



# Tell Tale

TC voted off the Conference E-board to affiliate club status. One ORP and three PIR TC events scheduled for 2023.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by President Joe Harlan



Hey Welcome Back! I want to say thank you to the membership for reelecting me to a second term. We have a new board and a busy year ahead of us. This year is going to be a building year. Team Continental will be holding 4 Driver Trainings which will include Time Trials, HPDE, and Test and Tune for racecars. We have 3 events at Portland International Raceway and 1 event at ORP. Please come on out and join us. We have a place for every member in the club! As a club we will also be focusing on volunteer training at these events to help bring new people into the club and to help support the motorsports community in general. We are looking for a member that would like to help lead that program! As a board we are serious about racing and our relationship with our partners in racing, There is a volunteer recruiting event happening at PIR March 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. TC will be a part of this event! Please wear your club hats and clothing. Look for the flyer in this issue,

We plan to put together a Team Continental race for 2024 at ORP. This is going to take volunteers, drivers, and a whole lot of TC spirit to get done. We can and will do it!

Look for some photos of our banquet and some of the winter fun we have been having!

We are working hard on our social media presence and marketing with a new updated webpage, facebook, and instagram pages. Content photos and media are welcome to be shared in these locations. If you have YouTube pages or videos send us links and we will share them.

Finally we want your input! What can we as a club do to better serve you the member?

We are looking for your input and participation, feel free to check in with the BOD via email or come to the BOD meeting or General meeting and let us know!

Joe Harlan

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Tell Tale Submissions: [editor@teamcontinental.com](mailto:editor@teamcontinental.com)

**March Tell Tale article submission deadline is  
 Wednesday March 8th at 11pm!!!**

### The Tell Tale

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## MEETINGS

**General Meeting**  
 Buster's BBQ Tigard, OR  
 7pm 2/15/23

**Board Meeting**  
 Wild Hare Saloon, Oregon City, OR  
 7PM 3/1/23

# PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY



## VOLUNTEER FAIR

**Saturday, March 11 at 9:00 AM**

@ Portland International Raceway

[Click here or Scan QR code to sign up -->](#)



Race season is just around the corner and your help is needed! If you have ever wanted to get involved in motorsports, volunteering at amateur and pro car racing events at PIR is just the ticket!

Responsibilities range from Flagging and Emergency to Timing and Sound; there are many ways to become involved. We will teach you everything you need to know!





# Team Continental Membership Application/Renewal

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nickname or Preference: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

New Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal Membership Status \_\_\_\_\_ (See explanations below)

Active – A New Member after attaining ICSCC Senior Competition or SCCA Regional License or a member in good standing for one year.

Senior – An Active Member who has won an ICSCC, SCCA Regional or National Championship, or other recognized championship, or at least ten first in class wins in races comprising more than four cars, or who has been an Active Member in good standing for more than three years will attain Senior status when present at a formal meeting.

Team Continental relies on volunteers to put on our racing, driver training, and other club events. Please indicate below any areas where you would be willing to help:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driver services    | <input type="checkbox"/> President                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registration       | <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tech Inspection    | <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scales             | <input type="checkbox"/> ICSCC Executive. Board Rep. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Timing & Scoring   | <input type="checkbox"/> ICSCC Contest Board Rep.    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-grid           | <input type="checkbox"/> Race Chairman               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turn Worker        | <input type="checkbox"/> Driving Master              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flat tow           | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Chairman         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paddock Marshall   | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications Director     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driving Master     | <input type="checkbox"/> Telltale/Newsletter Editor  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driving Instructor | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic Chairman             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other              | <input type="checkbox"/> Banquet Chairman            |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Party Chairman    |

Please present this completed form to the TC Membership Chairman or send it to:

TC Membership Chairman, PO Box 2273, Portland, OR 97208-2273.

Please include \$45.00 for a one year membership, or \$90 for a two year membership along with your application/renewal.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Official Use Only:

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Status : Novice Active Senior Inactive

Fee received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Check # \_\_\_\_\_ or Cash) New card sent: \_\_\_\_\_

Link to online MSR.com registration form: <https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/team-continental-membership-2023-tc-133028>

## JANUARY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Secretary Tiffany Neil

Agate Beach Inn, Newport, OR January 22, 2023

President Joe Harlan opened the meeting and thanked all of 2022's Board members for serving while welcoming 2023's new Board. He also thanked the Larfields for hosting the holiday party and the Wilsons for all that they do for the club.

Dennis Roberts reported we ended the year with 103 members.

Joe spoke about possible solutions to our volunteer shortage. He also announced that the Conference Executive Board has voted to downgrade Team Continental from the E-board to Affiliate Club status.

Meeting adjourned.



## BYLAWS COMMITTEE CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Submitted by VP Jeff Menor

Jeff Menor, Team Continental Vice President, is requesting volunteers for a new "By-laws Review / Revision" Committee assignment. Please contact Jeff via email, [jeff@basicfire.com](mailto:jeff@basicfire.com), to participate or volunteer at our next Board Meeting. The first committee meeting will take place within 1 week after our next Board Meeting. Meeting time, date and location to be determined.



## FEBRUARY BOD MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by TT Editor Tony Hauser

President Joe Harlan called the meeting at The Wild Hare in Oregon City to order on February 1st at 7:20pm. There were four Board members and five guests in attendance.

### REPORTS

President:

- Banquet was bitchin! with overwhelming approval of everyone in attendance. Tony Hauser appointed as Banquet Chair for 2024.
- Spring meeting: TC was officially voted to affiliate club status. TC can now hold events anywhere without approval from other ICSCC clubs! TC given two years to hold a race to keep our territory. Joe's goal is to hold a race in 2024.

VP Jeff Menor:

- Informed the Treasurer of a 5-month CD with a good interest rate.

Communications Director Bill Murray:

- Focusing on Tell Tale with a discussion on expanding the TT mailing to include anyone on our lists from years past.
- New Boner Jacket owner is Bert Dilley



- Bob Smethers has created our new informational flyers

Track Event Coordinator (Jim Larfield for Steve Leonard):

- PIR Worker Recruitment Fair is March 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to noon. BOD wants to have a presence there. ***Linda Blackburn has asked people to bring their racecars for display.*** Joe is looking for a senior worker to do our own training.
- TC's April event is now live on MSR. Currently have eight entries. Investigating marketing with a company called Track Rabbit.

Treasurer (Jon Wilson for Cynthia Wilson):

- We have money. Board recognized Cynthia for her keen negotiating skills on our banquet. Thanks to Tony, Dee, Don & Gayle, and Jim & Toni for assisting with banquet activities. Commended the hotel on staff and service.

Merchandise Coordinator Jon Wilson:

- We have merchandise. Contact Jon to purchase items.

Trophy Committee Jon Wilson:

- Received good feedback on the trophies.

Banquet Committee Jon Wilson:

- Expenses for banquet and trophies were up this year, but not significantly.

E-board Representative Jon Wilson:

- RATS meeting is March 18<sup>th</sup> and is online. Suggests we have someone attend.

Joe adjourned the meeting at 9:09pm.

## 2022 TC PERPETUAL AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Submitted by Jon Wilson



Driver of the Year - not awarded

Victory Cup - Don Crawford

Competitors Trophy - Jeff Menor

George Brockbank Memorial - not awarded

Vagabond Trophy - Joe Harlan

Outstanding Member Award - Bill Harris

Crash & Burn Trophy - Darren Dilley

Hard Luck Trophy - Steve Lovejoy

Instructor of the Year - Jon Wilson

Gary Pazina Memorial - Sheryl Rissberger

James Hugh Maloney Memorial - Jim Larfield

Far Horizons - Bill Murray

Waving Flag - Kevin Smith

Course Master - Grant Heizenrader

Gordon Scott Memorial - Tim Jorgensen

# TC BANQUET WEEKEND PHOTOS

Submitted by Don Crawford, Lauren Menor, Tiffany Neil







## OUTGOING COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR REPORT

Submitted by 2022 Communications Director Bob Smethers



As your outgoing TC Communications Director, I wanted to take a few moments to reflect on our recent accomplishments and help forecast future growth opportunities. Three club functions primarily fall under the responsibility of TC Communications Director: Tell Tale Editor, Web Site Administrator and Publicity Chair. The Club would not be as successful without the unending dedication, expertise and passion of the following individuals:

Thank You to Tony Hauser for his dutiful and timely publication of our Tell Tale newsletter. We can always look forward to interesting and important content within every issue. As club members we should find some time each month to feed more interesting articles, historical and current events to the Tell Tale Editor. The more material we have for publication, the more entertaining will be the result. This is critical to generate new and continuing interest in being actively involved with Team Continental.

Thank You to Kevin Smith and Steve Leonard for all their efforts to secure a new web page design architect. This new format utilizes more mainstream and relevant design elements while continuing to tie together our traditional content in the background. A bonus is that posts to our TC Facebook page are propagated to the TC Web site. This ensures unified and consistent messaging through rapidly growing social media platforms.

Thank You to Joe Harlan for recognizing the importance of TC having a wide social media presence. Joe's direct participation across numerous car club organizations contributes in countless ways to the advancement of our sport. We also enjoy the benefit of being exposed through multiple ongoing publicity venues.

I'm extremely excited to have recently developed a new tri-fold flyer. These are printed in high resolution and on quality material with content that distinguishes Team Continental from other car clubs that host similar organized events. In addition to providing an eye-catching promotional handout to enhance publicity, this is our first utilization of QR codes. This widely used technology not only provides a scanned link to our web page, underlying QR code web hosting most importantly keeps track of how many people scan them, from where and on what date. I expect this will provide valuable demographics moving forward.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Smethers – TC Communications Director 2022

## States with the most and fewest accidents

BY STAFF/WIRE REPORTS ON JANUARY 30, 2023

*Georgia tops the list for the most, and several other southern states had high rates as well, while Oregon has the fewest overall*

**Dallas**—CARFAX has new data that provides insights into where accidents happen around the country, including the states with the most and the fewest accidents per 1,000 registered vehicles in each state. Georgia tops the list for the most, and several other southern states had high rates as well. Here are the top 10 states with the most accidents:

Georgia  
Kentucky  
South Carolina  
Louisiana  
North Carolina  
Alabama  
Rhode Island  
New Jersey  
Indiana  
Tennessee

“Several southern states suffer from higher accident rates,” said Patrick Olsen, executive editor at CARFAX. “But when we look at the states with the fewest accidents, Oregon tops the list followed closely by several other western, mountainous states. It’s interesting to see there is some regionality to the accident rates nationwide.” Here are the top 10 states with the fewest accidents per 1,000 vehicles in each state:

Oregon  
Hawaii  
Alaska  
California  
Vermont  
Pennsylvania  
Maryland  
Virginia  
Montana  
Washington

CARFAX estimates that the average impact on value for a vehicle with damage in its past is almost \$400 on the wholesale price and more than \$500 on the retail price. Those numbers jump to an average of nearly \$2,000 for wholesale and \$2,700 for retail if the vehicle has sustained severe damage. CARFAX estimates as many as 40% of vehicles on U.S. roads today have some damage in their history, or approximately 110 million cars, and its data shows one in four cars are sold within a year of being in a damage-causing incident.

*Published in [Aftermarket Matters](#) who cribbed it from [Collision Repair](#) and [National News](#)*

Three plausible explanations arise from these findings:

Since Oregon schools rank second from the bottom (only one position better than Arkansas) in scholastic achievement, can it be inferred that stupid people make better drivers?

At \$8.00 a pint (plus tip) craft beer has become so expensive in Oregon that few people can afford to drive drunk anymore?

Is this proof that T.C. Driver Training is so awesome that the accident score for the entire state is now the lowest in the nation?

Bring your interpretation to share at the next General Meeting: **7:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**, Busters Barbeque, Tigard.-----

Bill Murray, your new Communications Director.

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### TC Networking

Send your business card to the Tell Tale editor. We will publish it so other club members know what it is you do to support your habit and they can refer you additional business.



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