



# Tell Tale

A brief issue with important information on upcoming meetings and events (you remember those things, right?).

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## President's Message

Submitted by Steve Leonard



Greetings fellow TCer's, hope this edition of the Tell Tale finds you healthy, happy, and safe.

Congratulations to those of you that have raced in 2020. Be prepared to share your exploits and/or defend yourself if nominated for the Boner Jacket at the next General Meeting. News flash! I have scheduled a TC BOD meeting At Buster's Tigard for Wednesday 7/1 and a General meeting Wednesday 7/15 also at Buster's. There is a strict limit of 20 people at these meetings. Please RSVP via email to me directly and ASAP. Include if you'll be attending one or both July meetings and how many in your party and I'll do my best to accommodate. Sayler's Old Country Kitchen isn't able to open their banquet rooms yet but hope to soon.

Our new website is looking really good. Here's a link so you can check it out: <http://teamcontinental.sublime360media.com/> It's strictly in prototype status at this time so don't worry about the giant "ICSCC Racing" place holder at top of the home page, but DO email your comments and suggestions to Bob Smethers and myself. We appreciate and will consider your input. Here's my perspective: TC members are a very bright group and to not exploit your immense skills and talents for FREE would be negligent and just plain dumb. Hana has created an excellent new design and look to be the face of Team Continental's web presence for some time to come. Graciously, she's built out the entire website for us even though we're only paying for a new homepage. Personally I think a different type of race car, i.e. a Guards Red Porsche 911, BMW, Miata, Corvette, open wheel formula/Indy/F1 type or ??? might represent TC's activities and competition events better. I believe it's safe to assume Joe Harlan will disagree and be in favor of keeping the Nissan GTR currently on the prototype.

Speaking of web presence I am on a personal crusade to create a new name for "Driver's Training." Something that inspires thoughts of competition, high performance driving on a race track, etc. We all know that many people that attend track day, HPDE, Time Trial, or other events will report to their friends that they were "racing" last weekend. There will be a prize of unspeakable value for the member who submits the winning idea that will pass the vermin lawyer test and help people that visit our site for the first time learn what our Club is all about.

Perhaps the most exciting news is TC has reserved the date of Sunday, September 27, 2020, at ORP. Plans for holding a Time Trial, HPDE event, along with a FREE (well sort of free) track day event for all TC members are now in process. A couple of ideas I've heard that make sense to me are: Members must staff a position like Tech or Pregrid to support the income-producing part (Time Trials, HPDE, etc.) to enjoy the track during our TC-only sessions. A cheap but fun social at the end of the day for our paying custom-

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## MEETINGS

**General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, July 15th, 7PM!!!**  
**Buster's BBQ, Tigard**

**Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, July 1st, 7PM!!!**  
**Buster's BBQ, Tigard**

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ers, guests, and TC members is another good suggestion I've heard. There will be guidelines to follow to minimize exposure to Covid 19 or other pathogens so bring a mask just in case. Financially I project TC will come within \$1-2K of breaking even worst case scenario. ORP is recognizing our loss of the ability to hold the March and April TT's that were supposed to occur during the Low Price season and adjusting the track rental to reflect that rental rate versus High Price season which includes 9/27. Jim Larfield has been networking along with Joe Harlan and others on TC's behalf promoting our Time Trial events. He reports there's lots of interest, support for, and pent up demand for these types of events. Jim also feels that this is a good opportunity to carry forward the momentum our TT events of 2018-19 created and I totally agree.

In my opinion TC presenting Time Trial competition events is the best business model to keep the Club relevant and to ensure future financial viability. We've observed steady decline in the number of ICSCC licensed racers and entrants to club level racing events for some time. Why? I don't know, but today for a new driver to even be eligible to go on track as a Novice requires at least \$1-2,000 investment in personal safety gear alone!

Today young (and old) people have many options to pursue racing dreams using video game platforms and technologies that are second nature and affordable to them. Spending two grand for personal gear just to try something that will quickly increase to tens of thousands of dollars to participate in, even at the amateur level, is just one of many barriers that limit the pool of applicants to a very small number. The crazy "new normal" time we live in jeopardizes the future of our sport and Club. The entry level commitment of money, time and resources to enter TT type events is going to be so much easier to afford that it may become the way people get involved with and moving up to actually driving a real race car, on a real race track in competition that leads to further involvement in motorsports.

I look forward to your thoughts, ideas and comments and best of all to seeing you at a meeting or race track soon.

Formerly incontinent, but now very Continental,

Steve Leonard



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\*Due to the continuing regulations regarding COVID 19; instructors and food services (Lunch) availability is still in question.

All registrants will be sent a supplemental update one week prior to the event to explain team support options.



**Practice Day Questions:**  
Bill Murray, Event Coordinator  
503-358-2617 - 10 a.m. to Midnight.  
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## Attention Lucky Dog Teams and Track Day Drivers

Registration is now open for  
**Friday, July 24th, 2020**  
Registration closes Wednesday, July 22nd

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

For team discount pricing you must be entered in the July 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> "Dawg Daze 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 time (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](http://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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