tale.

TREASURER (Don Smethers):

Kevin is paid up to date. Don will issue a check for 575.00 for the web site redesign when it has been completed and we are invoiced.

We are within the 30 day cancellation window with Conference for the April time trial.

Submitted Team Continental 2020 January Financial Report. Report is on file and available upon request.

MEMBERSHIP (Dennis Roberts): No Report.

DRIVING MASTER (Lynn Coupland): No Report.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REP (Joe Harlan): No Executive board information to share currently.

TRACK EVENT CHAIR (Jim Larfield):

We have a total of 9 entries for the ORP time trial event currently. Covid 19 discussion to see if we can still hold the event at ORP?? The track rental would be \$4100.00 in April.

We have a lot of administration staff that are concerned with exposure to Covid 19 transmission.

We would have no food at the after party, etc.

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR (Bob Smethers):

Bob has updated the ORP Track Time Trial events flyer to remove the second page; flyer will be reviewed at next general Meeting. The TC web site has been repaired for \$275.00 the repair the Japanese hack that appeared on a Google search for Team Continental. Kevin has been reim-

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bursed for paying the web repair fee \$275.00.

The Web Site Technician has recommended we start up a new web site upgrade for \$575.00 as a small redesign project. Normal cost for this web redesign would be \$2K to \$3K. So, we are getting a very good deal for this redesign service. This would include a new modernized template with a new look and feel. We need to have a discussion about spending \$575.00 for a redesigned web site.

Bob made a motion to move forward with the next level of web site upgrade that was covered in Hana's web site recommendation for \$575.00. Motion was seconded by Don Smethers. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PICNIC CHAIRMAN (Bob Smethers): will be held at Clinton's Estate. Dates will be submitted.

WEBMASTER (Kevin Smith): No Report.

MERCHANDISE (Darcy Olsen): No Report

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

Motion to adjourn by Steve Leonard , Motion passed (unanimous), meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

BS & BONER DISCUSSIONS: none

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve J Adams, TC Secretary

Another Trailer from Hell Story:

(With pictures cuz you guys will never believe this one)



Submitted by Bill Murray

It may be hard to tell what you are looking at, but that is the hydraulic surge brake controller of my son's trailer, stuffed through the license plate and rear bumper of my Ford F-250 pick-up, also the broken hitch mount and ball laying where it was found on the bumper.



As a member in good standing with the prestigious "Pro Boner" faction of this Club, you can be forgiven if your first guess was that I backed into someone with the trailer at 30 m.p.h., but that was not the case this time. Rather this was the work of a hit and run driver in a Suburban who made a clean getaway from in front of my shop where the truck and trailer were parked.

To get the trailers head out of the trucks posterior proved to be harder than one might think. When the Hyster and chain could not budge this insertion it required a cutting torch to relieve the Chinese finger grip the bumper had on the hitch. The E-Z Lift pin is so jammed I still have not been able to extract the stub end of the sheared off stinger.

Both the truck and trailer will live again. I am just glad I wasn't loading at the time.





P.S..

Not 10 days later: Another trailer and yet "Another Trailer from Hell Story":

A dark and windy night...2:00 a.m.... Slow down for the 25 M.P.H. speed zone in Moro.... What is that noise? Blends right in with the static from The Dalles Classic Rock station I've got cranked. Better stop and give it a look. I think that trailer tire is having trouble holding air.

Bill Murray / Pro Boner for Life (And doomed to stay that way).

RACER'S PAGE

We are going to try to add a little color (red) to the pages of the Tell Tale this year with some newsy racer stuff - as the spirit moves and we can find the ~~$~~ keys on the typewriter.

There is something new added to your address label this year - It is the 'R' designation for the TC Racers Division. If you have a current or past racing license, as defined in the new bylaws, you are automatically in the TCR Division. Let us know if you see any errors. We're not sure what we're going to do with these neat labels, but we'll think of something. Probably some boring rule change meetings (don't tell 'em what we really do).

Looking over the Fall Meeting rule changes, hitting only the high spots, we have approved the ICSCC rules as follows:

- streamlined the points calculations
- production classes run before improved and sports racing
- headliner can be removed in production to fit roll bar
- 1975 or later Snell approved helmets required
- window nets required on all closed cars
- retaining straps required on drive shafts
- floor and firewall may be modified to clear exhaust pipes
- driver to provide minimum race weight spec
- all cars may have window & elevating mechanism removed
- any exhaust system OK, using the stock manifold
- substitute radiators OK, using stock tanks & brackets
- the wild card item to return to prod sedans was overturned by exec
- Improved production cars to conform to 1981 SCCA or CASC prod

From the ICSCC Spring Meeting:

- 80% of Contest Board Reps are in favor of double race weekends
- insurance confirmed \$5000 participant, \$50/wk - all ICSCC events
- IRDC moved, motion passed to increase limit to \$10,000
- execs in favor of VMSC/NWMS double race weekends
- race steward wants a steering committee for SCCA vs ICSCC rules
- Bellvue Holiday Inn will be 1983 banquet, as in 1982.

There were some SCCA comments from the last meeting, but can't find them today - Sorry! Don't remember any shockers.

Talked Monday with Dave Schroeder from his hospital bed in Bend. Dave and friends are all pretty lucky after going upside-down in his Blazer on the way to Mt Bachelor. Dave was to be flown Monday PM to St Vincents for additional operation on his arm. The others were released Sunday, apparently some broken parts but all recovering. You might drop Dave a card or call to speed his recovery. The accident occurred Saturday Feb 26.

See you at the races and Driver Training.

.... TC Red

Musings on the Current State of Affairs

Submitted by Bill Murray



You may have already seen some of these.

- Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks. The other half will come out with a drinking problem.
- I used to spin that toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune. Now I turn it like I'm cracking a safe.
- I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.
- Still haven't decided where to go for Easter ----- The Living Room or The Bedroom
- PSA: every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
- Homeschooling is going well. 2 students suspended for fighting and 1 teacher fired for drinking on the job.
- I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone
- This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog..... we laughed a lot.
- So, after this quarantine.....will the producers of My 600 Pound Life just find me or do I find them?
- Quarantine Day 5: Went to this restaurant called THE KITCHEN. You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business.
- My body has absorbed so much soap and disinfectant lately that when I pee it cleans the toilet.
- Day 5 of Homeschooling: One of these little monsters called in a bomb threat.
- I'm so excited --- it's time to take out the garbage. What should I wear?
- I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to Puerto Backyarda. I'm getting tired of Los Livingroom.
- Classified Ad: Single man with toilet paper seeks woman with hand sanitizer for good clean fun.
- Day 6 of Homeschooling: My child just said "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year".... I'm offended.
- Better 6 feet apart than 6 feet under

Bill Murray

Selections from the Web

Submitted by Tony Hauser

A couple of interesting links for you to read.

<https://www.loopnet.com/Listing/93811-Blagg-Ln-Grass-Valley-OR/17885062/>

<https://www.thedrive.com/news/32816/the-roadies-of-racing-inside-the-dying-culture-of-track-corner-workers>



Classified Ads

For Sale:

Honda S2000. Ex T3, T2. SCCA logbook. TC Kline build. Adjustable coilovers and shocks. Removable steering wheel; Recaro seat. New paint, new Toyo R888R. Three sets of wheels, spare brake rotors, spare Hawk DTC pads, other spares. Honda shop manual.

Car has clear Oregon title and is street legal; however addition of a muffler is advised for street use. \$20,000 ONO. Car is located in Bend, OR. Contact Austin Smith (asmith73@hotmail.com or 541 593-2495) for pictures and further information.

73,

ASm

TC member #83

For Sale:

Former 5-time ICSCC Pro-7 championship Mazda Rx-7 of Steve Justiss. The reality has finally set in that I will never have time to race as it has been sitting in my garage since the day I purchased it over two years ago from Steve. A zero-hour Jeff Clark engine is installed and still hasn't even been broken in yet. I have the WA title in Steve's name. Comes with more spares, tools, and hardware than I can fit in my Suburban. Installed a brand new Pyroprotect Elite race seat; also comes with the previously installed small race seat. \$2999 (have over twice that in it myself). Tow dolly may be available at an additional cost. Can email spares list and as many pictures as you would like. Offering to TC members only right now. Tony Hauser, abhauser@aol.com, 503-438-0297.



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