



# Tell Tale

Rose Cup Races: July 12-13

TC Summer Reunion: August 16 (see flyer)

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Thank you to everyone who volunteers

July 2025

## President's Message

By Jim Larfield



### Shame, Shame, Shame!

I should be ashamed for forgetting to submit a President's Message last month - but I'm not. :-)  
Had I written something it all would have been BS anyway, kind of like this drivel I'm writing now. But onward and upward to the July message.

At the June Cascade Friday driver training/track day I volunteered to help tech cars and had fun doing it and they appreciated my help. But one thing left me puzzled when I checked in - after handing me my lunch voucher they also gave me a \$10 bill - as a newbie to their program I didn't and still don't have a clue as to what that was for. Anyway, I helped with the major rush of getting tech done and donated the lunch voucher and \$10 back to Cascade as I was off to see my grandkids on my way home. Thanks to Kevin Smith and Scott Sullivan who donated their time to be instructors for the day. If I missed any other TC members out there on that Friday who were helping out, be sure to SHAME me at the next meeting.

I returned on Saturday to support the TC racers that were racing that weekend - Jon Wilson, Kevin Smith, Russ Watson, Steve Lovejoy and Blake Williams. Steve was co-driving in Blake's car for the mini enduro race. After the day's races were done Kevin's paddock space became the gathering place for an informal TC party as the b--r flowed the tales became larger much like fishing stories.

Come out to the Rose Cup races to support our TC racers, Jon Wilson, Russ Watson and the Harris family - Todd, Taylor and Calvin as Dad and Grandad Bill watches from the sidelines.

Dates to remember -

Wed July 16 board and general membership meeting 6 and 7pm starting times.

Sat Aug 16 TC Summer Social Event @ Govt. Camp. Come to the meeting for more details.

See you at the races or the meeting. Hopefully both.

Jim

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### MEETINGS

**General Meeting**  
 Wed, July 16th, 7pm  
 Buster's BBQ, Tigard

**Board Meeting**  
 Wed, July 16th, 6pm  
 Buster's BBQ, Tigard

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# Reunion

We will have an early dinner with a Mexican flair. Please bring your favorite beverage and something to share. We will have lots to do! There will be a swimming pool on site, Malibu Grand Prix, Alpine slide, hiking, a museum, and even some fun old ski bars.

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All members, current and past, are invited. Please reach out to that former member that you would like to see!



Saturday  
**16 August, 2025**



Start From  
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## June Meeting Minutes

By Scott Sullivan



Last month's meeting was good with average attendance with approximately ten or so TC members. First order of mention was the Cascade race weekend with TC members Kevin Smith, John Wilson and Steve Lovejoy racing in their classes. Kevin and John took first place in their divisions. Steve Adam's and Tony Hauser were Kevin Smith's crew making sure his car was running to win! Along with the race weekend on Saturday and Sunday, Friday kicked off the CSCC track day for a fun opportunity for many to drive their cars at speed at PIR. And the track day on Friday is always a great chance for competitive drivers to test and tune in prep for the weekends race.

Peggy Walker was present and said that the summer party will be held on August 19th from noon to 7p.m. at her condominium in Government camp. More details will be available in this month's Tell Tale article. Along the lines of organizing parties for TC members, Bob Smethers offered to spearhead the search for a banquet facility to host the winter/Christmas party. Speaking of Bob Smethers, he will also be heading up to ORP to retrieve ten 50-quart coolers that have been in our storage container at the racetrack. The purpose here is to bring the coolers back and donate them to FOPIR (Friends of Portland International Raceway).

Speaking of containers and the like, there's still a good amount of fire extinguishers available says Kevin Smith. After the meeting where members claimed a few, there's approximately 15 extinguishers left. These are non-certified but still function 100%. They are \$20 each. Get one before they're all gone!

Jon Wilson mentioned that the projector that was used for driver training will be donated as it's no longer needed to conduct TC track day events.

TC members claimed Steve Smith suggested that it would be a great opportunity to travel to Willamette Speedway to see the Sprint Car Tour cars blitz around the racetrack before this part of racing withers away. There's mention of several TC members going to see the race which is about an hour and a half drive north. Catch it and see some great racing.

Lastly, but certainly not least is the Boner jacket has yet to find an unsuspecting victim. There's been one or two opportunities where the TC Secretary had all the reason in the world to give it away. Fear not, hanging on the hanger it will go to another. Speaking of that, a great opportunity narrowly missed with TC member Russ almost being the recipient. Rumor is that Russ came over to Kevin Smith's trailer on an E bike to say hello. Russ then walked back to his paddock area to attend to his race car duties and later returned on foot again to Kevin's trailer wondering where his e-bike was. Well, it was right where he left it before he last walked off forgetting to take it back with him as his mode of transportation. Three witnesses were there to see this, but no Boner jacket awarded! It's going to happen in the not too distant future!

Post meeting discussion was talked up with all kinds of good war stories.

Until next time, enjoy your summer going fast!

## TC Racers @ CSCC Chicane Challenge

By Kevin Smith

TC drivers made a great showing at the CSCC Chicane Challenge weekend on June 13th, 14th and 15th. Friday June 13th was CSCC HPDE, and TC members Randy Karambelas, Steve Lovejoy, Scott Sullivan, and Kevin Smith were all there instructing. This is part of how to get more drivers into our racing ranks. Also, a lot of fun when the driver you are coaching learns and improves during the day. My student was Isaac Mann, a novice in group 1, and driving a Lexus IS300. It was his first time doing an HPDE, but he had done some autocrossing with the car previously. He did very well learning the lines, being consistent, and especially being self-analytical about his driving. I had a wonderful, enjoyable day with him. He also had a friend, Max Norman out in his own car, a VW Golf, if I remember correctly. I talked with them both for a while at the end of the day and both seem to be pretty interested in getting into racing. There were quite a few very interesting cars at the HPDE. One of the most



This Lexus IS300 was my student's car



Beautiful Ferrari at CSCC HPDE

exotic was a pretty new Ferrari. It was not the first time the driver had done an HPDE, but the first time with this car.

Friday was a very busy day. Jon Wilson, Blake Williams, and I set up our paddocks right next to each other. We wanted to save space for Russ Watson as well, but he needed to be able to plug into power for his motorhome for the weekend, and there was no spaces available that would accommodate all of us that power access as well. Russ

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TC Racers paddock area. Kevin's AS Firebird, Russ' P1 MG, Jon's ITS 240Z  
Blake's 240Z is out of picture to the right of Jon.



Blake's 240Z. I didn't get the picture until he'd already loaded up



Jon Wilson & 240Z running in ITS at CSCC Chicane Challenge

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ended up parking his motorhome up in the grass along the road to nowhere, and then bringing his MG down to paddock with us on the pavement. Blake had some issues with his harmonic balancer, and got one brought up, and replaced that Friday afternoon/evening.

Saturday was pretty uneventful for the TC racers, Steve Adams and Tony Hauser were helping as my crew, and helping any one else that needed it. I was the only entrant in AS in group 4, Jon was the only entrant in ITS in group 2/5. Russ and Blake at least had other cars in class in the Nostalgic group. Russ took pole in P1, and Blake took pole in P2. Blake and Steve Lovejoy were also racing the 240Z in ME2 class for the mini-enduro. Saturday's race weather was ideal, partly sunny and only about 74 degrees or so. All the TC drivers took first place in their main run groups in the Saturday races. In the enduro, Blake and Steve finished 16th overall.

Sunday was a little warmer, but TC's drivers continued their on-track success. Kevin got 1st in AS. Jon got 1st in ITS. Russ got 1st in both the Sunday nostalgic races in P1. Blake got 1st in P2 for the first of the Sunday Nostalgic races, and then chose to load up and depart early so he could be with his family for the afternoon of Father's day.

One last note, in pre-grid for Sunday afternoon's race, working in pre-grid was Max Norman, the friend of my student from Friday. It was great to see a younger, new face working, and looking forward to being able to race sometime in the future. All-in-all it was a really good weekend.



Russ Watson's Nostalgic MG

**FOR SALE: TC silver fire extinguishers**

The TC silver (pressurized water-based) fire bottles are for sale for \$20 each. We have 26 of them. Contact me for more information at 503 693 7394 or 503 522 2016.

(see picture at right)

They are all about the same. Anyone interested can have their pick of the bottles.

Thanks,

Kevin Smith

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