



Tell Tale

TC general meeting time moved up from 7pm to 6:30pm.

Please make a note of it.

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Thank you to everyone who volunteers

March 2026

President's Message

Submitted by Kevin Smith



OK, second month of being Prez. February general meeting was somewhat sparsely attended, but it was great to see everyone who did make it.

Racing season has already started on the West Coast, with SCCA Super Tour at Buttonwillow on the weekend of Feb 21,22, and San Francisco Region drivers school at Thunderhill that same weekend. I don't think there were any TC drivers at either of those events, however.



Racing season in the Pacific Northwest gets going this month. On March 14th, Friends of PIR will hold a volunteer fair in the south paddock near the Rose Cup room to recruit new workers. More information on that appears later in this issue. I know quite a few TC members will be taking part in that. Also that same day, at 12:00 PM, after the volunteer fair, the Cascade Sport Car Club will be doing annual inspections for ICSCC race cars, and will also be doing driving instructor training. I plan to be at PIR pretty much all day on March 14th to take part in all of this, and support and encourage potential NW racers by volunteering at CSCC driving schools. Hope to see many other TC members out on March 14th. If you are up for it, lets try to get together later in the day for some lite snacks/dinner and refreshments.

And then on March 21st, 22nd, Oregon Region SCCA will be holding their first race weekend of the season at PIR. I plan to take part in that, and it will be first time out for new engine, rear end, many changes over the winter. My paddock is always open so stop by if you like.

Hope to see you all at the March racing events, and at the March general meeting, Wednesday March 18th, 6:30PM at Busters BBQ in Tigard.

Kevin Smith

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Hey, send me some articles/interesting stuff for upcoming editions.
Deadline is usually second Wednesday of the month.

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MEETINGS

General Meeting
 Wed. Mar. 18th @6:30PM
 Buster's BBQ in Tigard

Board Meeting
 Wed. Mar. 18th @6:00PM
 Buster's BBQ in Tigard

February General Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Scott Sullivan

Date: February 18, 2026 7:00p.m

Location: Buster's Texas Style Barbecue Tigard, Oregon

Guest introductions: None

Announcements: **Kevin Smith** called for commencement of General Meeting at 7:00p.m

Attendance: Kevin Smith, Stacey Smith, Jim Larfield, Denny Roberts, Bert Dilley, Colin Waltz, Ric Farrar, Scott Sullivan

Officer Reports: Kevin Smith President

Kevin Smith-President mentioned there is no Vice President report as **Jon Wilson** is out of state at this time.

Kevin mentioned the treasurers report from **Cynthia Wilson** (out of town with Jon Wilson) shows the balance sheet and income statement reflects that the P&L report shows TC made \$5000, primarily due to the sale of the items in the container at ORP Race Track. The report from January 2026 to February shows a deficit of \$3000, which is derived from hosting of the annual Awards Banquet and trophy expenses.

Scott Sullivan-Secretary provided his report which is a recap of the minutes from last month's Tell-Tale publication. That report is essentially an account of all of the trophy winners of the Awards Banquet and other details from the evening's event from January 17th 2025.

Peggy Walker- Communications Director, was out of town and could not give her Communication Directors report, however **Peggy** did forward the report to **Kevin** and he said that recently **Peggy** went on a PCA (Porsche Club of America) drive, and she thinks that a similar form of a club member drive would be a fun thing to incorporate for Team Continental. **Kevin** and his wife **Stacey** are going to go on an upcoming PCA drive on February 28^h with **Peggy** to get more information on how TC can spawn a similar member's drive event. If Team Continental does an event like this, we will need to contact ICSCC to see what the insurance charge will be. **Kevin** also mentioned that **Peggy** compiled the listing of all new board members for 2026 and noted this information serves the State of Oregon as representation of the club fiscally.

Kevin mentioned last month's video at the end of the evening with memories of past Team Continental events and members was great and **Peggy** would like to know if TC members can provide more memories and send them to her so she can compile more memories for the next awards banquet.

Kevin said that he and **Peggy** will meet with the 99West web designer to go over Team Continentals website for updates. **Peggy** also noted in her report that she would like to have a purely social TC event in May or June.

Kevin says that he will keep contacting members that were members from 2019 until now that have not renewed memberships yet.

Kevin said there will be a worker's fair at PIR for volunteers on Saturday March 14th from 9:00am to 11:00 by the Rose Cup room. This will be for recruiting track workers, corner workers, etc...It would be great for Team Continental to make our presence. There will be good opportunities for volunteering. After the Volunteer Fair, there will also be a meeting for anyone interested in volunteering for tech or instructing for track days.

End of officer's reports- no old business

Stacey Smith said the hotel at the Brix Tavern was nice and it was a nice event as well.

Kevin said there is no new business.

Jim asked if there were new plans this year in his presidency. Kevin said he would like the membership to increase, and he would like to see us put on more events in addition to the Christmas and Awards Banquets and break even. Track day is not in the picture for 2026 but, there is planning for track events for 2027.

Speaking of track events, **Colin Waltz** was at the meeting and there was great discussion regarding many of the workings of track days. There is so much information here the discussion lasted almost a half an hour. One of the key things **Colin** suggested when Team Continental starts planning to host track events is that we offer (*cont.*)



(cont. from p. 3) something different that sets us apart from the competitors.

End of reports

Kevin asked for the meeting to be adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Club Historian Report

Submitted by Bob Smethers



Hello Team Continental Members & Enthusiasts –

Following this years’ fabulous TC Annual Banquet in January, our newly elected President Kevin Smith inquired into my interest to be your TC Historian. I don’t know anybody else who’s accumulated more club racing and other historic materials throughout the decades, so I graciously accepted the appointment!

Just to clarify responsibilities associated with this position, the official description per our Team Continental By-Laws states: **“Club Historian** To be responsible for collecting and maintaining photographs of club members as well as historic accounts of club activities.” There’s no foreseeable chance that I can do justice to this position without everybody’s help. Therefore, I strongly encourage members to send me photos, observations and track event summaries throughout the season. I’ll compile materials for our TC Communications Director to distribute through the TC website and TC TellTale newsletter.

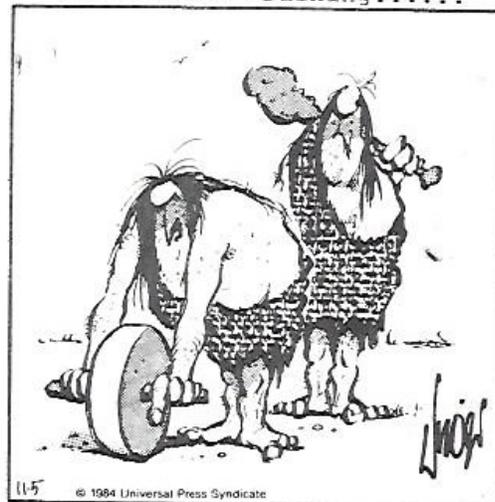
To kick off the season with fun and interesting materials, I hope you enjoy the enclosed.
Bob Smethers, 2026 TC Historian

(reprinted from the 1984 November TC TellTale)

1st T.C. Drivers Training....



2nd Drivers Training.....



“I wanna try something.
Grab both my legs and push.”

1984 RACER'S CALENDAR

TC EVENTS - ICSCC/SCCA/PIR RACES

TC RED

	2-3-4	9-10-11	16-17-18	23-24-25	30-31-1
MAR	TC DRIVER TNG				SCCA PIR SCHOOL REGL <i>Cancelled</i>
APR	6-7-8	SCCA-SIR/OA REGL-COWPAC	20-21-22	27-28-29	
MAY	4-5-6 SCCA-WW REGL-COWPAC	11-12-13 SCCA-PIR SCHOOL-REGL COWPAC	18-19-20 ICSCC-SIR	25-26-27 SCCA-SIR DBL NATL	
JUN	1-2-3 ICSCC-WW	8-9-10 SCCA-PIR REGL-NATL COWPAC	15-16-17 SCCA-PIR TRANS-AM/SV CART 200	22-23-24 ICSCC-WW TC DRIVER TNG	29-30-1 ICSCC-SPOKANE
JUL	6-7-8 SCCA-PIR DBL REGL SE	13-14-15	20-21-22	27-28-29 SCCA-PIR IMSA-REGL	
AUG	3-4-5 ICSCC-WW	10-11-12	17-18-19 ICSCC-SIR	24-25-26 SCCA-WW REGL-COWPAC	
SEP	31-1-2 ICSCC-SPOKANE	7-8-9 SCCA-PIR REGL-NATL	14-15-16 ICSCC-PIR	21-22-23	28-29-30 TC DRIVER TNG SCCA-SIR REGL COWPAC
OCT	5-6-7 ENDURO-WW	12-13-14 ENDURO-PIR	19-20-21	26-27-28	
NOV	2-3-4	9-10-11	16-17-18	23-24-25	

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BIRNKE BUCK

2026 Road Racing Schedule

revised: February 27, 2026



JAN 3-4	JAN 10-11	JAN 17-18	JAN 24-25	JAN 31-FEB 1
	ICSCC Spring Mtg	TC Banquet @ Brix		
FEB 7-8	FEB 14-15	FEB 21-22	FEB 28-MAR 1	
MAR 7-8	MAR 14-15	MAR 21-22	MAR 28-29	
ICSCC RATS Mtg	FOPIR Volunteer Fair	SCCA OR @ PIR Dbl Reg'l		
APR 4-5	APR 9-10-11-12	APR 18-19	APR 25-26	
	PIR Auto Swap Meet		Lucky Dog @ Ridge (7+8) CSCC @ PIR (#1-2)	
MAY 2-3	MAY 9-10	MAY 16-17	MAY 23-24	MAY 30-31
	SCCA OR @ PIR Super Tour Majors	IRDC @ PR (#3-4)	SCCA NWR @ PR Majors	
JUN 6-7	JUN 13-14	JUN 20-21	JUN 27-28	
	Lucky Dog @ ORP (7+8) CSCC @ PIR (#5-6)	SCCA OR @ PIR 1-day, Dbl Reg'l	IRDC @ PR (#7-8)	
JUL 4-5	JUL 11-12	JUL 18-19	JUL 25-26	
	FOPIR ROSE CUPS	Lucky Dog @ PIR (7+8)		
AUG 1-2	AUG 7-8-9	AUG 15-16	AUG 22-23	AUG 29-30
NWMS @ QRP (#9-10-11)	INDYCAR GPP	IRDC @ Ridge (#12-13)	SCCA OR @ Ridge Restricted Reg'l	
SEP 5-6	SEP 12-13	SEP 19-20	SEP 26-27	
SOVREN @ PIR	Lucky Dog @ Ridge (7+8) SCCA OR @ PIR Dbl Reg'l	CSCC @ PIR (#14-15) CSCC Enduro @ PIR		
OCT 3-4	OCT 10-11	OCT 17-18	OCT 24-25	OCT 31-NOV 1
		IRDC @ Ridge (non-points race)		
NOV 7-8	NOV 14-15	NOV 21-22	NOV 28-29	
	ICSCC Mtg/Banquet ?			
DEC 5-6	DEC 12-13	DEC 19-20	DEC 26-27	

NOTES:

FOPIR - Friends of PIR

SCCA Oregon Region

Lucky Dog Racing League

ICSCC - International Conference of Sports Car Clubs

TC - Team Continental

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2026 PIR VOLUNTEER FAIR

Race season in the PNW is right around the corner. Come join us in learning all the ways you can be involved in racing! From Flagging, Safety, Tech, Timing & Scoring, and so much more!

-  Saturday, March 14th
-  09:00-11:00 AM
-  Portland International Raceway
1940 N Victory Blvd, Portland
OR, 97217



JOIN THE FUN!!

Volunteer at your favorite city park!

Here's the URL for Friends or PIR Volunteer Fair:

<https://friendsofpir.com/volunteer-at-pir-in-2026/>

Star Projects Announcement

Submitted by Bill Murray



Saturday, March 14th

STAR Projects is again offering both our **Annual Instructor Training** and **Worker Training** event at Oregon Raceway Park. To address the specifics of each specialty, divided morning classrooms are combined in the afternoon with on course practice in real time.



The cost to cover the **Instructor Training** is \$250. **Worker Training is FREE** for all who wish to attend. Your lunch and gate pass for the day are included. The morning format consists of classroom(s), fire suppression practice, lunch, and a track orientation tour. Afternoon track time is split to allow drivers to refresh skills in both directions.

As in years past, the morning Instructor Training classroom will be run concurrently but separately from the Worker Training classroom. Both groups will combine before lunch to familiarize worker recruits with many of the vehicle safety systems and how to best assist drivers with response and egress during emergency situations.

Since endurance racing events are again scheduled for the 2026 season the Turn Worker curriculum will include familiarization with racing protocols as well as the general procedures required for staffing turns, event flow, and communication required for Club Days, H.P.D.E., Schools, and Private Testing events.

Participation in training does not guarantee placement as a **Turn Worker** or qualification as a **Driving Instructor**, however it bears heavily on the selection process. This is the first step to becoming eligible for dual occupancy of a vehicle and those interested in becoming paid members of the 2026 O.R.P. Staff. Instructor candidates and returning instructors please file or update your resume with Brenda at the track office.

Whether a seasoned veteran Turn Marshal, or new to the road racing environment, YOU are welcome. Due to the need to plan meals and arrange facilities I urge all participants to sign up as soon as possible.

Whether **Turn Worker** or **Driving Instructor** you are the front line, the people making our sport happen. We continually strive to improve our game. **We learn from each other.** Come and participate.

Bill Murray, STAR Projects Events
503-358-2617
10:00 am to midnight

Registration is now open!
Brenda Pikel, Track Office Manager
541-333-2452



CSCC Instructors Announcement

Submitted by Kevin Smith



Good evening, Cascade Sports Car Club Instructors!

The 2026 HPDE season is fast approaching, [our first event for April is already open for registration](#).

We will once again be hosting an instructor seminar to kick-off the HPDE and track season. We are approaching this year's seminar a bit differently, details are below.

When: Saturday, March 14th at 12:00pm (immediately following the PIR Volunteer Fair)

Where: Portland International Raceway, South Paddock Tower/Rose Cup Room

What:

- Track walk to kick things off from 12:00pm - 2:30pm(ish)
- We will be covering a lot of our normal seminar topics during the track walk in between corner discussions
- 2:30 - 3:30pm in the Rose Cup Room covering logistics, HPDE rules, instructor expectations, etc.

[Register Here!](#)

We will provide water and snacks for and after the track walk. Attendance is not mandatory to instruct with CSCC this year, but strongly encouraged if you can make it. We will be covering logistics changes this year as well including new instructor registration and HPDE passing rule changes.

If you cannot make it, a summary email will be provided along with digital versions of our Instructor handbook and any slides used.

Thank you all for making the CSCC HPDE program what it is today, we look forward to seeing you next month!

-Brett McKown & Chris Lounsbury

Cascade Sports Car Club

Co-Chief Driving Instructors

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PCA Drive Event Report

Submitted by Peggy Walker



Hey all,

We did something different today. Our President Kevin Smith and First Lady Stacey went on a PCA club drive.

As we know we, are not able to host races and DT due to the financial costs, however we are still a car club and want to promote a club's events. Heck we are 70 years old. We are thinking of doing a drive this year. See pics and we had a blast. Let me know if you would enjoy this type of event.





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:

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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"/> Fiat 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: _____
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LINK TO MSR.COM ONLINE RENEWAL FORM:

<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/2026-team-continental-membership-tc-130497>

For Sale



FOR SALE: ICSCC American Sedan 1987 Saleen Mustang and 28' trailer asking \$25,000 for both. Ford 302-cid Motorsports 4-bolt racing block, Windage Screen, Steel Crank, custom long rods with forged mini dome pistons, Custom Cam Grind by Cam Dynamics, Acusump, Oil Cooler, Dual Filters; 5- speed Super T-5 with Astro Gears (good to 600hp); 9" rear housing with 3.89 and 4.11 gears; 3 link rear suspension with Griggs Torque Arm; 4 sets of wheels and tires; 28 foot trailer with 2 tire racks, Loading Winch, Built in Cabinets, Mounted tool box (tools not included), Load range E tires (new 2016), Electric hitch jack.

Contact: Carl @ 503-780-5854 or cdclint@easystreet.net



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