



Tell Tale

**Announcements for TC's TT event and track day
at ORP and Don Smether & Bob Caspell
Memorials.**

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Bob Caspell Announcement

Submitted by Melissa Biegenger



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: mbiegenger@gmail.com.

Thank you all so much!

Melissa aka "Critter" Caspell

New Oregon Mask Mandate & Next Meeting

Submitted by Tony Hauser



August 18th is supposed to mark our move to Sayler's Old Country Kitchen on SE Stark for our monthly meetings. As of today, it does not appear Oregon's new indoor mask mandate will prevent us from meeting at the restaurant.

I checked Sayler's website today and it indicates that private banquet room service is closed until further notice. I'm sure President Steve will be checking on this and will let everyone know in advance of Wednesday night.

Normal meeting time is 7:00pm.

Tony

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MEETINGS

General Meeting

Wed. Aug. 18th 7:00pm

Saylor's Old Country Kitchen

10519 SE Stark ST, Portland

Board Meeting

No meeting.

TC's Track Time Trials and HPDE Announcement

Submitted by Jim Larfield



*Just a little more then a week until
the Team Continental Track Time Trials - HPDE Sat Aug 21
at Oregon Raceway Park*

Enter the Time Trials soon to reserve your transponder

*There will be 4 20 min sessions per run group plus open track time at the
end of the day*

*When the on track fun is over hang out with us for a trophy presentation
and dinner and beverages all sponsored by Team Continental*

Guaranteed to be a good time

Hope to see you there

Greetings fellow TC Members

Sorry about the short notice for this event at ORP.

Sat Aug 21 TC will be hosting a Track Time Trials - HPDE

*Our schedule for this event has a TC only run group in the morning
plus an open track session in the afternoon.*

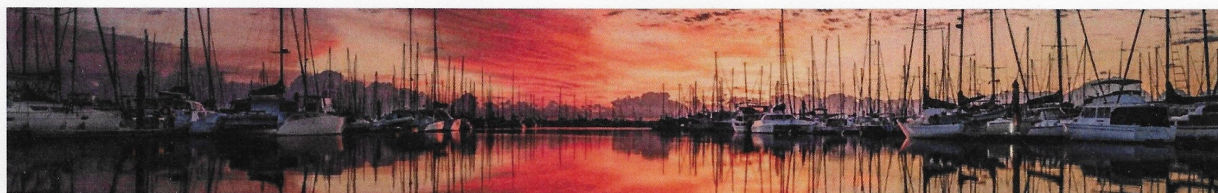
This comes free as a member of Team Continental.

*At the end of the day there will be social (dinner and beverages) in the
honor of recently passed Bob Caspell.*

PLEASE RSVP me: jim.larfield@gmail.com or 503-539-2677

by Tue Aug 17 so we can count you in for dinner

Jim Larfield



Celebration Of Life

Donald Earl Smethers

March 1, 1939 – December 27, 2020

Portland Yacht Club – 1241 NE Marine Drive – Portland, Or 97211

Sunday, August 29th, 2021

Noon – 4pm

Receive 2 drink tickets upon arrival, good for - soft drinks, water, alcohol

Noon – 1:30pm

Social - Hors d'oeuvres

1:30pm – 4pm

Memories & Tributes

Questions:

Sonjia Smethers

503-310-8511

Bob Smethers

971-207-5147

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503-285-1922



TEAM CONTINENTAL – GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 21, 2021



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

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by TC President Steve Leonard.

ATTENDANCE:

Steve Leonard, Bob Smethers, Tony Hauser, Denny Roberts, Jim Larfield, Skip Yocom, Steve Adams, Bill Craine, Bert Dilley, Jon Wilson, Rick Farrar, Tim Jorgensen

OFFICER REPORTS:

PRESIDENT (Steve Leonard):

Motion by Steve Leonard to approve the June 2021 TC Meeting Minutes that were published in the Tell Tale, Motion was seconded, and all members were in favor.

Steve Leonard deposited the membership checks from Denny Roberts.

Steve Leonard opened a discussion that several TC Members have contacted him about offering a TC club track day as part of our ORP Time Trial Event. Members that come to ORP TT and HPDE event who work, and volunteer would get some track time as part of the event. Based off the track schedule there may be an opportunity for on track time? Jim will review the schedule and report back to Steve Leonard.

Motion by Bob Smethers to stay with the current Tell Tale email distribution and 5 member US mailing distribution as is. Passed unanimous.

Motion asked by Steve Leonard, seconded by Bill Craine to move forward on scheduling a TC Banquet and gathering a committee for this 2021 year-end banquet on the Oregon Coast in Newport.

Steve Leonard advised the attending membership of our ORP driving event. 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.

Bob Smethers sponsored a gift raffle of his father Don's racing T shirts and memorabilia. Thanks, Bob, for sharing your father's memories and memorabilia with the TC Club this evening.

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

The Meeting floor was open for discussion:

Skip Yocom suggested we have TC membership applications signed to accept new members on the spot at the track.

Jon Wilson shared that we have offered a free 1yr TC membership to a few potential new members to entice them to maintain a membership the following year. It hasn't been that successful in the past.

Jim Larfield told a great joke that brought the room to a laughing outburst. Ask him about "Swan and Saskatchewan"

Skip Yocom will confirm with Linda @ TA Race this weekend about timing and scoring commitment and offer to cover expenses for her lodging, etc.

Proposal was brought to the attending members by Steve Leonard that we cover timing and scoring workers expenses for this event @ ORP.

Steve Adams opened discussion to offer a controlled slow speed track tour for spectators to ride around the track giving our spectators a more engaging experience for their visit to our ORP time trial event. Jim would approach ORP about this potential opportunity for our spectators. TBD.

A past 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

Toni Larfield on Registration

Rissbergers 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.

Bert Dilley will provide the tow truck roll back service. We will cover the expenses for Bert's service at the track. Estimate of \$200.00

VICE PRESIDENT (Bill Murray): No report.

SECRETARY (Steve Adams): The July General Meeting Minutes will be submitted to Tony Hauser and will be published in the Tell Tale.

TREASURER (Cynthia Wilson): Submitted Team Continental July 2021 Financial Report. Report is on file and available upon request. Jon Wilson gave report that Cynthia is working with Gale to get the QuickBooks.

Steve Leonard will meet with Cynthia to work out details of the club's accounts as needed to do financial accounting as needed.

MEMBERSHIP (Dennis Roberts): We have had membership 2021 renewal for a total of 70 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.

CONTEST BOARD REP (Jon Wilson): Reminder to TC Membership to advise Jon Wilson of any rule changes you may have concern about? and to bring them to his attention before September 2021.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REP (Joe Harlan): No Executive board information to share currently.

TRACK EVENT CHAIR (Jim Larfield):

Report for ORP August 21, 2021, HPDE time trial program:

Jim Larfield sent out an email blast for the ORP Time Trial event and we picked up 8 entries. Nice work Jim!

We are gaining some momentum, but we still have a lot of work to do.

We currently have 25 entries for the ORP August 21, 2021, HPDE time trial event. Jim indicated we need 50 entries to make money for this ORP event. 45 entries would get us to break-even on the expense to put the event on. Jim indicated that we are very competitively priced for our event and we need the entries to make money for the club. Jim is still working on the conference insurance and is awaiting a reply from Jim Bennet. Jim is still reviewing our ORP event insurance with Conference or ORP, TBD.

Jim is going to send out another email blast to try and get more entries, stand by for updates as they become available. Thanks, Jim, for all your great work!

Jim wanted to make a rule that we are not changing out transponders for this ORP event! It creates too much confusion for timing and scoring. The only exception would be if the transponder was malfunctioning.

Jim suggested we have a self-check tech form that the car/driver entry completed to expedite the car technical inspection process at the track. Great idea!

Jim elaborated on the end of track TC social event that is being planned.

Jim announced that Bill Harris has donated \$300.00 for the food social, Thanks, Bill, for your TC support!

Jim is working on other sponsorship for the TC social.

Tim Jorgensen sponsored 2 cases of wine for the ORP social. Thanks, Tim, for your TC support!

Jim indicated we have trophies for this ORP Time Trial Event to give out to our drivers.

End of report, Thank you Jim for all the great work and TC support!

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR (Tony Hauser):

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, logistics and figures from Office Depot: estimated monthly cost = \$210.00 per 80 copies on black and white print, 4 sheets, including labels, envelope and US Postage fee and \$410.00 for color.

Tony was not sure if Office Depot would facilitate US mail pick up direct from their location. If not, this would require us to pick the TC Tell Tale prepared mailing package from Office Depot and drop them in the mail. We would need a volunteer to do this every month. Office Depot would require 5 business days for processing.

Jon Wilson suggested we may consider an additional fee for a member who would like to have a mailed copy of the Tell Tale. Steve Adams suggested that we offer a printed copy of the Tell Tale to members at the General Meeting who would like one. The club has a printer and supplies, Bobby offered to print copies with the club's printing equipment.

> Closed Discussion

Motion by Bobby Smethers to stay with the current Tell Tale email distribution and 5 member US mailing distribution as is. Passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: none

OLD BUSINESS:

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 because of the increased attendance. We should consider this communication tool to get our message out to attend the TC general meeting and read the Tell Tale.

NEW BUSINESS:

Skip Yocom wanted to congratulate Jon Wilson on his PIR, Rose Cup Victory

Additional congratulations on Jon's second race victory with very competitive competition.

Jon had a window net latch malfunction on track that was observed by Skip Yocom as a possible Bonner Jacket Mention.

Congratulations to Bill Craine family on his daughter's newborn child. I predict a Corvette race car baby stroller is being developed by the Craine race shop.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Leonard, Motion passed (unanimous), meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

BS & BONER DISCUSSIONS:

Tiffany Neil is the current TC Boner Jacket owner for here wrong way event that occurred @ ORP and getting her VW Race Rabbit stuck on the delivery truck.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve J Adams, TC Secretary

Event Chairman



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