



Tell Tale

**No meetings in the last month so no minutes.
This issue is dedicated to longtime TC member
and supporter Annie Curtis.**

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President's Message

Submitted by Steve Leonard



Greetings fellow TCer's. I hope this finds all of you well and healthy.

As I write this I'm wondering if the rest of you are suffering from the latest Pandemic, CABIN FEVER!

I'm not into video games but now I've become a fan of watching others playing video games and I'm not talking about Super Mario or Halo... I'm talkin racin. But there's a light at the end of the tunnel... 3200 pound, 358 cu. in., 800 horsepower 200 mph Nascar racers, real cars, real driver's at my favorite circle track... Darlington. Oops they're getting close enough that I can tell the "light" is fake from stickers on their front ends. But thank goodness the cars drivers and track are real! Ya Hoo!

By now all of you are aware TC track events scheduled at ORP in March and April have been canceled. Thankfully ORP management has issued TC full credit for our 2020 deposits towards future events and no penalties for cancelling closer to the event dates than their standard contract allows. Thank you ORP management.

Don Smether's confirms TC is in the black. But a very wise Old Guard TC member has transmitted an excellent idea: TC holds a private track day event at ORP. At first I was skeptical but as the effects of Cabin Fever became more severe skepticism was replaced by enthusiasm. Back in the 90's (I think) a group of us took race cars to a circle track with an alleged road course attached near Coos Bay OR. The facility was old and run down, the purchase price exorbitant and the road course part of the "track" was primitive, mostly paved and featured a goat tied up driver's right (or left? long time ago). I was the first to get air off the transition from the oval to drag strip and vividly remember while flying worrying that I was going to hit a wall airborne unless I landed in time... I made it displaying lack of brains and skill which ultimately led to, after more years of stupidity culminating in (I was TC president then as well) falling off a cliff into the Elk River at Port Orford. And that's why I am a Pro Boner. Anyway we spent the rest of the Coos Bay Grand Prix weekend eating and drinking well and taking turns making up race scenarios between dozens of track sessions. TC spent \$3-5K for that weekend and that was probably most of the money in our treasury at the time.

Therefore precedent has been established and the more I think about it the better this Old Guarder's idea sounds to me.

I now fearlessly ask what all you members think? Call, text or email me. Heck even impeach or at least have a high level investigation into my ability to be your Prez.

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MEETINGS

General Meeting
CANCELLED!!!

Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 3rd, 7PM
TBD

Ann Morris Curtis

Oct. 27, 1951 - March 21, 2020



Ann “Annie” was born in Portland to Jean G. Curtis and Frank M. Curtis and was eldest sister extraordinaire.

She was a proud member of Catlin Gabel School class of 1969, earned a BA in Sociology at Portland State University, and worked in social services. Annie met Robert Rissberger “Rob” as members of racing club Team Conti-

mental and shared a lifelong enthusiasm for racing throughout the Northwest. They married Aug. 25, 1979.

After moving to Junction City, Ore., they bought the cabin built by Rob’s grandparents at Odell Lake. ‘Little Creek Cabin’ was their passion and place of peace.

Annie battled multiple sclerosis for decades with Rob’s tender care, but was felled by heart failure due to the disease. She is loved and missed by her husband, Robert Rissberger; siblings, Val Curtis Shute, Ward Curtis, and Lynn Curtis and their spouses; devoted nephews; nieces; friends and family.

A celebration of life will be planned. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to OHSU Foundation.

<https://www.ohsu.edu/foundation>

Please sign the online guest book at <https://obits.oregonlive.com/obituaries/oregon/obituary.aspx?n=ann-morris-curtis&pid=195852307>

A favorite recent Annie story: Few years ago at the banquet weekend she told me about a large supply of pineapple chunks marinated in alcohol, maybe rum. I thought it was a good idea for me to fetch some for us. She was concerned that it might be bad idea and might upset Rob. I replied "blame me" and procured a large supply for the two of us. She then pineappled me under the table cuz you know pineapple is fruit and fruit's good for you.

I was required, or more accurately privileged to have a private audience with her whenever we were in the same place at the same time. During those many visits I grew to love and adore Annie. Yes she was truly a one-of-a-kind character but she was also a really smart, funny, insightful, loving and caring person with a sweet soul. She's now free of the bonds of her horrible disease flying with her angels.

I'm so grateful for having her in my life. Fly high and fly fast my dear friend.

Steve Leonard

Remembrances of Annie

Submitted by Rob Rissberger and Kevin Smith

It is with sadness that I write about my Annie's passing. Annie and I came together in 1975 meeting, of course, at the racetrack. We had a lot of fun and good times racing and Annie was always there even when she could not get out of our motor home.



Our other passion was the cabin as it became a place for peace and serenity for both Annie and me. Same as the racetrack, when Annie could no longer walk and get around, she was there to enjoy what she could. I know that joy Annie got from being with friends at the track is special for me, too.



Thank you to our TC family for making Annie feel a part of the club for all these years. Rob.



This picture is from the 1978 TC picnic. Annie is in the foreground. I don't know who the rest of the people are. I believe that Annie had said that she was the very first female Team Continental member. I am not sure exactly when she became a member.

This is a picture from Rob and Annie's wedding. This is from the TC scrapbooks. Rob and Annie were such avid TC members that a picture from their wedding is in the scrapbooks.



Not exactly sure of the year. This one is a scan from one of the TC scrapbooks. This is Annie at one of the TC picnics, probably sometime during the 80's, but possibly during the late 70's also.



This one is from the Port Orford Grand Prix in 1995. Clockwise from left front are: Greg Towner, Lei-Lani Towner, Annie Curtis, Rob Rissberger, Bruce Baggett, Unknown, Diana Dance. Evening dinner probably on Friday or Sunday evening, since this was over Labor Day weekend in 1995.



This one is from the 2017 August Race at ORP. Annie always wanted to be at TC events. Rob helped out hugely with Tech, as a driving instructor, and with paddock marshalling most of TC's events, and Annie was there to cheer and support.

This isn't Annie, but it is Rob's race car.

I started racing against Rob in 1997, but first met him in 1995. I have been friends with them both since we started racing against each other in 1997. Annie was Rob's biggest racing fan, and always wanted to see him win, and was so proud of his racing. I don't remember exactly what year that Rob sold this car but it would have been about 2016 or 2017. Annie was very sorry to see that race car go, and saddened that Rob had stopped racing. Still, she was a huge supporter of Team Continental.



In 2019, Rob, Annie and I paddocked together for the Cascade Doernbecher dash race weekend. Rob ran his track day car at the Friday Track day, and I ran in American Sedan in the races Saturday and Sunday. We paddocked and camped up in the grass along the road to nowhere at PIR. We got dinner on Saturday night from the race event barbeque and brought it back to our camp and ate that, and then spent the rest of the evening telling stories and reminiscing about races, and our lives. It was a special evening, and I will greatly miss seeing Annie at the track.

Kevin Smith

TC History

Submitted by Skip Yocom



H Production at Seattle in the 80's. All but one of these drivers were Team Continental members. Can you guess which one wasn't? Craig Breese, (?), John Boyko, Skip, JB (?), and Duck or Barta.

The Church bus. Can you guess who was Chief Turn Marshal in those days?



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Our web designer who used to have a race car driver roommate and is friends with Justin Bell (Derek Bell's son you really Old Guarders)has been working on a new home page for the club's web site. She sent a list of really good and important questions for us to consider as a club. Please look at them and get back to myself or Bob Smethers with your thoughts and ideas. We really need your help and inspiration as this work will become the new face of TC on line and social media (that means Facebook I think) for the foreseeable future

Hope to see all of you soon at a race track or meeting. Till then,
Formerly Incontinent now very Continental
Steve Leonard

Classified Ads

For Sale:

Honda S2000. Ex T3, T2. SCCA logbook. TC Kline build. Adjustable coil-overs 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, Austin Smith

TC member #83



Preliminary 2021 TC Banquet Announcement

Submitted by Don and Sonjia Smethers



<p>TC BANQUET</p> <p>SAVE THE DATE</p> <p>JANUARY 22-24, 2021</p> <p>HALLMARK</p>		<p>CELEBRATE!!</p> <p>MAYBE RACING??</p> <p>MAYBE REUNION??</p> <p>BE THERE!!</p>
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Bob Smethers
Team Continental 2020
Communications Director



11105 Main St NE, #34
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TO: TC Board of Directors, TC General Membership

May 15, 2020

RE: TC Communications Director Report – May

TC Webpage Status:

Next level upgrade is necessary – it's a very outdated website, that is still highly vulnerable to more attacks and it is not mobile friendly. Current web site isn't that heavy with content and doesn't have a large amount of pages, so our contractor is willing to treat the website as a small redesign project and only charge \$575 to switch it over to a new template with a new modern look and feel – Value est: \$2k-\$3k.

Hana Leah-Brzobohaty (dba Sublime360Media – 5008 Foothills Road, Apt. G, Lake Oswego, OR 97034, Creative Director & Digital Artist) – has received TC \$200 as down payment for re-design of TC web site. Hana is designing a new home page only. We will be able to add or edit content throughout entire site on our own.

Steve received a request for some information, so we have the following action items:

- We will fill out a design form to get started, stipulating preferences and some new content for the site
- Hana will need all website logins once I start developing the website

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- What you wish to highlight about your organization – “mission statement”
- Services / products provided: Any relevant product/service information - why it's different from anything else on the market and that may not be on your current site
- What is unique or exclusive about your services (team)?
- Why do people choose your company above your competitors'?
- History of the organization: Any relevant background information of company
- What your company does. How long have you been in business, how many employees, geographic spread, etc.
- What is your vision for your new website? What are its objectives? What do you want your website to achieve?
- What are the intended 'deliverables' to the public, your key audiences and your organization?
- Target audience (gender, age groups, location (state, national, international, rural, city), interests
- Are there any websites you like? Are there websites you do not like?
- Design Preferences (modern, clean..), Colors and Fonts
- Photos you'd like to use, Call to Actions (membership signups?)

Homepage sections seems like a lot, but it will be easy to go through once we get on a call. Steve is the driving force to connecting with the web designer and we'll be moving forward with the project soon.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Smethers – TC Communications Director
2020



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

Our 2020 Annual Instructor training at O.R.P. will be held Saturday May 30th

Our Guest Speaker this year: Dr. Duane Starr

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 which includes an afternoon of open track.
- Please bring your own lunch, no food available at the track.
- Limited event, maximum of 25 participants.

Attendance at our 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, limited to 25 participants. 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.



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