

# Tell Tale

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

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# The President's Message

Submitted by President Steve Leonard



Greetings fellow TCer's. Please be at Buster's next Wednesday 11/17 for an important general meeting and some fun as usual.

Most exciting is 2 dates are reserved at ORP for 2022 TT and HPDE events for Team Continental. Saturday 4/2 and Saturday 9/24/2022.

Not so exciting, the potential venue for holding a TC Christmas Party this year can't accommodate us.

Big thank you to Bill Harris for schlepping TC fire extinguishers from ORP and to new member and A Sedan driver Jeff Menor for donating a new winter storage space. Appreciate it.

Final call for return of TC perpetual trophies. These need to be returned before Thanksgiving to allow time for engraving some new names on them. Are you old enough to remember Bob Hope hosting the Oscar's annually? Every year he would attempt to guilt the Academy into giving him an Oscar, always to no avail. I can totally relate. If you can take them directly to Bardy Trophy Company, 2500 NE MLK, 97212 that would be excellent. Otherwise, call/text Jon Wilson (971)219-3184 or me (503)320-1028 and we'll work something out.

The 17th will be the last round of nominations for TC 2022 Board of Directors positions. Last month there were many great nominations. Some who couldn't serve respectfully declined and others hung up on me when I called to confirm they would stand for election. Unfortunately, those folks forgot I have a longtime customer and associate named Tony Soprano... absolutely a true story. He's graciously allowed me to use his name in these situations. Always works!

Really exciting news: Banquet Chairperson Bob Smethers has confirmed arrangements and reservations for the annual TC Awards Banquet at the Hallmark Resort in Newport. All the vital info is in the flyer in this edition of the Tell Tale. Personally, I'm excited for the TC Band to celebrate 30 years together and play for you guys after the awards. Hopefully you'll see a big improvement. First gig 1/18/1992. In those days club members would form groups and do skits and tricks after the trophies were passed out. Who could ever forget the Slut Sisters and the Tartlets? A group of TC drivers got together and did a 3, three-chord Louie Louie type songs live music skit. Ric Farrar and I are the last originals. Other originals are tuning up their chops and coming to join in the fun in Newport. Wait 'til you see how old those guys are now.

Part of surviving 30 years playing live music involves shameless self-promotion at every opportunity. The band is competing in the final round of the Garages Battle of the Bands next Tuesday the 16th. This has always been a

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# 2021 TEAM CONTINENTAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND APPOINTEES

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Tony Hauser, Editor 503-438-0297

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# **MEETINGS**

General Meeting
Buster"s BBQ Tigard
7:00PM Wed. Nov. 17th

**Board Meeting**No meeting.

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racer's band and of course we're in it to win it. Everyone is invited to come and help us win! The band will give you your \$5 cover charge back if you vote for us. It's a great venue. Great selection of booze, beer, and wine. The kitchen serves up good food and there's several tasty food carts by the entrance (you can bring your cart food inside). Big socially distanced room with a large dance floor. Great lights and sound with plenty of parking. We go on at 7:30 for a 45-minute set. Hope to see a lot of you there. The Garages Satellite Pub is at 4810 Western Ave, Beaverton, Oregon 97005.

Formerly incontinent but now very Continental Steve Leonard

## **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@crownautorental.com

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



These are the kinds of things that occasionally appear at Team Continental meetings. Joe gets the boob job he always wanted.



# Country Harvest

Team Continental Banquet

January 21 – 23, 2022

Hallmark Resort Newport

Room Reservations 855-391-2484

Identify yourself as Team Continental

Please register through MSR for Dinner Reservations – pay \$25 at the banquet prime rib, fried chicken, rice/potatoes, com cob/veggies, salad, fruit, dinner roll, desserts

#### Weekend Activities

#### Friday, January 21

4pm - Hospitality Suite Opens 7pm to 10pm - Moonshine, Margaritas & Lemon Drops - Thanks to Jon & Cynthia

#### Saturday, January 22

9:30am - Biscuits & Gravy in Hospitality - Thanks to Brenda & Ali

2pm to 4pm - Wine Tasting - Thanks to Don & Gayle

5pm to 6pm - Registration & Social Hour - Lower Lobby

6pm to 7pm - Country Harvest Buffet - Chuck Wagon (Banquet Room)

7pm to 8:30pm - Annual Awards Ceremony - Saloon

8:30pm to 10pm - Live Music - "TC Blues Band Reunion"

TC Band celebrates 30 years of rocking! TC at the beach since 1/18/92 first gig 9pm to 11pm – Games in Hospitality

#### Sunday, January 23

12:00 Noon – Business Meeting and Crab Feed

### GROUP ROOM RATE: Please contact The Hallmark for room reservations

Room Type	Rate
Admiral King Spa Suites #548 & #549	\$220
Limited Edition King Spa	<b>\$</b> 157
Limited Edition Two Queen Guestroom	\$157
Traditional One Queen Balcony	\$117
Ward Room	Comp

For any questions please contact Bob 971-207-5147 or Steve

#### ORP Club Members on Colonel Red Racing win the Cascade Enduro 8 Hour

#### Portland International Raceway October 16th 2021

In a stunning turn of events the Colonel Red Racing Subaru STI won the Cascade Festival of Endurance 8 Hour Race E0 class. The drivers, all members of the famous Oregon Raceway Park Club, were ecstatic.

ORP Club member Dave Baker stated "It was hot in that damn car, Gator couldn't figure out how to keep the Cool Shirt cold. But I was hot on the throttle too!"

ORP Club member Greg Guise was euphoric. He was especially glad after his practice session that the team was able to clean up his mess of oil all over the engine and get the car back in the race before the LeMans style start.

Owner/Driver and ORP Club member James "Gator" Hudson said "I knew all along we would win".

ORP Club member Robert Kulason was the only CRR fan to make the dangerous journey thru Delta Park and into Portland International Raceway. After watching all the fun he said "I can't wait to get my Palatov in one of these races!"





Gator was able to give further details.

We were entered in the 2 Hour, 4 Hour, and the 8 Hour. We knew the 2 Hour would be next to impossible with other top level cars in our class including a Superlite SL-C. But some of those cars would be moving up

to the EU class for the 4 & 8 hour. Our only shot would be if it rained, hard. We were doing the Subaru pray for rain dance all week but alas, it was dry and 68 degrees. Perfect for the supercars. Not so for us to be racing them.

But in endurance racing it's not who smokes the fastest laps for 4 hours, it's who does the most laps at the end of 8. Sometimes the tortoise really does beat the hare!

First to drop out was our friends at Dragonfly, their Factory Five 818R broke a CV axle. We look forward to pitting our 818R against them next year. And good luck at the Thill25, we'll be cheering for you!

For the 4 & 8 hour the superfast car was a SVT Mustang with ginormous HP. In the curves we could easily stay with him because every time he slightly touched the accelerator the back end would go all over the place. But once the track straightened out he was gone! Then shortly after the 4 hour race his engine went bye-bye.

We continued to soldier on, eventually passing their lead and going into first place. Unfortunately at 6 hours we noticed some strange vibrations. We changed the front tires out. A little better but still there. We changed the rear tires out. That didn't help. At 6.5 hours our right front CV Axle called it quits. I was able to limp around back to the pits where it took a little bit to figure out the outer CV joint had broken completely inside the CV boot. However by then we were cemented in 1st place so rather than trying to swap in a new axle we called it a race.

Huge thanks to our Premier Sponsor, Subaru of Bend. Your support has been key to get us to this point. Thank You!

Also thanks to our tuner/fabricator and friends at Arcflash.

And thanks to the ORP Club for being there for our constant test & tunes. Now let's get some more ORP Club teams out there racing!

James "Gator" Hudson Colonel Red Racing, LLC Bend, OR

LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/in/gatorhudson

#### TEAM CONTINENTAL - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 20, 2021

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

Steve Leonard, Bob Smethers, Jim Larfield, Skip Yocom, Steve Adams, Joe Harlan, Denny Roberts, Bill Craine, Bert Dilley, Jon Wilson, Rick Farrar, Bill Harris and Mrs. Harris, Jeff Menor, Eric Howell

#### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

PRESIDENT (Steve Leonard):

Steve Leonard deposited the membership checks from Denny Roberts.

Steve handed out Free Tickets for the Monster Mayhem Tour Event that Bill Craine donated to the meeting for TC members to attend. Thanks' Bill for you Donation.

Steve Leonard sponsored a raffle of hats, checkered flags, and posters. Thanks, Steve.

Steve reminded us that Joe Harlan left the 2020 Christmas Party early and for got to take his TC Tits and Ass gift with him. Steve presented the TC Tits and Ass gift back to him for the upcoming 2021 Christmas Party.

Steve appointed Rick Farrar to contact Darcy Olsen to identify and inventory our TC branded merchandise.

Steve opened discussion for the 2021 Christmas Party. Attending meeting members voted yes to have a Christmas Party. Date December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Potluck style and BYOB. Possible Location: Bill Craine may be able to host it at Holman's. Possible Location: Jeff Menor offered up a company Man Cave that would host a party. Motion was moved for a budget of \$500.00 to support Christmas Party 2021. Seconded and passed.

TC Banquet at the Hallmark in Newport on Friday 21 & Saturday 22, January. Checkout on Sunday. Motion was made to send a \$500.00 check to the Newport Hallmark Inn for deposit to reserve the banquet. Motion was seconded and passed. Check will be sent ASAP. Cost of Banquet has not been determined. Need to establish a banquet dinner menu, etc.

TC Banquet Room rates @ Newport Hallmark Inn,

**Queen Bath = 117.00 = Plus Tax** 

2 Queen Bath = 157.00 = Plus Tax

King Spa Bath = 157.00 = Plus Tax

Admiral Room = 220.00 = Plus Tax

Steve Leonard called for 30 seconds of silence for the passing of our former longtime TC member Howard "Duck" Allen and Karen McCoy. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and love ones.

Nominations for were opened for 2022 TC Board of Directors and committee chairmen:

President Nominees: John Rissberger Vice President Nominees: Eric Howell Secretary Nominees: Steve Adams Treasurer Nominees: Jon Wilson



Communication Director Nominees: Tony Hauser

Driving Master: Lynn Coupland E-Board Rep Nominees: Joe Harlan

Track Event Chairman Nominees: Jim Larfield Membership Director Nominees: Dennis Roberts

Drivers Training Registrar Nominees: Open

Race Registrar Nominees: Open

VICE PRESIDENT (Bill Murray): No Report

#### SECRETARY (Steve Adams):

The October General Meeting minutes will be submitted to Tony Hauser and will be published in the Tell Tale.

#### TREASURER (Cynthia Wilson):

Submitted Team Continental September 2021 Financial Report. Report is on file and available upon request.

#### MEMBERSHIP (Dennis Roberts):

We have a total of 72 paid members. Bob Smethers has been appointed to create a new reminder event in Motor-sportreg.com for membership dues for 2022. Bob is going to go back 5 years and send out a reminder to past members to join as well. Denny was notified that a past member was going to donate his TC jacket back to TC. Denny will recover the jacket and bring it to the next meeting.

Steve Leonard motioned that the 38 TC ORP TT entries that were made members should be renewed for the 2022. Motion was seconded and passed. Bob suggested we send a TC logo to the new members with their TC membership card. Motion was approved. Denny motioned for the club to pay for Sonjia Smethers 2022 membership. Motioned was seconded and approved.

#### DRIVING MASTER (Lynn Coupland): No Report.

Jim announced that Lynn recently had a medical issue and she is feeling better now. All are thoughts and prayers are for a favorable recovery for you Lynn. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

#### CONTEST BOARD REP (Jon Wilson):

Contest Board Driver and Rule Change Board to meet ASAP! No rule changes were submitted to Jon before September 2021. Jon has had no communication form Conference Race Board.

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD REP (Joe Harlan):

It has been determined that the Executive Board meeting will be held via Zoom meeting. It is possible there may be a Zoom awards banquet.

#### TRACK EVENT CHAIR (Jim Larfield):

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

Jim reported that the entire TC Time Trial Event went very well. Everyone he spoke with had fun and really enjoyed the event. The final numbers for the ORP August 21, 2021, HPDE time trial program:

38 entries; Gross Income \$8240.00; <\$2407.25> estimated loss.

An Executive decision was made at the ORP track event to give 38 entries new membership to Team Continental. We are excited to have you as part of Team Continental. Welcome our new members.

Things we need to work on that will make it easer for managing the time trial event:

Pre-grid driver placement can be the driver's responsibility based off the time sheet. Drivers would be required to check the run group time sheet and identify their pre-grid spot number. Then they would identify the numbered pre-grid spot to place their car in for that run group.

We need to do a better job in MSR of explaining how the driver classing system works. Point out that the drivers lap time is established in the first qualifying session and the grid is set based off their best time.

The Run Groups are based off the drivers track experience they list in the registration form and we establish what run group they will be placed in at that point. Jim suggested we put the Run Group, Class, and Qualifying Time on the front of the MSR.com event page.

Joe indicated he would work on the sales pitch portion to clarify how the Time Trials work. The qualifying time will establish what Class your placed in within that Run Group. If the driver posts a higher qualifying time, then they would be moved up to the next Run Group to make it as fair as possible.

Joe acknowledged that Jim is Very! Very! Good as the Time Trail Event Chairman and would like to get him a gold chain with some Bling, Bling. Joe is happy to stay in a position to continue helping Jim with the Time Trials. Steve Leonard wanted to thank and acknowledge all the TC member support for making the TC ORP Time Trial Event a success. Give yourself a hand! Clapping by those in attendance.

Jim wanted to give great appreciation to Tony Hauser for setting up timing and scoring on Friday and Rick Farrar for setting up the radios and communications on Friday before the event on Saturday. Thanks, gentlemen.

Jim thanked Bill Harris for his \$300 donation for the food social. Thanks, Bill for your TC support!

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

Jim thanked Grant for assisting us with timing and scoring. Thanks, Grant! Welcome to TC.

Jim has requested 2022 ORP TC Time Trial Events on Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday September 24.

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

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR (Tony Hauser): No Report.

Tell Tale Editor (Tony Hauser): No Report

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

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#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

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Attention to all past TC trophy winners we need you to please! make arrangements to return the perpetual trophies ASAP! We need time get them engraved for the new Trophy Winners presentation at the TC Banquet.

Joe Harlan raced at the Pacific Raceways First Annual Invitational. It was a \$350.00 entry fee and included the test day because it was co-hosted by the track. Joe had a very good race weekend. Joe has a lot of good stories to tell about the racing event in his new GT3 car trim and motorcoach repairs.

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 her wrong-way event that occurred at ORP and getting her VW Race Rabbit stuck on the delivery truck.

Respectfully Submitted, Steve J Adams, TC Secretary

## 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, <a href="mastermechanic05@comcast.net">mastermechanic05@comcast.net</a> or call me 503-358-2617 (10:00 a.m. to Midnight) or Brenda at the track office 541-333-2452.

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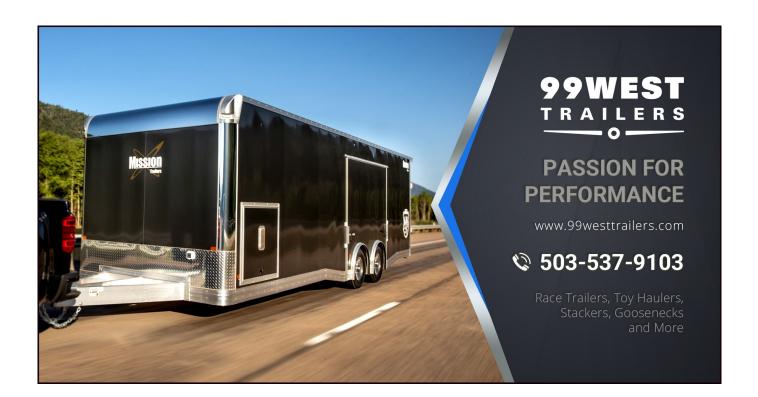














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