

# team continental's the TELL TALE

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President's Pit....

Well gang, getting down to the last of these epistles, so thought that I'd get on the soap box and expound! I have talked these subjects to some but do believe all should get the information to weigh.

Think about this one, when a person runs a Conference race using an "outsiders" license, you don't exist when they get around to passing out points for the Conference Championships. Doesn't seem right, but a fifth, tenth or whatever finisher could get the first place points, including the bonus. Make you mad? Well, it only costs you about thirty bucks (\$30) to get an ICSCC license if you're already a T.C. member and you'll get some of that back by not having to pay the "other license" additional fee on your entries. Also, you'll get the "Conference Bulletin" and have up to date race information and entry forms. Make use of them and you'll save on late entry fee too.

This brings me to another little money saver, all racers need to save money, RIGHT? Well, make a real effort to get your entries to all events in early or at least, on time. If you only knew how many problems are caused with those \*#!" @ late and super late entries! Besides, if you're early, and there is a program, you'll have your name and your sponsor's name in there. At the least, it will be on the entry list. Sponsors like to see things like that, so give them a copy. Besides that, you'll make a lot of points with the people that have all the paper shuffling to do at the events, especially at the BIGGIES.

Well, now down to earth again and on to other important things. Somewhere in this issue you should find the ballot for the 1985 officers of T.C. The ballots can be mailed to the P.O. Box, 12534, Portland, Oregon 97212 or brought to the T.C. Christmas party at Don Smethers place somewhere on Mt. Hood. Hopefully there's directions included here-in also. Going back to the By Laws, the announcement of officers will follow a tabulation of ballots at the coast and will take place at the banquet. Adds a little more suspense. Hope most of the candidates can make it to the Newport weekend. Ballots will be accepted until 4pm January 12th, 1985.

Well, where are all the reservations for the banquet and rooms at the second biggest blast of the year? Sixth floor oceanview is full but there are soem non-view rooms near the Hospitality Room still available. Two of them are King size, the others are double, double beds. Why does everyone want a King size bed with ocean view? How many ever look out the window, except in the Hospitality room or house? If you want to see the ocean, the Hospitality Room is always open.

Somebody keeps prompting me to make special invitation, especially to the new members. Dam it, T.C. just isn't that way. You sure can't really belong unless you make the events! Oh well, attention you new people, some of you made or have heard about the traditional T.C. Picnic that truthfully is the envy of most of the other clubs. It is an outstanding function and some say that when memory returns, it is a very memorable occassion! Well, the Annual Awards Banquet runs a very close second!

*Merry Christmas! Race Fans!*

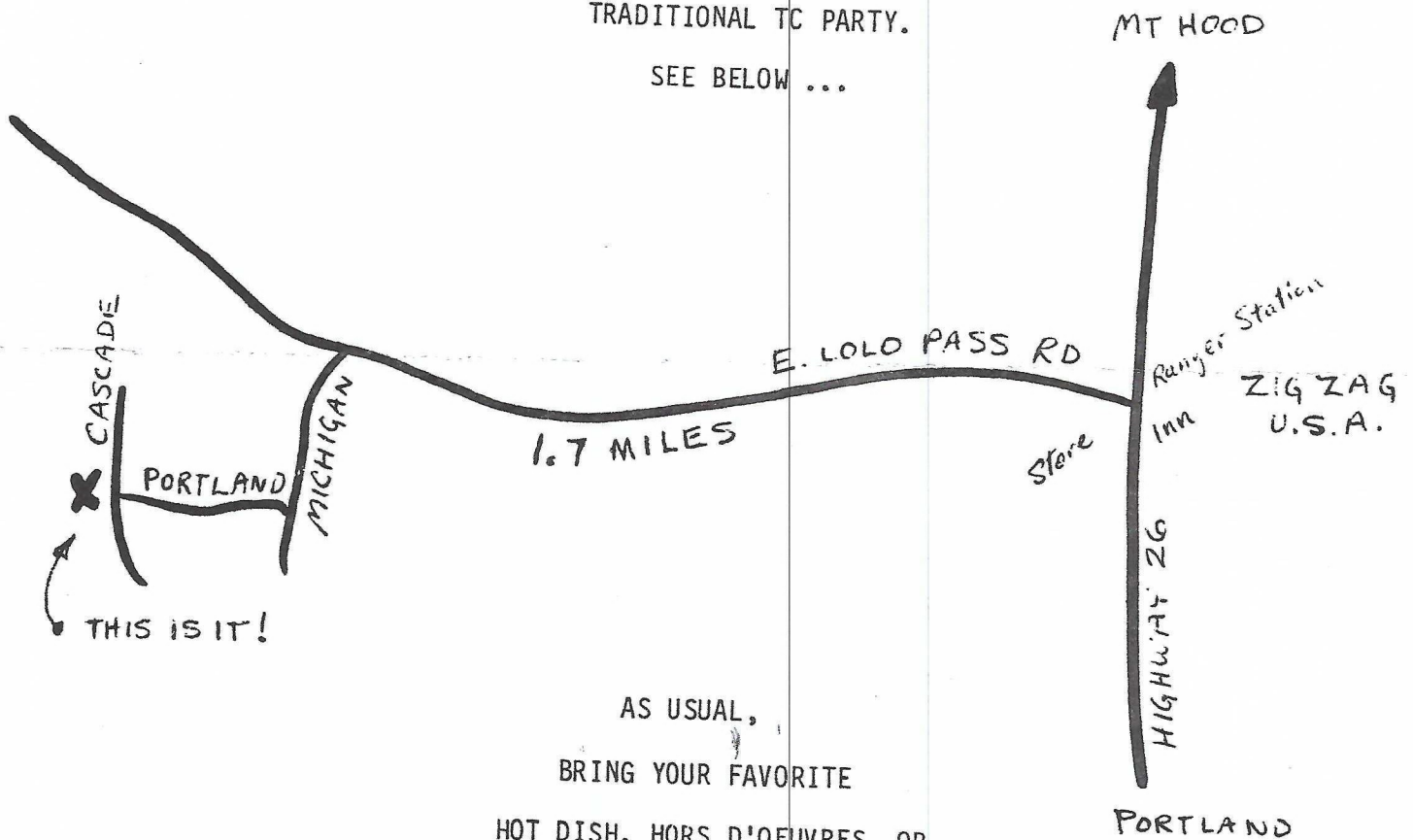




TEAM CONTINENTAL  
CHRISTMAS PARTY

THE TRADITIONAL TC CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE DECEMBER 15, 1984.  
OUR TRADITIONAL HOST, ERIC ANDERSON, HAS SAID THAT HE  
IS LOOKING FORWARD TO ATTENDING, AS LONG AS IT'S  
NOT AT HIS HOUSE - SOMETHING ABOUT A SALE  
OF THE OLD LOG CABIN - HE'S HOPING!  
SO, THIS YEAR WE START A NEW  
TRADITIONAL TC PARTY.

SEE BELOW ...



THIS IS IT!

AS USUAL,  
BRING YOUR FAVORITE  
HOT DISH, HORS D'OEUVRES, OR  
DESSERT - AND ONE GAG GIFT PER PERSON.  
TC PROVIDES THE BEER, YOU BRING THE BOOZE, IF  
BEER ISN'T TO YOUR LIKIN' - ROOM FOR SOME OVERNIGHTERS,  
BYO SLEEPING BAG, so to speak! HOT TUB WILL BE FIRED, CAPACITY  
8 FRIENDS, 27 INTIMATE FRIENDS. 21845 E CASCADE, ZIG ZAG, USA, 622-4234

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1984 CONTEST BOARD  
FALL MEETING

THE 1984 CONTEST BOARD IS NOW HISTORY, COMPLETED IN RECORD TIME, DONE BY ABOUT 1:00 PM ON SATURDAY. OF COURSE, THERE ARE NO WILD CARD ITEMS PERMITTED ANY LONGER, WHICH IS WHAT USED TO EAT UP TIME, PATIENCE, AND SPANNED A FEW HASTY DECISIONS.

I'LL SUMMARIZE A FEW SIGNIFICANT ITEMS THAT DID NOT PASS, REVIEW HOW TC'S AGENDA ITEMS FARED, AND COVER ALL ITEMS THAT DID PASS, AFFECTING HOW YOU MAY CHOOSE TO PREPARE YOUR "CONFERENCE" CAR AND PLAY THE GAME FOR NEXT YEAR.

REFERRING TO THE SAME AGENDA NUMBERS AS PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED, ITEM 10, WHICH WOULD HAVE PROHIBITED "ALL" CLOSED & "ALL" OPEN WHEEL PRACTICES, WAS DEFEATED - NO CHANGE TO THE A.M. PRACTICE PROCEDURE. ITEM 14, WHICH WOULD HAVE REQUIRED THE STEWARD TO SCRUTINIZE ONE PRODUCTION CAR PER EVENT, WENT DOWN. ITEM 15, FOR "OBVIOUS" EVIDENCE OF CRIMPING WENT DOWN BUT ITEM 16 ON STEEL TUBING WAS APPROVED - SEE BELOW. AFTER MUCH TIME SPENT ON ITEM 18, SHOULDER HARNESS MOUNTING, IT WAS WITHDRAWN. ONE OF THE BIGGIES, WINDOW NETS OPTIONAL (19), WAS DEFEATED - NETS STILL WILL BE REQUIRED. SOLID MOTOR MOUNTS (20) WENT DOWN, BUT STAY TUNED FOR THE OTHER VERSION, ITEM 42. THE "HEADLIGHTS MUST BE VISIBLE" WAS AMENDED TO INCLUDE "WHEN LIGHT BOARD IS ON" (22), BUT THEN WENT DOWN IN DEFEAT. THE LOCATION OF CIRCUIT BREAKER (23) WAS EVENTUALLY WITHDRAWN DUE TO CONFUSING WORDING - NO CHANGE TO SWITCH LOCATION. MOVING THE STOCK BATTERY LOCATION (24) WAS AGAIN DEFEATED. AND, SORRY HALSEY, TC'S ITEMS 25 & 26, TO REINSTATE PRODUCTION SEDANS, WERE SOUNDLY DEFEATED - AGAIN. TC'S PROPOSALS (29 & 30) TO REWORK THE CLUB FORD RULES WERE DEFEATED IN FAVOR OF THE "OTHER GUYS" ITEM # 27, SORRY MR HEKKER. CASCADE'S "ANY DIAMETER WHEEL" (32) WAS WITHDRAWN. THEIR NEXT ITEM (33) ON CHANGING THE PRODUCTION TREAD WIDTH FORMULAS, AND REMOVING ANY REFERENCE TO RIM WIDTH (LOOKS LIKE THEY SCREWED UP) WAS DISCUSSED. THEY AMENDED THE PROPOSAL TO MAKE RIM WIDTH OPEN - NO MINIMUM OR MAXIMUM - AND GO WITH THEIR TIRE WIDTH FORMULA - IT WAS FINALLY DEFEATED. THE STRUT TOWER BRACING (35) WAS WITHDRAWN. THE PROPOSAL TO STOP PERMITTING HOODS TO BE RAISED FOR VENTILATION (37) WENT DOWN, AS DID THE ROOM (CORRECTED TO READ RAIN) DEFLECTORS AND VENTILATORS (38). PASSENGER SEATS STILL ARE REQUIRED IN PRODUCTION CARS (39). TC'S ATTEMPTS TO CLARIFY THE FLAG RULES (43 & 44) TURNED OUT TO BE ABOUT AS CLEAR AS A HAILSTORM IN TURN ONE, AND IT FAILED. ....I THINK THAT CONCLUDES THE ITEMS THAT FAILED.

AND, FOR THE ITEMS THAT WERE VOTED IN, THE BOARD VOTED A STRAIGHT "YES" TICKET FOR ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9 (EXCEPT THE WITHDRAWN #3) - THESE ARE ALL RELATED TO POLICY, LICENSING, NOVICE OBSERVING, AND POINTS. NOVICES ARE NOW REQUIRED TO OBSERVE AT TWO TRACKS, ONE HOUR EACH, PLUS "WORK" A CORNER FOR ONE COMPLETE DAY (4). ARR'S CAN BE BUMPED OUT FOR THE DAY FOR MISSING THE NOVICE MEETING (6). ITEM 7 MADE SOME MINOR WORDING CHANGES TO "KEEPING YOUR NUMBER", BUT HARD TO SEE ANY DIFFERENCE. THE WORDS PREVENTING THE STEWARD FROM GIVING ADVICE (8) WERE DELETED, AND THE "NUMBER OF RACES FINISHED" IS ROUNDED TO THE HIGHER NUMBER (9). ITEM 12, ROTATION OF RACE GROUPS GOT PRETTY PHILOSOPHICAL, AND ENDED UP AMENDED TO ROTATE GT AND SPORTS RACING CLASSES, USING FORMULA CLASSES AS A CUSHION TO PREVENT BACK TO BACK CLOSED WHEEL RACES.... I THINK!

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GETTING INTO THE MEAT OF THIS - THINGS THAT CAR BUILDERS AND CHEATERS THINK ABOUT - ROLL BARS AND CAGES MUST BE ROUND STEEL IN MAIN HOOP (16). TWO THROTTLE SPRINGS ARE NOW REQUIRED ON ALL CARS (21).

ITEM 27, THE GT PROPOSAL, WAS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM OF THE WEEKEND. THE CONTEST BOARD MADE SOME MINOR CHANGES, CORRECTED THE DUPLICATION OF REFERENCES TO ROTARY ENGINES, THEN APPROVED (SURPRISE!) THE THE ITEM AS AMENDED. BECAUSE ITEM 27 (1304) WAS DESCRIBED AS "FORMALLY IMPROVED SEDANS", I THINK MOST DRIVERS THOUGHT WE WERE REWRITING THE SEC 1304 SUPPLEMENT TO GT CARS. THE EXEC BOARD DIDN'T SEE IT THAT WAY, THOUGHT WE WERE DUPLICATING THE GT CARS, AND SUNDAY A.M. THREW OUT SECTION 1303, THE 1984 DESCRIPTION OF GT CARS, LEAVING ONLY SUPER PRODUCTION. THEY HONESTLY THOUGHT THIS IS WHAT THE CONTEST BOARD WAS TRYING TO DO, AND WERE TRYING TO AVOID HAVING THE EXEC BOARD OVER-RIDING THE CONTEST BOARD INTENT. DAN ROWLAND HAD SUGGESTED THAT I ATTEND THE EXEC BOARD, AND AS A RESULT OF SUNDAY'S DISCUSSION, DAN (THE '85 STEWARD) WILL DO A MAILING TO RE-ADDRESS THE VOTING - SO, EXPECT SOME MORE ACTION ON GT CARS SOON.

ITEM 2B WAS APPROVED, IRDC'S VERSION OF IMPROVING THE CLUB FORD SECTION. CLUB FORD IS NOW A CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS, BUT THE ELIGIBILITY INCLUDES FF'S WITH HALF-OUTBOARD (READ THAT "FRONT INBOARD") SUSPENSION.

IN PRODUCTION CAR MODIFICATIONS, ITEM 31 WAS AMENDED TO ADD RATHER THAN CHANGE 1402A3 TO ALLOW MODIFICATION TO THE BATTERY BOX, WHEN CHANGING TO ONE 12-VOLT BATTERY. ENGINE AIR FILTER ELEMENTS ARE NOW FREE (INCLUDING NON-EXISTENT) IN ALL CARS - THE STEWARD INTERPRETS THIS 1402D5 ADDITION AS MEANING THAT POLLUTION-FITTED CARS CAN RUN WITHOUT THE FILTER ELEMENT AS LONG AS THE FILTER ASSEMBLY IS AS FACTORY-INSTALLED. THE REDEFINING OF THERMAL REACTORS (MAZDA STUFF??) PASSED (41), BUT NO ONE CAN SEE ANY DIFFERENCE IN THE PREVIOUS VERSION OF THE RULE - JUST GRAMMAR - MAYBE WE WERE TRICKED AGAIN!

AND, TO CLOSE OUT THE LIST OF APPROVED RULE CHANGES, PRODUCTION CARS CAN NOW USE RESTRAINING STRAPS OR CHAINS TO RESTRICT ENGINE FALLOUT IN THE EVENT OF MOUNT FAILURE, AS LONG AS THEY DON'T RESTRICT ENGINE MOVEMENT (ITEM 42). WELL, LET ME TELL YOU THAT THERE WAS AN IMMEDIATE RUSH FOR THE DOORS, AS ICSCC HAS JUST GIVEN BIRTH TO A NEW WAVE OF DESIGNER MOTOR MOUNTS. PICTURE, IF YOU WILL, MY NEW ENGINE RESTRAINING STRAP, BUILT OF 1/2-INCH STEEL, EXTENDING FROM STRATEGIC SUSPENSION POINTS, RIGID AS HELL, WITH A LITTLE FLEXIBLE BRACKET DOWN TO THE ENGINE - IF THIS SOUNDS GOOD TO YOU, THEN YOU ARE READY TO GO RACING IN THE TRUE SPIRIT OF THE RULES. BUT, YOU BETTER MOVE QUICKLY - THESE SPECIAL DEALS USUALLY DON'T LAST FOR MORE THAN ONE SEASON. ....JUST KIDDING, DAN!..... (DAN HAS ALREADY SERVED NOTICE THAT THE ABOVE INTERPRETATION WON'T GO.)

IN ITEMS NOT RELATED TO THE RULE BOOK, THE CONTEST BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO SUPPORT THE RACE STEWARD & LICENSE DIRECTOR'S DECISION TO SEND DRIVER #555 BACK TO THE NOVICE PROGRAM (INCLUDING DRIVER'S SCHOOL) FOR AN INCIDENT INVOLVING SOME CRASH & BASH, AND UNGENTLEMANLY CONDUCT DURING THE TIME PERIOD THAT FOLLOWED. IN AN UNRELATED DECISION, THE CONTEST BOARD AFFIRMED THAT THE LICENSE DIRECTOR SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO RACE IN THE YEAR HOLDING OFFICE, IF SO DESIRED.

OK GANG, LET'S GET OUT IN THE GARAGE AND GET TO WORK ON OUR NEXT KILLER CAR - TIME'S A WASTIN'! - LET'S RACK UP SOME TC VICTORIES!

T. C. BANQUET "84"

# NEWPORT HILTON AT AGATE BEACH

Jan. 11, 12 & 13, 1985

ROOM RATES:

Oceanview - King (2) \$51.45 (only a few of these)  
 Oceanview - Two Doubles (2) \$51.45 or (4) \$72.45  
 Oceanview - Single Occupancy \$40.95  
 Hillside King Two Doubles (2) \$40.95 or (4) \$61.95  
 Hillside - Single Occupancy \$35.70

Each additional person in a room is \$10.50  
INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE 5% ROOM TAX

BANQUET MENU:

Garden Harvest Salad  
 Roast Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus \$15.25  
 Fresh Vegetable T.C. pays gratuity  
 Potato Du Jour  
 Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter  
 Black Forest Cherry Cake  
 Beverage

FEATURES:

Hospitality Suite, Strohs on tap, Large Color T.V.  
 6th floor Oceanview.  
 Door Prize Drawings.  
 Golf Nearby  
 Heated Outdoor Pool, open until 11:00 PM  
 HOT TUB Outdoor, same hours..  
 Electronic Game Room  
 Sunday Crab Feed  
 Newport very near by.  
 Casey's Bar and Restaurant.  
 No outside trek to Banquet.  
 Beach nearby. Agates?

**WHAT A WAY TO START A  
 NEW YEAR**

ENTRY FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Room @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ (number of nights)

ROOM TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Banquet Dinners @ \$15.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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