



Tell Tale

BIG NEWS! In-person meetings are back in May with limited attendance! Call Pres. Steve to RSVP! Tigard Buster's BBQ, May 19th

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What Team Continental has Blessed Me With

Submitted by Peggy Ann Bender Wilson Walker , April 13, 2021



Some of the best friends I could have ever met.

I met Fred Ankeny aka Foster Goodrich at the track. He and his lovely wife Paulette became constant race travel partners to us as well as tire suppliers. He was always good for a cold one and made a great sandwich. He loved being at the track and was always so Fred. Need more gription, we would say.



Captain Perfect aka Don Smethers. I really got to know him and his lovely Bride also at the track. I remember dinners at Pasqualies in Kent, his wife having a bridal shower and then they hosted a couples baby shower for

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MEETINGS

General Meeting

No meeting.

Board Meeting

No meeting.



Jackson and me. We spent many Rose Cups races working for National PCA and had a blast. We worked on Bruce Baggetts will and were able to get money to the club that would have gone to the state. Being invited to their Yacht, After Five. So many good times. He was endlessly working. I will always cherish our time together.

And then comes Jaquie Janulis. JJ Go Gougs, aka Head Ovaries for SCCA, Bags called her that.

So Don introduced Jacquie to us, SCCA Oregon Region Board of Directors one night. She was applying to be our Administrator. I instantly fell in love with her. She was tirelessly working all the time. She was a servant in all Gods respect. She loved the track! She later became a Royal Rosarian with me, and more good times followed.

She became one of my forever besties. I will always remember her laugh and dedication to anything you asked her to assist with. She was another Mother to me, when I needed guidance, and just someone to listen to.



Marica Brighton, Peggy Ann Walker and Jacquie Janulis at a TC Banquet. 2002?

I am so blessed that TC brought these people into my life and may they be at a race track in Heaven.

All my loves!

Peggy Ann Walker

What Cars Have You Raced and What Was Your Favorite

Submitted by VP Bill Murray



TR-4, 510, B-210, MR-2, many Acura and Honda (from an assortment of models and years). Camaro, Mustang, Rabbits, 944's, Lincoln Continental, Cadillac, Javelin, Crown Victoria, Trans-Am Corvette (the most brutal and fastest), Oldsmobile Cutlass, Sentra 240-Z(s) and ZX.....The list goes on, and those are the ones I have raced. The good news is I still own about 20 of them and they are available in our rental pool at Oregon Raceway Park. In my capacity at the track, I have driven (spiritedly but less than flat out) way too many cars to count, from GT-3RS, to the very unique Gumpert Apollo, a smattering of today's factory hot rods, even the occasional Palatov. I really don't have a favorite. For me, the satisfaction is always about doing the drive well, the car is just the instrument you are playing. I almost hate to tell you this, but for the pure pleasure of wind in the face, lapping in the moonlight, it is hard to beat "The Wolf" a 1984 Volkswagen Cabriolet.

Bill Murray

Kevin Culver: love driving the cabriolet

Mark Jeffries: in cowboy boots

Kevin Culver: I remember those boots

Mark Jeffries: talk about your heel & toe

Kevin & Mark: Actually, the Javelin and the cowboy boot stories are linked. The first time I took the car to the track the gas pedal didn't need much of a blip to match the revs on a downshift but struggling to keep even brake pressure with my heel was a problem. The power brake pedal was way lower than the throttle pedal and my foot would not bend back enough to get any kind of proper control. After fruitlessly looking around the paddock for something I could attach to the brake pedal with duct tape to shim the brake pedal up before the race, I remembered I had my cowboy boots still in the back of the tow rig and the heel was just about what I figured might work. It was perfect. When years later my driving bag got stolen with all my gear in it the first replacement item I bought was a new set of boots. I of course have several pairs of driving shoes for the rice burners that can't accommodate Tony Lama in the pedal box, but I wear them still in any application that affords room for the cockroach killing toe. After 45 years it has become something of a trademark.

Bill Murray

Editors note: we would LOVE to hear our members answers to these same questions and submit them for a future issue of the Tell Tale.

Three Generations of Harris in TC—Corrections!

Submitted by Bill Harris



The "Harris Clan" article in last month's Tell Tale was not correct my son Todd tells me. I said youngest Grandson Taylor was fast but hadn't won any Championships. He was Oregon Region SCCA's SRF3 Champion in 2020!

Older Grandson Calvin was 2nd and Dad/Son Todd was 3rd-----I was 14th----

In the last Oregon Regional race in 2020 Taylor won two and Calvin won the other. Son Todd tried to win one so a different Harris would have won each race----but Taylor beat him by about 4' in the Sunday race. The three Harris's won all three podiums in all three races.

In the First race of 2021 Calvin started last in a rainy race because of mechanical problems and worked from 20th in the rain to the win. Taylor took fourth----Todd and I didn't run----

We all four are planning on running the "Super Tour" in May and the Rose Cup in July.

Bill Harris TC member since 1970

What Cars Have You Raced and What Was Your Favorite

Submitted by Editor Tony Hauser



Following Bill Murray's request for cars we have raced the list would include, in no particular order, Mazda Rx-7 (Pro-7), Toyota MR2, Porsche 944's, Honda Civics, various Acuras, including the Party Girl, and the VW cabriolet known as "The Wolf."

In fact, if you look at the rental fleet at ORP, you will see almost all of these cars on my list.

Choosing a favorite is difficult but I probably had the most fun in the first-gen (late 70's) Honda Civic hatchback that was the former race car of Jill Larry. This, also, was an ORP race rental and I ran it twice for ICSCC Group 2 races. I had a blast trying to keep up with the back end of the group at the start of the race. This usually lasted about one lap, but it didn't matter because the car was a ton of fun to drive.

Funny story about this car; during morning practice on the first day I ever drove the car, everything was working great except I could not get the car into top gear. Worried I had induced a problem, after the session I went over to ask Bill Murray if I was doing something wrong. "I tried to move the lever towards 5th and nothing happens" I told him. Bill starts laughing and informs me the Civic only has four gears. "That gear shift knob isn't original!" he said. "OOOOOHHHH, that would explain that."

Cheers,

Editor Tony

ORP Update for March 2021

Submitted by VP Bill Murray



OREGON RACEWAY PARK

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March 20th was our annual combined Worker School and Instructor Training. This year the focus of the morning classroom was on “Instructing the Enduro Team”. The format included review of the Dual Vehicle Occupancy rules, as well as providing new and returning instructors a chance to discuss teaching tips and the art of performance driving instruction. Following lunch the “cars on course” allowed our new and returning Corner Personnel real time practice in observation, flag protocol, radio communication and fire suppression skills. Thanks to all who participated.



Special Thanks to the good folks at A.B.C. Fire Extinguisher in Portland. These guys have supported our training program with equipment and advice since year one.



Our featured speaker was Dr. Duane Starr whose topic was the physiological demands of endurance racing.

In line with the social distancing requirements dictated (by what we all hope will soon be the end) of the Covid crisis, Instructor Class was held at the Grass Valley Pavilion.

With the careful restoration and updating work the community has invested the facility gets better and better each year. Although they are often booked, if you are scheduling an event with us and a facility of this type would answer the needs of your event, please call Brenda at the Track Office for availability and detail information.

OREGON RACEWAY PARK

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Runnin' the heard through the cattle chute. When the wind gets cold nuthin' is as welcome as a hot meal.

Food Services is again helping our Event Presenters serve real food... even if it still has to be in "to-go containers".

Beef Bourguignon and Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo were a couple of old friends it was good to see offered again.

We look forward to being able to get back to doing our popular long table seating and hard plate service again very soon.



STAR Projects Driver Training, March 27th.
A variety of practice starts were on the curriculum: 2 x 2 rolling grid, single file restart, and the most classic of all

the Le Mans start.
There are a whole generation of drivers that have never had the opportunity to start a race this way, but if you are ever called on to do one, or even watch one... they are pretty cool.



O.R.P. has both Lemmon's and Lucky Dog Racing League events scheduled for this season. There will be STAR practice days on Friday before both races and both are open to H.P.D.E. drivers as well.



OREGON RACEWAY PARK –

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Sunday, 28th March. **Skip Day Track Day**

The third event this month at O.R.P. and the first Skip Day Track Day since the reins were handed over to new Event Presenter Colin Waltz. Congratulations, the event sold out early. The next Skip Day is in May.



Colin Waltz



Good events run with lots of help. Unfortunately Team Continental had to cancel their original date on the 27th, but a big thanks to the T.C. members that came up and supported this month's events.



Just a few of those helping out were Steve Lovejoy, Jim Larfield, Duane Starr, Ron and Joyce Tanner, Andy Robottom, Jon Wilson, Bill Murray (both), Terry Amundson, Pete Belfanti, Mike Kelly, Gator Hudson, Austin Smith, Don Crawford "and a cast of thousands" that I can't think of right now.

Despite a vicious wind on Sunday afternoon (complete with sheared brake markers and tumbleweed that could pass a Miata) March events produced a lot of smiling new faces that will be back for what is shaping up to be a really full year.

Also we had a good turn out from the O.R.P. Club folks for the instructor and worker schools on the on the 20th.

Dumb Question of the week: "So what is that equipment over by the gas pumps used for?"



We're in a wheat field! That is how we make Hefeweizen...just kidding, it's for blending fuels.

Tell Tales From Days of Yore: December 1983

Submitted by Bob Smethers



DECEMBER 1983

Seasons Greetings TCers,

Now that the racing season is over its time to get down to some Heavy-Duty partying. As announced at the last meeting Eric Anderson has invited the club to his mountain midway for the annual beer-food fest / slumber party. This event is scheduled for Saturday Dec. 10 so its time to start shopping for those outrageous gag gifts.

Some important decisions were made at the last meeting. It was decided, by vote, to establish the third wednesday of each month to be the permanent meeting date. This should help eliminate confusion during the racing season and provide greater flexibility in picking a meeting location. The annual dues renewal date has been changed from Sept. 30 to Oct. 30 to cover the racing season completely.

More good news from our treasurer. The successful October driving school has pushed the treasury balance to over \$3000. To help compensate the club was informed by Chris that we need to purchase additional club jackets to renew our supply. Talk to Chris if you have any recommendations for style changes.

Bad news from the banquet chairman and assl. editor. (Jennifer should now be in Tsukuba, Japan looking for next years ride) The banquet room rates published in the last newsletter are in error due to my failure to read the fine print. Weekends are charged at the summer rate and all rooms are subject to the 5% room tax. This means: A rooms = \$54.60 B rooms = \$50.40 C rooms = \$4.60 D rooms = \$42.00 Dimers = still \$12.50. See me at the christmas party or give me a call for changes/reservations. The prime rib and salmon are tied for the dinner choice so indicate your preference when you send your check.

Bad

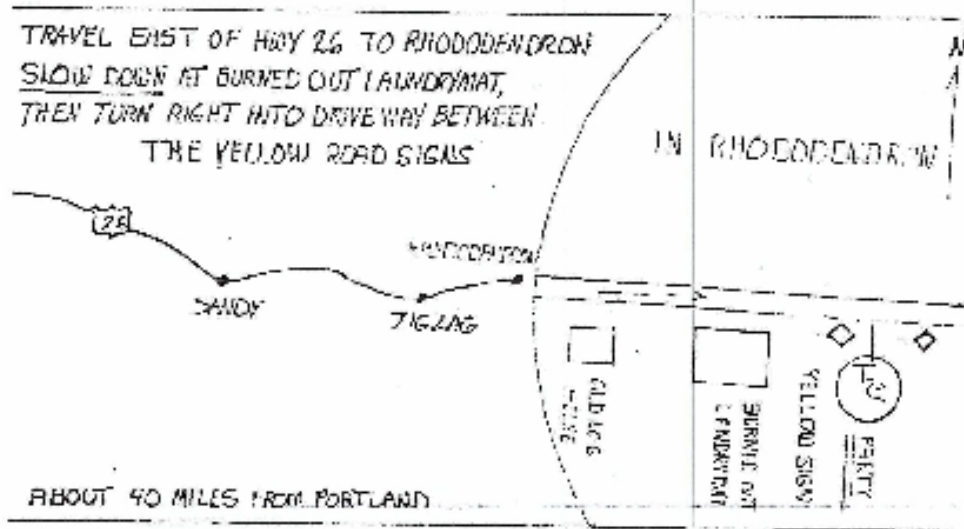
XXXXXXXXXXXXX If you are not attending the christmas party mail your ballot NOW XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Write in candidates welcome

TEAM CONTINENTAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Host: Eric Anderson, (map below), phone 822-3167
Food will be provided by the club (water December 19th - Saturday)
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 'till the sun comes up!.....
Prizes: A \$5-\$ gift for under the tree (if you haven't been to one of these parties in the past, this small gift is usually of the "love" type) from cash funds.

Fun facts: What ever you create (in the form of food) the best.
Dinner Bar and Breakfast Food: optional, if you plan to stay over, and what ever food or booze you prefer..... night and, you might tiddle up for the drive up the mountain, know someone with a van and snow chains? Don't be shy, give them a call and pile in for the job.

This is one of the best parties you'll ever experience, be there.....



BALLOT for 1984 TEAM CONTINENTAL OFFICERS

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| President: Rob Rissberger..... | Driver's Training: Dane Pittaressi..... |
| Dave Gentzler..... | (vote for 3) Bill Murray..... |
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or bring to Christmas party

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