



Tell Tale

Next meeting: Christmas party!
2024 Membership form is active on MSR!

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President's Message

By Joe Harlan

Hey happy December! Message of the month is VOTE! Become a part of this club's direction. Next up: Christmas party. Look for details in this issue!

We have confirmed event dates for a couple of our events in 2024.

See you at the party!

Joe Harlan

TC President

P.S. Tell your friends! Recruit new and old members!



Sheryl Rissberger Announcement

It is with great sadness that on October 31, 2023, Sheryl Rissberger died after a brief illness. Although not a registered member, she was a friend and tireless supporter of Team Continental. For many years she was a dedicated volunteer registering drivers, running back and forth to and from the timing tower, and taking care of whatever else needed to be done. Because of this, she received a special honor at last year's banquet.

Always at the track supporting John Rissberger, her husband of 53 years, and always with a smile, she will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.



Respectfully submitted by
Rob Rissberger



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MEETINGS

General Meeting
TC Christmas Party

Board Meeting (tentative)
Wild Hare Saloon, Oregon City, OR
7PM 1/3/24

TC Christmas Party
Sat. 12/9/23 6PM
(see announcement in this issue)

TC Christmas Party Announcement



Electronic invitations have been emailed to all TC members by Holly and Kristine. Please check your inbox and follow the link to RSVP and to find out more information.

Wear your best TC Christmas Red

Please bring fun cocktails or desert to share

6:00 pm Hosted casual dinner 7:00 pm (Optional - but always worth the laughs) World Famous Unapologetically TC's Politically Incorrect Gift Exchange

After that, let the games and bench racing begin!!!!

2024 Team Continental Board of Directors and 2023 Driver of the Year Voting

Please use this page as your ballot if you would like to vote with a paper ballot.

Either mail ballot, or bring to Christmas party on December 9th. If mailing, please address to:

Team Continental Election
PO Box 2273
Portland, OR 97208-2273

Mailed ballots must be received by Midnight December 8th, 2023 to be counted. Online voting will end at Midnight December 8th, 2023 as well.

Or, vote online using motorsportreg.com: <https://www.motorsportreg.com/index.cfm/event/survey/uidSurvey/7D4F10C1-DD65-0842-A9DDF8490D2AA752>

Ballot:

President	_____	Joe Harlan
Vice President	_____	Jeff Menor
Secretary	_____	Tiffany Neil
Treasurer	_____	Cynthia Wilson
Communications	_____	Kevin Smith

2023 Driver of the Year, Please vote for one:

_____ Bruce Beachman - ICSCC CC4 Champion
_____ Don Crawford - Oregon Region SCCA Vintage Formula Sports Racer Champion
_____ Taylor Harris - Oregon Region SCCA Spec Racer Ford 3 Champion
_____ Kevin Smith - ICSCC American Sedan Champion

ORP Background

Submitted by ORP Track Manager Bill Murray



11/19/2023

Now beginning our 16th year we at O.R.P. are often asked about how the track came to be. The following is an excerpt from a letter regarding such an inquiry from the organizer of our 2023 Ferrari Club National Event. This focus addresses how track design choices and influences came into the track building process.

All ten original members of the founding team were racers. The average level of experience was 25 years of racing competition and all were members of Portland racing club Team Continental. All were selected to join the enterprise based on demonstrated leadership ability within the racing community and firm independent business experience. From Lawyer to Project Manager, from Doctor to Garage Owner all had a deep knowledge of racing as well as business. As the founder and first President, I was lucky to have such a diverse group of talent to work with.

Our landsman Bob Caspell was charged with finding us a piece of property that was sufficiently remote so as to avoid the noise objections that have closed or restricted so many facilities, and one also unlikely to be priced out due to urban growth and soaring real-estate values.

Like Thunderhill the remoteness was found in a county that was open to the idea and in need of the positive economic impact inherent in such a project. All of this came together for us in Sherman County. Local Officials were very helpful assisting us in the development of a new land use zone for Oregon, getting it adopted into law, and then applied to our property. Their cooperation was essential. As an incentive they agreed to pave the County road to the track once it was built.

The first rule in the project (one unfortunately learned from other tracks that had failed) is **own the land**. Subject to the zoning approval we purchased 443 acres of wheat field and scab land to build on. There were no existing paved areas, structures or other impediments we had to incorporate into the design. It was a clean sheet of paper.

The track design itself was largely dictated by the topography of the land. Moving dirt costs money. This was a property that offered a plethora of options. The bonus was that it was also stunningly beautiful, with panoramic views in all directions, glorious sunsets, Cascade mountain views, and stars that can turn racers into novice astronomers.

The layout was guided by some basic design considerations:
We wanted a track we could afford to build.

Bidirectional: With careful planning of trajectories and access and egress points you can get a second track for very little extra money.

Ample run off areas.

Avoid as many compromising elements and safety issues as possible.

Thrilling to drive in both directions / challenging for even highly experienced drivers.

Incorporate as many fun elements as we could of the from other tracks we liked and could link within the topographical challenges: The Pucker Factor (Turn 3 & 4 Clockwise) is one example, paying homage to the Clubhouse Turn and The Valley Turn at Westwood in British Columbia. Another is the blind crests that are reminiscent of some turns at Thunderhill. The descending turns at the bottom of Valkyrie Hill and Turn 14 Counter-clockwise provide trail braking experiences similar to Seattle's Pacific Raceways 3A.

Restrooms that are pristine enough to meet the sensibilities of the most exacting of our guests.

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A belief that a simple mistake or off course should not result in a totaled car or injured driver.

Due to "The Bypass" and "The Connector" there are actually up to twelve possible "no cone" layouts that can be used. The original thinking was that like the "Double Black Diamond" of ski hills, beginners should not go there. What we were pleased to discover is that as a teaching platform for novices, the complexity of the track is more than offset by the lack of things it hit during an off course. Although our track learning curve is one of the steepest in the nation, with the exception of lacking 190 M.P.H. straightaways, there is not much that a driver can't experience and learn at O.R.P. The paradox is that the track is not only one of the most technical; it is also among the safest.

As an afterthought we had the track inspected for certification by S.C.C.A and The International Conference of Sports Car Clubs. This was done by Bob Bernard a F.I.A. experienced track designer whose recommendations included the guidelines for placing and distance of our tire walls.

Now entering our 16th year in operation, we never tire of hearing from beginners to pros alike "This is my favorite track anywhere...both of them!"

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

Member Photos

Submitted by Steve Lovejoy



Nothing worse than
under dash work



First drive. All went well.
No cops showed up.



Terry Miller and Kermit.

Reservations for 2023 TC Banquet

By Banquet Chair Tony Hauser



Howdy folks! I (still) have not yet put together a snazzy event announcement for our 2023 TC Awards Banquet, however, now is the time to get your rooms reserved for the weekend of Friday, January 19, to Sunday, January 21, 2024, at the Best Western Plus Agate Beach Inn in Newport.

This is the same venue as this past year, with pretty much the same events planned. This year's theme is 70's Disco (yes, most of us probably remember that era).

Scheduled events:

- Friday night drinks with Jon and Cynthia
- Saturday morning breakfast with Jim and Toni
- Saturday afternoon wine tasting with Don and Gayle
- Saturday evening cocktail hour/banquet/awards (dinner options will be determined later this month; choices will be made via MSR.com once menu choices become available. Members will be emailed directly just as we did last year)
- Sunday General Membership Meeting

In order to get the reduced TC rate on your room, you will need to reserve directly with the hotel no later than 5:00pm, December 21st!!!

We have 37 rooms blocked off with Hillside rooms for \$134/night and Oceanview rooms for \$164/night, single or double occupancy. Any additional adults will increase the per-night cost by \$10 each.

To book your room, please call 541-265-9411, extension 2, and identify yourself as a Team Continental Banquet participant to receive the discounted room rate.



Team Continental Membership Application/Renewal

Full Name: _____

Nickname or Preference: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ Work Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

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:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <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. |
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| <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-2024-tc-228612>

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