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Tell Tale

Full issue. March 27th TC event at ORP postponed until August!!! Please remember to renew your membership if you haven't already.

March 2021

Remembrance of Don Smethers

Submitted by President Steve Leonard



The loss of Don Smethers is huge for TC and the entire Pacific NW Racing family.

Personally he's been a very important friend, mentor and advisor to me for many years. I'm very fortunate to have been close to him for quite awhile. The night before he died I got to see him in the ER and tell him how much I loved, respected, admired him and thanked him for the important role he had played in my and my families lives. He truly was Captain Perfect!

I'll never forget a caravan with him and Bob to Sears Point. At some place in Northern California he got pulled over and got off with a warning, but it's one of the few times I witnessed a less than perfect CP.

On that trip or a similar one we had portable radios and were conversing throughout the drive. FYI Bob and Don dominated the airwaves as talking on radios was... let's just say they never shut up and drained the radio batteries long before we reached our destination. My son Will was with me and got on the radio and called for "CP" and I darn near drove in the ditch laughing my head off. Don never said anything about it but I would sometimes address him as "CP" because I could get away with it.

A long time ago Don and probably Bobby were racing the white Golf at PIR in a big race like Rose Cup. Saturday evening they were thrashing on the race car and I asked if there was anything I could help with. By this time he and Bob were well aware of the danger of letting me work on my own race car let alone their car. I was assigned

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MEETINGS

General Meeting

No meeting.

Board Meeting

No meeting.



Team Continental Membership Application/Renewal

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 Nickname or Preference: _____
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 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Home Phone: _____-_____-____ Work Phone: _____-_____-____
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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.
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Inactive Member – An Active or Senior Member who no longer wishes to, or cannot take an active part in the activities of Team Continental, but who wishes to maintain an allegiance with the Team may assume Inactive status by so advising TC in writing of this intent. An Inactive Member may attend meetings and may resume membership at any time by advising TC, and paying the remaining yearly dues.

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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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.

Signature _____ Date : _____

Official Use Only:
 Year: _____ Membership Number: _____
 Notes: _____
 Status : Novice Active Senior Inactive
 Fee received: \$ _____ (Check # _____ or Cash) New card sent: _____

Postponement of TC's First Event of 2021

Submitted by Track Event Chairman Jim Larfield



Greetings from Team Continental,

Due to scheduling conflicts for many of our volunteer workers we are postponing the Mar. 27 Track Time Trials - HPDE event at Oregon Raceway Park to Aug. 21-22. We feel this is necessary to put on the highest quality event that you have been accustomed to from Team Continental.

More information coming on the August event as we work on the details. Registration will re-open soon on Motorsportreg.com.

For questions and information contact: Jim Larfield jim.larfield@gmail.com

Thank You From the Smethers Family

We want to thank our TC friends for the response of great cards, flowers, emails & face book condolences with Don's passing. Also, those of you that have taken on Don's duties, we thank you very much!! We miss him so much every day, but we have wonderful memories that will live on forever. Hope to see you all soon!

Sincerely, Sonjia, Bob & the entire Smethers family!



1986 @ Olympia - First Winner's



Don participating in a shopping cart race

TC Memorial Gallery

Submitted by VP Bill Murray



T.C. MEMORIAM GALLERY:



Friends
remembered....
Until we meet
again!



Remembrance of Don Smethers

Submitted by President Steve Leonard



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to put the wheels on which I did but didn't torque them tight (my excuse is the car was up in the air and I couldn't... I have always claimed I told them so before leaving). You've already figured out what happened the next day. Don was on track, I believe early in the actual race when he came around with only 3 wheels on the car. Of course it was my fault. Not often but many years later he would remind me at the end of a visit or phone conversation to "tighten the lug nuts". Indeed at the end of one the last phone calls he said goodbye by saying "don't forget to tighten the lug nuts."

I've been really blessed to say goodbye to some of my dearest friends shortly before they died, Annie Curtis (not Rissberger, it had to be Curtis even after 40+ years of marriage to Rob) and Don and the TC band bass player Paul.

At the end of our last visit in the ER I asked him to forgive me for the lug nut incident... He smiled that little sly CP smile and gently nodded NO. In my mind it thought "oh come on Don" but a few minutes later I realized he was continuing our very private story alive. That moment is precious to me and makes me smile and be grateful that I got to be close to such a wonderful guy and friend.

Thankfully Bob and Sonjia are very strong people and considering the circumstances are doing well, but please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

2021 Annual ORP Instructor Training Announcement

Submitted by VP Bill Murray



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

Our 2021 Annual Instructor training at O.R.P. will be held Saturday March 20th

Our Guest Speaker this year: Michael Conatore

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 \$160.00 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 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.



Skip Day Track Day Announcement

Submitted by Colin Waltz



We Have met our minimum car count and we are good to go!

Only a few spots left to get in on this 7 hours of track time, Yes you're reading that right
7 hours

March 28th at Oregon Raceway Park

Due to the unknowns of the Covid's there will not be food services at this event, please plan accordingly

[Register now!](#)

Registration is open for our early season event \$280

OR

Register as an endurance team (up to 4 drivers, one car) \$550

7 Hours of all you can handle track time, Don't wait and pass up the opportunity, limited spaces available

Oregon Raceway Park March 28th
clockwise and counterclockwise 1/2 day each

<https://www.motorsportreg.com/orgs/skip-day-track-days>

Three Generations of Harris in TC

Submitted by Bill Harris



Three generations of Harris's are TC Members for 2021.

Grandpa Bill - many Regional and Divisional Championships

Son/Dad Todd - National Champion SRF and twice runner-up with many Regional Championships

Grandson Calvin - Oregon Region Champion SRF

Grandson Taylor - no Championships yet but a lot faster than Grandpa!

All four will be racing in the Rose Cup Races in July! Stay Tuned!!!



ORP 2021 Course Worker Training Announcement

Submitted by VP Bill Murray

OREGON RACEWAY PARK



WANTED COURSE MARSHALS, SECURITY & WORKING PERSONNEL

Watch the races and get paid for it too.

ORP has a wide variety of openings for the 2021 season!

Course Marshal: Candidates must be 18 years of age, have the ability to be outdoors (sometimes in harsh conditions), have good verbal communication skills and be able to react calmly and quickly to emergency situations.

Security: Crowd control, have guests sign liability release waiver and issue a colored wrist band as they arrive and enter ORP premises. Day and night shift available.

Working Personnel: This is for all other duties that need to be done at ORP on a regular bases.

Orientation Day: Is held March 20, 2021 from 9am-5pm at 93811 Blagg Lane, Grass Valley, OR 97029

If interested in any of the positions please contact,

Brenda Piki: 541-333-2452

email: info@oregonraceway.com

Star Projects ORP Driving & Team Skills Training Announcement

Submitted by VP Bill Murray

SHORT NOTICE EVENT at Oregon Raceway Park



Saturday, March 27, 2021
Presented by

STAR
PROJECTS



I have reserved Saturday, March 27th at Oregon Raceway Park. This is a STAR Projects event and will focus on Driving and Team Skills for the beginning racer, track day driver, and emerging Endurance Racing Teams.

Our instructors are assigned from amongst the most proficient Instructors of O.R.P. Club and Team Continental. The cost for the day will be \$235 per driver. Free overnight camping is available Friday night for those registered and Saturday night for guests that are registered for the (sold out) Skip Day Track Day event on Sunday.

The morning driver meeting will start at 8:30 sharp and will be followed by a full course track tour. Attendance is mandatory and your guests are welcome to join us for Track Orientation. Open track will follow until noon and resume after the lunch break at 1:00 p.m. To the greatest extent possible, the schedule of the day will be tailored to address the individual training needs of those attending, so expect some interruption for various flag and skills tests. Private coaching and a limited number of rental cars are available by advance arrangement.

Those with the proper credentials that would like to sign up to instruct for this event, renew their proficiency or take steps toward qualifying for the O.R.P. Instructor Pool are encouraged to attend the Instructor Training Master Class on Saturday, March 20th.

Advance registration for either event is required and space is limited.

To register please call Brenda at The Track Office.
541-333-2452.
Questions regarding either event to Bill Murray,
503-358-2617, 10:00 am to midnight.



*Come for the racing –
Stay for the sunsets.*



Third Generation of Murray in TC and Stolen Murray Trailer Recovered!

Submitted by VP Bill Murray



Bio Rocket Baby Announcement Margo McCollum Murray

Specs:

Launch Time:	Jan 30, 2021 - 11:26pm
Mass:	2.73 kg
Height:	51 cm
Design Revision:	Lost Count
Build Time:	39.6 weeks
Fuel:	C12H22O11 (Lactose)
Oxidizer:	O2 @ STP
Exit mass flow rate:	Alamingly High
Current Thrust/Weight:	<1
Expected first hop:	10 months
Acoustic Environment:	Up to 130 dB Between 1,000 Hz and 5,000 Hz, centered at 3500 Hz
Thermal:	Between 24 and 40 C (see acoustic)
Loads:	1 G constant, any vector. <<1600 rad/s ²

- External assisted boost system provided
- Standard Facial Recognition Package
- Genetic Algorithm based Neural Network reinforced programming
- Continuous Nano Bot self assembled capability additions and repair



RECOVERED!
February 2nd 2021

Thanks to everybody who kept an eye out for our stolen trailer. It was recovered today from the Newhouse & Hutchens yard where the police had it towed. The trailer has some new collision damage on the right fender and the deck tilt pump has been removed. Considering that it was due for a major renovation before the theft, it is not too much the worse for wear. When stopped by police at 50th & E. Burnside the trailer was hooked to a stolen pickup truck and was caring a stolen Polaris. Arrests were made and the case is being sent to the D.A. for referral to the Grand Jury.



Tell Tales From Days of Yore: November 1983

Submitted by Bob Smethers



Team Continental's

TELL TALE

Nov 1983

 * MEETING NOTICE: Friday, 18 November *
 * HUNG FAR LOWS *
 * 112 NW 4th AVE Portland *
 * 7:00pm social, 8:00pm meeting *

Were you a TC trophy winner in 1982? If so, please bring your perpetual trophy to the meeting or see Bill Halsey or Bud Gorham to arrange return. Or, could '83 be your year? All drivers please provide Bill Halsey a record of your 1983 participation - SCCA and IMSA (he's got the ICSCC results) - listing date of event, location, and finishing position. Everything counts, from hillclimbs to the runoffs.

The November meeting is your last chance for nominations for '84! A list of the nominees in the minutes from last month's meeting; ballots will be published in your Dec Telltale. You'll be able to turn in those ballots at the Christmas party, where the count will be taken and officers announced.

Christmas party/December meeting: Eric Anderson's home in Rhododendron. Watch your mailbox for map.

Thanks to Barta Berger and Don Starr (with lots of help from dedicated TC'ers) for a successful and (surprisingly) large drivers training. The schedule for 1984 drivers trainings is:

- 3 March
- 23 June
- 25 August

Final material for this month's Telltale was submitted on Monday, 14 Nov. PLEASE! If you have things you need included, turn ~~it~~ in EARLY.
 +HEM

TC RACERS PAGE

Well, the last checkered flag of the year has fallen, at least in our part of the hemisphere, and the (count them 1..2..3..4 ..) TC drivers trainings have been put to bed. This signals the start of the banquet season. First comes the ICSCC fall meetings and awards banquet. Next the SCCA awards and announcement of 1984 officers at the River Queen. Then, there's TC's Christmas party at Eric's. In January we have the TC annual banquet and crab feed at the coast. All this sprinkled with the usual Thanksgivings, Christmas and New Years celebrations, maybe a couple of birthdays, anniversaries, etc, etc. If you can come out of all of this keeping the same power to weight ratio, I gotta hand it to you. And then, there's that tight new racing seat versus your 40 over (that's in pounds) butt. This is also the time to start work on your April race car, so it doesn't become your July race car. Also, there's your new tow-car engine, trailer, etc, etc. When do we get to ski?

PIR ENDURO

The eighth annual '6 Hours of the Cascades' was run on October 15, and about a dozen TC'ers tossed many laps - well, some of us didn't exactly overflow our lap counters - but it was fun. The top ten was a little light on TC penetration, with our best showing at position eleven. The number one spot again went to Hendrickson/Krueger - can't anyone stop those guys? TC'er Dennis Hickey has shared in the effort - congrats!

Recovering the race, Bob Smethers, assisted by Don Smethers pushed the Rabbit into #11, running the first three hours with only 15 degrees full ignition advance - that's what you get for having the competition set your timings for you (Win Casey apologized on Monday). Anyway, it was easier on the equipment that way; drove 'er to work on Monday. Dave Gentzler & Mike Cole in the 510 spent too much time in the pits to recover against the obviously slower Rabbit, suffering transmission fluid problems and burning through a set of slicks, to finish #13. Rob Rissberger and Ralph Raimondi, in the Capri, fought a fuel pickup problem most of the day, and had to be satisfied with #18. The VW of Doug Blackburn (sometimes TC claims him) and Wayne Bergeron finished #19 after Doug changed an engine on turn 5. (That got them a special award, plus a penalty for Doug's engine swap - Wayne had been driving.) Gordon Barron and Nick Feederhoff scattered the 914's engine early on, but went to the pits for a replacement and finished #21.

There were also some TC non-finishers, of the 40 starters and 25 taking the checkered. Our latest recycled member, Pierre Phillips, with Norm Jarl in the Tisa did 166 laps before retiring. Tom Phillips/Sam Gotter in a Reit also didn't make the cut, with 81 laps. Ex-TC'ers Jerry Murch and Gail Woodworth saved a crankshaft, losing engine, trans, and all moving parts in the 240Z except #1 & #2 rods, after 74 laps. And, last but not least, our own solder-throated Dane Pitarressi was destined to stay by the announcer's mike as the Heinonen Mazda R100 retired after 56 laps, limiting Dano's drive to a few practice laps.

DRIVERS TRAINING

Aside from the usual spins, tired bodies, enthused students, and one great 2-wheel almost-a-roll exhibition put on by a Fiat X19 driver, Deric's student, things went on normally. We managed to put a few tire tracks in Dale's freshly graded mud, but everyone kept the shiny side up. Thanks to all the workers, drivers, and students.

..... TC Red

TC Networking

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