

# Tell Tale

### Next meeting: TC Banquet, Hope to See You There 2024 Membership form is active on MSR!

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## **President's Message**

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By Joe Harlan



Hey Happy New Year! Lots of stuff happening but first we have a banquet coming up in a couple weeks.. Dinner awards and fun at the beach! Huge club tradition and it is put on for you our members! Come party with the Pres! Thanks to all of those that put on the annual Christmas Party, Special thanks to Holly for opening her home up to the abuse! As many of you know volunteers are what make this deal happen. We have plenty of things that could use your help! Please feel free to reach out to any of the club officers to see how you can help.



Finally, it is with a heavy heart that I report losing our current VP and Club Member Jeff Menor, Jeff was a great addition to our club and we will miss him. Godspeed Jeff and our prayers and condolences go out to your family!

Joe Harlan TC President

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

# **TC Vice President Jeff Menor Passes Away**

I have some sad news to share with you and TC. On Thursday (Dec 28th) my dad, Jeff Menor, passed away from heart complications. He was surrounded by family that evening and we miss him very much. He already had planned his outfit for this year's banquet. A really low V neck shirt, with an obnoxious amount of chest hair was in the works.

I wasn't sure if anyone had reached out to TC yet and wanted to let everyone know. We will have more details about a memorial service in the next week or so (likely late Februrary in Camas Washington).

Lauren Menor

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Hey, send me some fodder for upcoming editions. Deadline is usually first Sunday of the Month.

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# **MEETINGS**

General Meeting Sunday Jan 21, TC Banquet

# Board Meeting (tentative)

#### **TC Banquet** Saturday Jan 20 (see schedule in this issue)

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#### December General Meeting Minutes (from the Christmas Party, Dec 9)

**Tiffany Neil** 



#### TEAM CONTINENTAL WANTS TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO HOLLY REMING-TON FOR HOSTING THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS PART FOR US!!

President Joe Harlan opens meeting with a motion to adjourn. Motion passed, and party continues. Darcy Olsen got the TC TNA gift this year.

**Christmas Party Pictures** 

Kristine Craine









#### **Christmas Party Pictures (continued)**







Bonnie Lines Aarseth, Teresa Hanken & our wonderful Hostess Holly Remington



Kim Kuzma McFarland, Greg & Michelle Swanson



Greg Swanson, Holly Remington

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#### **Christmas Party Pictures (continued)**





# 2023 TC Banquet Theme & Schedule

By Banquet Chair Tony Hauser



Howdy folks! I will never put together a snazzy event announcement for our 2023 TC Awards Banquet, but here's the schedule 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

Hope to see you there,

Tony

#### **Remembering Jeff Menor**

#### **By Kevin Smith**

I first met Jeff at the February 2020 TC General meeting. Tim Jorgensen introduced us. Jeff had just bought Tim's Gen4 (1993?) Camaro American Sedan race car, and was intending to get his license and start racing. Tim is a long time friend and competitor in the American Sedan class, and I was happy that his car had been sold to someone locally to help keep the class alive. Jeff seemed like a super nice guy, and his excitement about racing was so good to see.

Well, as we all remember, 2020 wasn't a great year for racing. I think Jeff wasn't able to get his license until 2021. I saw Jeff very little more in 2020. When TC started to have general meetings again I would see Jeff at the general meetings and we talked quite a bit about our cars, what Jeff had been doing to prep and run his car, and we got along really well.

At the banquet in January of 2022, we talked a lot about running American Sedan, and what Jeff's car needed to be faster and more competitive. We also urged/goaded Eric Howell on buying John Risbberger's American Sedan

Camaro to get another racer out there with us. During the 2022 season, Jeff and I paddocked together at most of the Portland ICSCC races. Jeff would get to the track and save paddock spaces early on Friday morning, I would arrive middle of Friday afternoon, and we'd set up our paddock areas Friday afternoon, and get cars ready during early evening Friday. I really enjoyed being paddocked with Jeff, and helping him out when I could and just generally shooting the BS with him when we weren't hustling to get car work done. Jeff had cooling issues with his car for much of 2022, so he had some trouble finishing races, but he didn't let that stop him from enjoying himself, or having fun while he was at the track. Later in the 2022 season he asked me to be a driver coach for him at a track day in his beastly Camaro ZL1, and we had a blast that day and I think I helped him get a bit faster.



We kept in touch all through the winter of 2022/2023 talking about racing, but also working on bylaws changes since Jeff had volunteered to be TC vice president in 2023. I visited his shop at Basic Fire protection several times that winter to look over his race car and see how they had made the windshield wipers work, and to help me figure out what they were using to control rear wheel hop. I got my wipers working, engineering it similar to Jeff's car, and appreciated the openness with which we each showed whatever we thought might help the other.

During the 2023 race season, Jeff and I paddocked together at all the conference races that we both attended. We paddocked together at the April race weekend at PIR, then again at the June races at Pacific Raceways in miserably rainy and wet weather on Saturday, and slightly better weather on Sunday. And we paddocked together at the



June races at PIR. No matter the weather, those weekends were all better with Jeff's presence. Unfortunately, at the July races at Pacific Rceways on Saturday, the engine in Jeff's Camaro broke, ending his weekend, and his racing season.

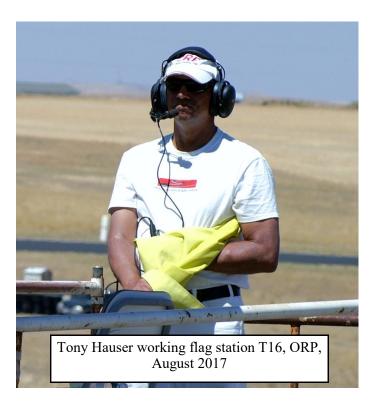
Jeff was also very active in Team Continental's track days, helping out how he could, and often running his white ZL1 Camaro in the time trials.

I've left out a lot of things, but bottom line, Jeff was a fun guy to be around, whether at the track, at a general meeting, or at an after track social event. He was a great guy, a great competitor and a great friend. He will be missed by myself, and many others, and by TC.

#### January 2024

#### Thank you Tony Hauser

Tony Hauser has retired as Tell-Tale editor. I'd like to thank him for taking on this position and doing a great job with it for the last 6 years (2018-2023). Team Continental members, when you see Tony, be sure to thank him for his service and dedication.





Kevin Smith (left) presents Tony Hauser with the Gary Pazina award at 2018 banquet

#### **Help Wanted**

Two positions I'd like to get some volunteers for:

- Tell-Tale editor
- Webmaster

I am currently performing both of these jobs, but would very much like to train and then have someone else take over these positions. Either of these positions can easily be done remotely. If you have any interest in doing either of these (or even just learning what is involved), please contact me.

Kevin Smith 503 522 2016 editor@teamcontinental.com webmaster@teamcontinental.com

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