



Tell Tale

Announcements for TC's TT event and track days
at ORP and Bob Caspell Memorial.

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Bob Caspell Announcement

Submitted by Melissa Biegener



I have booked my flight to Portland. I will be shooting for a celebration of "Bob" on August 22nd. I haven't nailed down the place yet but am talking with Bill Craine for Holman's.

I am getting into town on Wednesday so I have some time if I need to find an alternate location. That being said, I am very open to suggestions. Just keep in mind, I'm not rolling in dough so we're on a shoestring budget.

My other request is that if people have pictures of my dad, his cars, pics with team members, and any other pictures you can print to please bring them with you.

Any word of mouth spread of the celebration is welcome as well. Feel free to give out my phone number: (314) 239-8248 and this email: mbiegener@gmail.com.

Thank you all so much!

Melissa aka "Critter" Caspell

Tell Tale Printing Cost Estimate

Submitted by Tony Hauser



Per request at the June meeting during discussion of potentially returning to a printed version of the monthly TT for all members, I have received estimates for having Office Depot perform the entire procedure of printing, stapling, folding, stamping, sealing, and labelling each copy.

Assuming a total of 80 copies per month (we are currently at 71 members), a black & white version would cost \$162.40 and color would cost \$367.20. This DOES NOT include the cost of the stamps or the labels which are an additional approximate cost of \$44.80. This makes the totals \$207.20 for black & white and \$412.00 for color for each month.

Office Depot also requires at least 5 business days to complete the entire job and we would still need someone to pick up the issues and drop them in the mail.

I hope this at least gives members more information to help make a decision. I assume discussion on this topic will continue at the July meeting.

Tony

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MEETINGS

General Meeting
Wed. July 21st, 7:00pm
Buster's BBQ, Tigard

Board Meeting
No meeting.

TC's Track Time Trials and HPDE Announcement

Submitted by Jim Larfield



Team Continental is pleased to announce our next event

Aug 21 at Oregon Raceway Park.

This will be a Track Time Trials - HPDE

Please note that we have changed the track format -

we will be running the FULL COURSE in the counterclockwise direction.

If you enter the Track Time Trials you will need a transponder to be timed.

*These will be available to rent but you will need to reserve one when you register on
motorsportreg.*

*For those who don't know what a transponder is, it's a small box that is zip tied to the front
car (grille, or inside the engine bay, or?) that emits a radio frequency and registers with
timing and scoring when you cross the timing loop.*

*At the end of the day there will trophies and a meal to enjoy with your competitors and new and
old friends.*

This is sure to be a fun event so register today.

\$200 Track Time Trials - HPDE

\$30 transponder rental

\$15 ORP lunch

to register:

<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/team-continental-track-time-trials-hpde-oregon-raceway-park-tc-321952>

For questions feel free to contact me jim.larfield@gmail.com

TEAM CONTINENTAL – GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Steve Adams



Date: June 16, 2021

Location: Meeting was held at Busters Barbeque in Tigard, OR.

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS: Cynthia Wilson**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Web Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by TC President Steve Leonard;**ATTENDANCE:**

Steve Leonard, Bob Smethers, Tony Hauser, Denny Roberts, Joe Harlan, Jim Larfield, Tony Larfield, Skip Yocom, Judy Yocom, Steve Adams, Bill Craine, Bill Murray, Lynn Coupland, Jon Wilson, Cynthia Wilson, Tiffany Neil, Rick Farrar, Tim Jorgensen, Bill Harris and Mrs. Harris.

OFFICER REPORTS:

PRESIDENT (Steve Leonard):

Started the Second In person meeting under State of Oregon, COVID 19 pandemic group size limit restrictions.

Steve Leonard sponsored a gift raffle during the general meeting with racing items memorabilia Good Times!

Steve Leonard made a motion to approve the May 2021 TC Meeting Minutes that were published in the Tell Tale, Motion was seconded, and all members were in favor. (*ed.—There were no May minutes published in the June TT*)

Steve Leonard deposited the membership checks from Denny Roberts.

Steve Leonard provided TC Treasures report: TC Club Checking Account = \$10,162.17

Savings Total = \$8895.84 and CD Total = 71,674.28 for a grand total of 90,732.29

Gale Kovack was kind enough to complete our TC Club 2020 Taxes for free. A Big TC Thank You Gale.

\$29.00 was paid to the Department of Justice for some reason Steve was not clear on what the payment was for at this time.

Steve Leonard made a motion, to send Flowers to Gale Kovack for an appreciation gift, for filing our TC Club 2020 taxes. Motion was seconded, and all members were in favor. Passed unanimous.

We all had a good laugh as Steve Leonard recalled the events of the near miss while in the port-a-potty @ TC Club Race @ Port Orford, Oregon. Steve recalled having to exit the port-a-potty very quickly! As Daren Dilly Mazda RX7 had a brake failure and crashed into the trees next to the port-a-potty. Not sure if he was able to complete the Job? TMI.

Steve Leonard advised the attending membership of our ORP driving event is in 68 days. That we need to start ASAP working on the agenda and volunteers needed to staff the driving event @ ORP.

Steve Leonard indicated Joe Harlan would be the Race Chairmen for ORP driving event. Joe will consider the position but hasn't accepted the positions at this time. TBD.

Steve Leonard sponsored a gift raffle Great Moments with racing items memorabilia Good Times!

Skip Yocom donated his raffle winning checkered flag to Tiffany Neil, she was all smiles, Thanks Skip for the winning checkered moment.

Steve Leonard has appointed Cynthia Wilson as per there agreement to be acting TC Treasure for 2021.

Steve Leonard sponsored a donation collection for Cynthia to become a TC member. Proud to have Cynthia as our newest member, Thanks Cynthia for your commitment to TC for 2021.

Steve Leonard opened discussion on the direction of TC Racing Club @ ORP:

Steve feel that the time trial event is the best way for TC to increase our membership in 2021.

Steve reflected on past new membership tools that were driven by drivers training @ PIR, we no longer have that option. Steve see an opportunity to increase and attract our new membership from the ORP time trial events. Steve made mention of Bruce Baggets finical gift and how we should use it to continue the TC Racing Club Mission. Joe Harlan channeled Bags "No matter what you do Steve you will Fuck it up" Laughing moment.

Steve feel we need to commit to the time trial event @ ORP in 68 days and maybe 2 other events in 2022 @ ORP and the club needs to be prepared that we may lose money putting on these events. It takes money to make money and we need to understand as a racing club, what are we in business to be as a racing club to promote racing on track racing activities. Steve reflective on a conversation he had with Don Smethers regarding the topic if the club dose not become viable any more what would we do with the club proceeds? Don said "You would have to donate to another Sports Car Club" Steve was very taken back by the statement. Don was trying to get Steve riled up. It worked. Steve and Don had a good laugh!

Steve is asking the questions what we can do to with the money in the club to better promote the TC Racing Club Mission.

Bobby Smethers feels we need to go forward with the event at ORP in August 2021 and into 2022.

Steve Leonard suggested that we move forward as well with time events @ ORP in 2021 and 2022. If we find out that the time trial events do not work to generate revenue or new membership. Then we need to reevaluate how the TC Race Club promotes racing and generated revenue.

The Meeting floor was open for discussion:

Skip Yocom suggested an outside club HPDE Organizer to assist with our events.

Joe Harlan responded that Oregon Region has rejected this type of Promotional Organizer because they did not like the outside involvement. Joe commented the event organizer is a SCCA based type race event program. Joe's opinion on this is that it is difficult, convoluted and stupid. The time trial event that TC puts on is a much better organized and racetrack, time trial quality event. We need to identify if TC members can contribute time and effort to make these events a success and look to having a 3 or 4 race series in 2022.

Bill Murray comments, the TC club can put on a good time trial event and it can be successful, but we need all club member to really step up and provide volunteered support to fill in for the race event duties.

Jon Wilson comment that when we could see that our drivers training was successful for many years and we could build off that momentum to take TC race time trial events to the level that we could be financially successful in generating club revenue. Like when we built up our drivers training program. Jon feels we need push through this COVID 19 disruption and continue to stay on the paths to holding these TC time trial events.

Lynn Coupland commented that the first-time trial event at ORP was super successful and all it generated excitement in the participants to be returning to our next event. Lynn would like us to commit to running the next time trial event like we did the previous, using the same time trail format.

Joe Harlan commented we should continue with a TC non-championship, time trial event because they have proven to be successful time trial events that get clients out on the track and come back for a champion event the next year.

Bill Craine commented that “this club need to not be afraid to spend the money and do it right” putting on our ORP time trial event and make it a talked about event with the participants that attend to build momentum into our next event.

Steve Leonard identified a consensus that we need to move forward with the ORP time trial event for August 21, 2021 and ORP time trial events for 2022.

Joe Harlan made a motion for us to move forward on the August 21, 2021, HPDE time trial program. The Motion was seconded, and all members were in favor. Motioned Passed.

Jim Larfield comments we have lost momentum and we need to move now! and get our event going. Other events are gaining participant, so we need to make this event as part of this year’s activities in the time trial conversation community.

A motion was cast to have a Sunday August 22, 2021 time trial event, motion was seconded, all in favor, unanimous. Stay tuned for additional details on Sunday’s track time schedule.

The ORP time trial event on August 21, event committee is now Jon Wilson, Joe Harlan, Jim Larfield and Steve Leonard. They are looking for additional committee members as well.

Linda Blackburn on Timing and Scoring

Tony Larfield on Registration

Rissberger’s on Race Paddock

Scott Olsen on Tech Inspection

Darcy Olsen on TC Club Merchandise

We need a lot of other positions filled as well, TBD.

VICE PRESIDENT (Bill Murray): No Report

SECRETARY (Steve Adams): No Report

TREASURER (Steve Leonard):

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

MEMBERSHIP (Dennis Roberts): We have had membership 2021 renewal for a total of 66 paid members.

The attending membership recalled past membership locations and traditions as part of the membership report.

Lots of good memories were shared, enjoying a few good laughs.

DRIVING MASTER (Lynn Coupland): No Report.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REP (Joe Harlan):

No Executive board information to share currently.

TRACK EVENT CHAIR (Jim Larfield): No report

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR (Tony Hauser):

Tony Hauser club Tell Tale Editor: Gave a report regarding the distribution of the TC Tell Tale Membership Letter. We currently have 4 members that get a printed version mailed to them. The remainder of the membership get an e-mailed version. The question was raised should we go back to a direct mailed version? Or should we continue the same distribution as is. Tony provided facts, logistic and figures (estimate of Minimum Annual cost = \$1014.12 per 60 issues) that would be required if we were to go back to a printed and direct US mail distribution to our paid members. Tony renewed his commitment to be the TC Tell Tale Editor.

Tony has 2 questions for the membership:

1. Do we want to go back to printed and US mailed Tell Tale distribution to membership?

If we do go back to printed and US mailed Tell Tale distribution, we would need to a committee to mail it and do all the prep to mail the Tell Tale.

Discussion was opened for comment.

Joe Harlan asked if there was a price for a printing vendor to do the printing, preparation and stamp and US mail the Tell Tale.

Tony Hauser responded > That we would have to get quotes from vendors like Office Depot or FedEx, Kinkos to identify that option. It would probably increase the Annual distribution cost \$\$.

Joe indicated we have had a declining active membership since we switched over to the emailed version.

People tend to open or not open the emailed link and move on without reading the TC, Tell Tale.

Tim asked the questions if we poll the membership how many want to have the printed Tell Tale US mailed and how many would like to continue with the email version.

Tony Hauser responded > that we would still have to use a vendor, club member volunteer or committee to handle the printed TC, Tell Tale US mailed version.

Tony Hauser indicated that members need to have a current email on file, so they receive the Tell Tale.

Rick Farrar proposed we ask the member for mailing fee \$\$ who would like to have a printed copy of the Tell Tale.

Steve Leonard asked for a show of hands for how many members at the general meeting would like to receive the printed Tell Tale via US mail. 5 members raised hands.

Steve Leonard requested for Tony to continue the TC, Tell Tale Distribution as is and research some Vendor to quote us on the cost to prepare and US mail printed copy to send out to members that would like a printed copy.

Jon Wilson pointed out that the personal email reminder that Steve Leonard sent out to advise the membership of the TC general meeting, time, location and COVID19 capacity rules was an effective communication tool as a result of the attendance tonight. We should consider this communication tool to get our message out to attend the TC general meeting and read the Tell Tale.

Bill Craine is tired of the Rug Muncher telling us how many TC members we can have at our indoor general meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PICNIC CHAIRMAN (Bob Smethers): No Report

BANQUET CHAIRWOMEN: ()

WEBMASTER (Kevin Smith): No Report.

CHRISTMAS PARTY ():

SPIRITUAL LEADER ():

ROD REP ():

EQUIPMENT CHAIRMAN ():

MERCHANDISE (Darcy Olsen): No Report

TROPHY CHAIRMAN: ()

COMPETITION COMMITTEE ():

HISTORIAN ():

OLD BUSINESS: No current business.

NEW BUSINESS: No current business. Tim Jorgensen offered something sweet as a parting gift to the conclusion for our meeting. Bags of candy, Thanks Tim for your "sweet treats".

Motion to adjourn by Steve Leonard, Motion passed (unanimous), meeting adjourned 8:55 pm.

BS & BONER DISCUSSIONS: Jon Wilson presented Tiffany Neil with the TC Boner Jacket for her wrong way event that occurred @ ORP and getting her VW Race Rabbit stuck on the delivery truck.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve J Adams, TC Secretary



ANNOUNCING TWO OPEN PRACTICE DAYS:

Friday, July 23rd - Prior to the Lemons Race.
Friday July 30th - Prior to the Lucky Dog Event.

Both events are open to all teams as well as individual Drivers, and O.R.P. Club Members. Advance registration is required. Sign up is now open through the O.R.P. Office: Brenda @ 541-333-2452

Event Schedule & Supplemental Rules (for both days).

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. To 7:00 p.m. Gates open for move in and set-up. The Gate Holding Lot, East of the Security Building is open for late night arrivals.

Friday: 7:00 a.m. Gates open to STAR Practice Event registered vehicles only. As a courtesy, teams registered for the Saturday / Sunday events are welcome for move in after 10:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. Mandatory drivers meeting will be followed by a mechanized track walk. (To save time we recommend that you bring a vehicle capable of carrying your whole team to the pregrid prior to the drivers meeting).

9:30 a.m. Driver wrist bands issued /open track practice begins.

12:00 Noon: Track is cold for lunch.

1:00 p.m. Track is green for open practice

5:00 p.m. Track is cold. No consumption of alcohol by anyone until the close for the day.

All O.R.P. rules will be enforced and are available on the O.R.P. website. You and your teammates are responsible to review them prior to your arrival. Overnight camping is encouraged and is free; however, the \$5.00 per person, per day maintenance fee applies and will be collected at the gate. To minimize impact on racers setting up pits and paddock for the weekend endurance event, those attending Friday only (not part of a racing team) are requested to park in designated areas.

<https://oregonraceway.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/General-Rules-Regulations-2021.pdf>



Supplemental Rules and Advice:

O.R.P. is at 2,350 feet. Temperatures at night can be cool. Wind can become fierce. Be prepared. Do not secure tarps and canopies to fuel jugs.

No fires are allowed. Keep a fire extinguisher in plain view while fueling.

Any time a vehicle is occupied by more than one person, one of those in the car must be on the O.R.P. recognized instructor list. Both parties must have signed the Dual Occupancy Release document.

92 Clear (non ethanol fuel) is available at the track pumps @ \$5.50 gal.

If you are operating a vehicle that is not equipped with seat belts (bicycle, power board, scooter etc.) you must wear a helmet while in motion.

No children allowed on the above vehicles at any time until the track is closed for the day.

Come prepared, civilization is a long way off.

No electrical plug-in without prior arrangement. A limited number of electrical permits are available through the track office.

Damages to track property (cones, break markers etc.) will be billed to the driver / team responsible.

Help us preserve the track's reputation for good citizenship in Sherman County; Please observe the posted speed limits.

Questions?

Bill Murray / 503-358-2617
10:00 a.m. to Midnight.



Fees and such:

All pricing below assumes a completed registration with payment information not later than 15 days prior to the event. Your credit card information is needed to hold your spot. All fees increase by 20% after that time and 30% on day prior to the event (if space is available). No part day or mid-event registration will be accepted once the drivers meeting has commenced. Driver / Team cancellation: No refunds will be issued, however if requested not later than 5 days prior to the event, a 90% book credit will be issued transferable to a future Star Projects Event.

The daily gate fees may be paid in advance with advance registration. Annual passes will be honored.

One car one driver \$245.00.

Extra drivers same car \$175.00 each.

Team Entry: Up to four drivers one car \$450.00

Additional team drivers \$100.00 each.

All entries include our famous track lunch. Extra meals are available by advance arrangement at \$12.50 ea.

Private Instructor (team or individual) \$200.00 per day (advance arrangement required).

Is your team attending the Lemon's and Lucky Dog events? Sign up for both STAR Practice Days at the same time and receive a 10 % discount.

Those that do not attend the driver meeting will not be allowed on course until they have met with and been approved by the event organizer.

Not ready to run a race yet, but would like to try the team concept in a practice? Rental cars available @ \$800 per day wet. Porsches available at \$800. Damage cap maxed @ \$3,500.

Office Manager / Registration / Extra meals
etc. Brenda Piki / 541-333-2452.

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