



Tell Tale

**We will be meeting at Buster's again this month.
PLEASE! Return perpetual trophies to this week's
meeting. Thanks!**

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Mensaje del Presidente

Submitted by El Prez Esteban Leonard

Greetings Fellow TCer's:



I must start with reporting on the fabulous, fun and safe TC Time Trial and HPDE event the club presented at ORP August 22nd. There were many TC volunteers that made it run smoothly and professionally thank you all. I'd like to recognize Jim Larfield, Joe Harlan and Jon Wilson for their many hours spent and meetings attended as the leadership and driving forces who made it happen. Excellent event! Job well done. This event put TC back in the Race Track competitive and high performing driving business. The attendance, operations and good financial outcome exceeded expectations. This is the latest in a long history of Team Continental's events being best of the best. When you factor in the Pandemic it's a great example of this club's ability to, against all odds make good things happen.

Here's the basic numbers:

38 entries

\$8240.00 gross income

<\$2407.25> loss. Personally I expected to potentially lose twice this amount.

Most importantly everyone involved had a great time. And in a stroke of genius at the end of the day several of us took an executive decision and added 38 new members to our roster.

We are excited to have you as part of Team Continental.

Looking to the future I see many bright spots. No I'm not hallucinating or looking at an oncoming train nor have I been drinking. The future just looks really good! (politicians taught me to say that)

I just got the word from the Hallmark Resort and the Oregon Coast is clear for the masked up TC Banquet weekend January 21-22. Should have details on special room rates etc. by next meeting.

Segway to October 20th 7pm Busters Tigard for General Meeting.

Agenda items include:

Should/are/can we have a club Christmas party this year?

Nominations for 2022 Board of Directors

Dates requested for 2022 ORP TC events. Saturday April 22nd and Saturday September 24/2022

Who wants to be Banquet chairperson for Jan 22'?

I've scheduled Busters for General meetings October 20th, November 17/2021 and February 16/2022. Sayler's Old country Kitchen says they may be able to accommodate our meetings in 2022.

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MEETINGS

General Meeting

Buster's BBQ Tigard

7:00PM Wed. Oct. 20th

Board Meeting

No meeting.

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Possible new venue for 2022 meetings?

And other vitally important stuff.

On a sad note long time TC member Howard "Duck" Allen passed away earlier this week... Man I had a lot of hellacious races with him.

And just got a message a few minutes ago that Karen McCoy passed away. She was such an awesome person!

Let's gather next week and have some fun, take care of a little business and toast some of our friends we'll all miss.

Formerly Incontinent now
Very Continental
Steve



Perpetual Trophy Return Reminder

Submitted by Jon Wilson



It's time to return perpetual trophies. Please bring yours to the meeting or contact the trophy committee to make arrangements for pickup.

Steve Leonard 503-320-1028 or crown@crownauto rental.com

Jon Wilson 971-219-3184 or jonwils72@gmail.com

Online ORP Review

Submitted by Bill Murray



Click the link below to watch an excellent review of ORP by an NSX Club member and his Lap of the World series on youtube. He did a really nice job and includes excellent drone footage of the track:

<https://youtu.be/KO-ne6j1SI0>

Proposal for Track/Fun Day at ORP in 2022

Submitted by Bill Murray



If there is enough interest among us fossils of racing to put together a day at Oregon Raceway Park in 2022, STAR Projects would be glad to coordinate it. I am thinking "something for everybody": picnic, track tours, lapping in your car or one of the track rental fleet, telling lies and enjoying the company of friends. Drop me your contact information (or that of anyone else you raced with "back in the day") as well as any ideas you have for making this a fun and unique event. Bill Murray, mastermechanic05@comcast.net or call me 503-358-2617 (10:00 a.m. to Midnight) or Brenda at the track office 541-333-2452.

Bill Murray
503-358-2617
10:00 am to midnight

Comments on HPDE Instructors Northwest Forum

Submitted by Bill Murray



As posted on **HPDE Instructors Northwest** is a link to access Ross Bentley's latest work. If you instruct and are not a reader of the comments on this forum, I recommend you add the forum to your list. Ross always has a worthwhile perspective.

From Ross Bentley: To download and read a copy of the When & How to Teach Trail Braking white paper I've just written, go to: <https://speedsecrets.com/teach-trail-braking/>.

Below are my remarks (also posted on the forum) regarding my thinking that "The unusual track takes some variation to the unusual teaching techniques."

At Oregon Raceway Park we have a couple of long downhill entry corners with transitioning exit grades, offering both left and right turns in each direction (the track runs both clockwise and counter-clockwise.) We use entry, apex and exit cones as well as brake markers extensively because so many of our corners are blind either in entry or exit and sometimes both. If I don't introduce trail braking right after the student has internalized a reasonable understanding of the basic line we find ourselves tiptoeing into the corner so slowly that there isn't enough entry speed to develop any feel for why the rest of the lesson points are so important.

It is a lot to learn at one time but in our case it has usually led to a shorter path to overall proficiency once the corners start to become a flow of motion rather than individual steps. One line I use is "When it is right it feels right, it is like dancing with a gal that makes you look good!"

Fortunately (and when it is necessary) we allow our instructors to drive student's cars to demonstrate the flow. We also designed and built the track with huge run off areas everywhere so in the event of a mistake the risk of serious damage is very much mitigated. My #1 mantra is: "If you screw it up just drive off straight, a good off course is better than a bad save."

Also consider this to be your first reminder to get your application for our 2022 STAR Instructor Training filed with Brenda at the track office 541-333-2452. We will be confirming the training date (probably mid March) and event details will be out on or before mid January.

Bill Murray
503-35-2617
10:00 a.m. to Midnight

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