



team continental's *the TELL TALE*

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From the Prez...

Last January in this column, I noted that, "To pull off the upcoming events in TC style, would take full participation." ---Well, my speedy compatriots, this is it! -The first ever TC race, and the club needs you.

Don Smethers, in his usual meticulous fashion, has orchestrated the organization. Skip Yocum and Tom Hekker have provided the backup brain trust. Tim Sigler has tuned the treasury to a state of unprecedented strength. The board in general has been lining up ducks.

Two things that TC has going for it in promoting this race are a reputation for "serious partying" and a reputation for putting on very professional Drivers Training events. Those who have been involved in either of these endeavors will tell you success doesn't happen by accident. They will also tell you there are no unimportant jobs. Registration, tech, turn crews, pre-grid, party prep, even clean up, are just a few of the areas. The dual sanction nature of this event requires not only a willingness to work, but a commitment to diplomacy and cooperation.

SCCA and TC would like to make this an annual event, and I believe it will become the "Race of the Year" in every way. When this weekend is over, the other clubs, crews, drivers, and officials will know in their hearts what they already suspect in their minds,
"NOBODY DOES IT BETTER THAN TC!"

Call Smethers, Halsey, or myself. Sign up - Join in - Make it happen.

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Minutes of 7/16/86 Team Continental meeting.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:00 p.m. at Hung Far Low's restaurant.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

Treasurer's report - There is approximately \$7,000 in the treasury after the picnic expenses are paid.

Membership - Ralph Raimondi has received new member applications from Dave and Donna Battin, Stan Young, Mike Spring, Jeff Gamroth, Karen McCoy, Steven Middendorff, Dan Lane, Jeff Charach, Greg Lapinski, Dick Whittemore and Buford Motley. Dave Battin was voted to active senior member status, Donna Battin and Steve Middendorff were voted to active member status, and the rest are all novice members.

Tell Tale - The newsletter is under budget with 170 newsletters printed.

Beer Steward - Only four of the eight kegs ordered for the picnic were consumed.

Drivers' Training - Dan expressed his thanks to all the turn workers and everyone who helped during the June session which went off great. Ten of the students joined TC. Ten students who took the school drove their first novice race the following weekend. The September school is almost full already. It was suggested that a sheet be included in the drivers' packets listing various organizations where information about equipment and cars can be obtained. Race Central and Greg Lapinski will provide the memorandum.

Race Chairman's Report - Don Smethers reported that the announcements and race entry forms for the Olympia race have been published in the Conference and SCCA newsletters. So far nine entries have been received, some of which are dual entries. Don received a communication from Dave Gural about cooperation between the Conference and SCCA reps. Discussion followed about counting SCCA Oregon Region points for the race.

Rob Rissberger announced that reservations have been made on the third weekend in January at the Hilton Hotel in Newport for the banquet. The format will be the same as last year. TC will not have to pay the deposit until October 1, 1986.

Old Business - A question was raised about obtaining TC patches. The bylaws state that TC patches will be issued to all members upon obtaining active status.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Secretary, Doris J. Dickson

From the Editor

Here, we are again. It is late one night, and I don't have a beer in my hand. Time to pass on my collection of information to one and all. The **TC Picnic** was interesting, fun, great and one hell of a long way out in the **BOONIES**. No wonder the picnic committee drank so much checking the place out, you need to get blasted to make the trip worth while. Seriously (who am I kidding) we had a great time with jungle rules volley ball (beer cups marking out of bounds ... with beer in them?) and the squirtgun fight was outrageous. I don't have any idea how to police whether somebody is really dead when we are both still shooting at each other.

The Race is progressing well although we will need as much help as we can get, see Bill's Column above.

Donna and Dave Battin, new **TC** members and dedicated racers, got their truck stolen in Canada and had a real thrash just getting the race car home. Later in the **Tell Tale** there is a note from Donna on items for sale so check it out. We all wish them well and I hope they can continue the season as Donna was doing great!

In my rambling letter last month I told about a lot of my novice experiences with my car. I did forget to tell you that with just keeping track of all the paper work for both **SCCA** and **ICSCC** the novice programs can be a real hassle. However, they are certainly worth it. Just as a side note, Sue and I went to Westwood just in case they closed it this winter. We had a great time even with some troublesome problems that persisted all day Saturday.

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ps. About 10 years ago, I said that I would NEVER drive a FF since all the drivers were crazy. Well, I am living proof since I got rear-ended in the race on Sunday while avoiding two spinning Fords. I looked in my mirror and saw the **BOTTOM** of the car behind (and above) me. My first reaction was: "There's 3 cars I don't have to worry about".

September **Tell Tale** Deadline September 5th.

General Meeting Announcement

T.C. General Meeting
Wed August 20th
Cocktails @7:00
Meeting @8:00

HUNG FAR LOW
112 NW 4TH Ave.
Portland, Oregon

From Tom Hekker, Contest Board Rep.

Attention!

Thinking of rule changes?

TC Members that are thinking of any ICSCC rule changes, this is the time to consider putting them on paper and submitting them to the TC Racers' Division. The TCRD meet in the Fall to vote on any submitted changes. Get your proposals in now!

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What's Coming UP

Date	What	Where
Aug 16-17	ICSCC Race	SIR
Aug 20	TC General Meeting	Hung Far Low's
Aug 23-24	NASCAR WCAR Limited SCCA reg	PIR
Aug 30-31	TC ICSCC/SCCA Dual Sanction	OLY
Sept 3	TC Board Meeting	Bill Murray's call and check
Sept 6-7	SCCA Regional/National	PIR
Sept 6-7	ICSCC Race	WW
Sept 12-13	TC Driver Training	PIR
Sept 20-21	ICSCC Race	PIR

Just Looking Around

Bill Halsey would like SOME kind of ride this year so he can keep his number, any takers?

I am looking for a ride during the enduro, since they won't let me run my Merlin. Qualifications include crazy Formula Ford driver that takes directions, if you tell me to go deeper into seven, I by God will!

"TOY BOX" SALE: **'78 Mercedes Benz 450SEL, grey w/tan leather, sunroof, 1-owner, \$17,500. **'77 VW Bug, metallic blue w/black interior, sunroof, 700 original miles, stored since new, \$7,000 or best offer. **7"x15" steel rims for Porsche 911, \$50. ea. (4 available) **Four studded snow tires for VW Beetle, 175x15 @ \$50.00 each mounted on VW beetle rims. **Man's 10-speed bicycle, Mercian 21" frame, Suntour derailleurs, balance Campagnolo equipped, \$1400 new - asking \$800. **Raleigh unisex 10-speed bicycle, ridden twice, \$150. Contact Dave @ 224-0656 or 635-9406.

PRESIDENT'S PICK RESTAURANT OF THE MONTH

The River Queen, a long established, Portland ~~land~~ water mark, located on the Wilamette's west bank, between the Broadway and Fremont Bridges. Beef & seafood, a knockout strawberry daquiri and well balanced wine selection. The decor is early bordello but the beer batter fish & chips are excellent. After a fierce afternoon of water-skiing its a nice spot to tie up the boat, throw on some slacks, and do dinner. The range is about \$9.00 to \$22.00.

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