



JULY, 1987

*team continental's*

# *the TELL TALE*

## A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

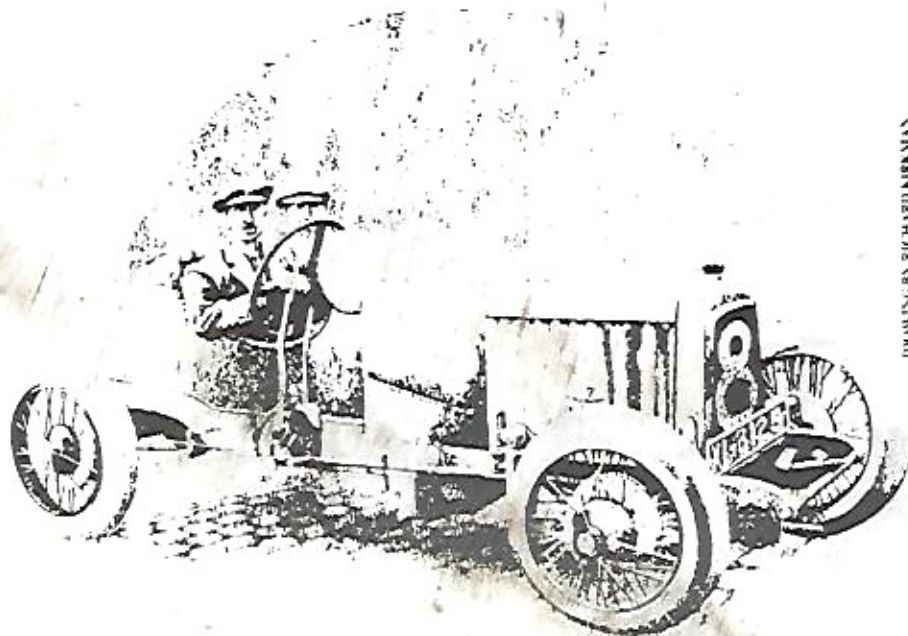
WELL, WE'RE HALF WAY THRU OUR RACE SEASON AND BY THE LOOKS OF IT WE'RE RACING IN GREATER NUMBERS THAN EVER BEFORE. THE SMALLER FIELDS OF THE PAST FEW YEARS SEEMS TO BE OVER, AND WE ARE GETTING LARGER AND LARGER FIELDS EACH RACE. LET'S BE SURE THE OLYMPIA RACE IS THE LARGEST OF THE YEAR. ALSO, SKIP REPORTS THAT T.C. MEMBERSHIP IS AT AN ALL TIME HIGH OF 220 PAID MEMBERS. (GREAT JOB SKIP!) THAT'S FANTASTIC! YOU NEW MEMBERS, BE SURE TO FIND THE T.C. KEG, AT THE END OF RACING EACH DAY, SO WE CAN FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOU. ALSO, THIS MONTH WE ARE HAVING OUR T.C. ANNUAL PICNIC AT THE FLYING "M" RANCH, IN LIEU OF OUR MONTHLY MEETING. BE SURE TO ATTEND! I'M SURE YOU WILL NOT REGRET IT. IT LOOKS LIKE GOLDIE HAS SOME REAL SURPRISES IN STORE.

LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DRIVER TRAINING WEEK END WITH THE RECRUITMENT OF SEVERAL NEW MEMBERS. THANKS AGAIN TO DAN AND HIS CREW.

## FROM THE PAST: 1975

NICK FEODERHOFF FINISHED 1st IN VICTORIA, B.C. & SPOKANE.  
ROB RISSBERGER FINISHED 3rd IN HIS NOVICE RACE AT PIR AND  
RALPH RAIMONDI FINISHED 5th IN HIS CAPRI.  
DID YOU KNOW THAT DON SMETHERS DROVE A HONDA IN 1975, AND  
COMPETED AGAINST BILL HALSEY, ALSO IN A HONDA. I WONDER  
WHO WON THIS DUAL?

*Tom*  
TOM WEKKER



DRAWING BY RICHARD RICHMAN

MINUTES OF THE 6-17-87, TEAM CONTINENTAL MEETING.

The meeting was called to order by Tom Hekker, at 8.00PM at the Hi Hat Restaurant.

The reading of the meetings minutes were dispensed with.

Guests were Clara Hekker, Betty Birch, Mike Yocum and Friend Cindy, Garth Bowman, Randi Miller, and Rosemary Riddle.

VICE PRESIDENT: Bill Murray reported TC did have beer at the cart weekend. The beer was out in turn 4. Pete Piluso loaned us use of his motorhome to keep the beer cold. Bill also states that there are car spaces open at the club house. please see or call him if you are interested. (503)238-8877.

TREASURE REPORT: Tim Sigler was not present. Rob Rissberger had the report for us. We have a balance of \$7722.88 in our account. We have some outstanding debts of about \$490. We plan on receiving about \$1800 from our June drivers training. We have a projected balance of about \$9000.

MEMBERSHIP: Skip Yocum announced that we have 210 members. New members are Kent Robertson, Mike Yocum, John Crammer, Garth Bowman, and Lew Scott/Randi Miller as active members. Upgrades are as follows; Active to Senior is Jim Graffy. Novice to active are Debbie Barrett, Joe Hekker, and Carol Doty.

TELL-TALE: Shawn Kolbe said the Tell Tale had been mailed out Friday 6/5. He will be checking up with the Post Office as to why no one received them. The cost of printing is going up. Not only the cost of printing gone up, but the number of newsletters going out has gone up. When asked, the club felt that quality of print was worth the extra price. Debbie Barrett suggested putting the date of the meetings on the back of the newsletter.

EXECUTIVE REP.: Don Smethers bought a conference letter concerning disqualification for anyone to read who wanted to. Steve Doty also had present a letter regarding the noise regulation for anyone to read it. As race chairman Don announced, that the race announcement will be printed in memo #5. The timing system is working out great. We have tested it out last Friday 6/12.

CONTEST BOARD: Bob smethers had no report, but did say NOW is the time to put in for rule changes.

DRIVER TRAINING: Dan Dickson, TC members must work the training at least half the day to drive on the track. Our fall training has only 15 spots left open.

PICNIC CHAIRLADY: Goldie Hudson reminded us the picnic is 7/17, 18, 19 at the FLYING M RANCH. Friday night is the MELLOW WEINER ROAST OFF? Sat. is the HIGH STEAKS BARBEQUE, WHICH WILL START ABOUT 5.00PM. Please bring volleyballs, nets, footballs, softball and bats. Or any kind of sporting equipment.

BANQUET CHAIRMAN: Jon Wilson no report. As jacket buyer for the club he will be looking at some jackets later this week- He hopes to have some for us soon.

NEW BUSINESS: Steve Doty donated a 2 1/2 lbs. Pheonix Fire Bottle to be bidden on at the meeting. The money to be given to the club. Peggy gaston opened the bidding with \$1.00. The fire bottle went to Rob Rissberger for \$26.00.

THANK-YOU STEVE.

Diane Crawford bought by flyers for the SCCA race, at PIR on 7/3-4-5.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 9.15 PM.



LINDA WILLIAMS  
TC SECRETARY



# Picnic

YES FOLKS, IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN. TC MEETS LEWIS CAMP AND.....THE RETURN OF THE "HIGH STEAKS" B.B.Q. ( TIM HAS CREAKED OPEN THE TC WALLET.) SO GET OUT YOUR STEAK KNIVES AND SLEEPING BAGS. THIS YEARS PICNIC WILL BE HELD ON JULY 17,18,& 19 ( THATS JULY 17,18,& 19), AT THE FLYING "M" RANCH. TC WILL BE IN THE LEWIS CAMP AREA. THE LEWIS CAMP AREA IS CLOSE TO THE MOTEL AND LODGE (SEE MAP ON NEXT PAGE). IF YOUR NOT A CAMPER, MOTEL AND CABINS ARE AVAILABLE. CALL (503) 662-3222 FOR RESERVATIONS. CALL SOON AS POSSIBLE AS THESE ARE ALWAYS BOOKED UP IN ADVANCE.

FRIDAY NIGHT WILL FEATURE THE "GREAT MELLOW-MEENIE" ROAST OFF. ENTER OR BE SQUARE. SATURDAY NIGHT WILL BE THE RETURN OF THE "HIGH STEAKS" B.B.Q. THIS WILL BE A POTLUCK AFFAIR. PEOPLE WITH LAST NAMES THAT START WITH A THRU M, PLEASE BRING SALADS. N THRU Z PLEASE BRING A DESERT. WE PLAN TO START EATING AROUND 5:00... SO...

BE THERE OR..... BE HUNGRY.

TC WILL FURNISH THE BEER, STEAKS, HAMBURGERS, AND HOT DOGS. THIS WILL BE FREE TO 1(ONE) TC MEMBER, AND 1(ONE) GUEST. ALL OTHERS WILL BE CHARGED \$ 3.00 FOR ADULTS. KIDS UNDER 12 YEARS OLD ARE \$ 1.50. ALSO SATURDAY NIGHT WILL FEATURE " ADVENTURES" TO BE ANNOUNCED.

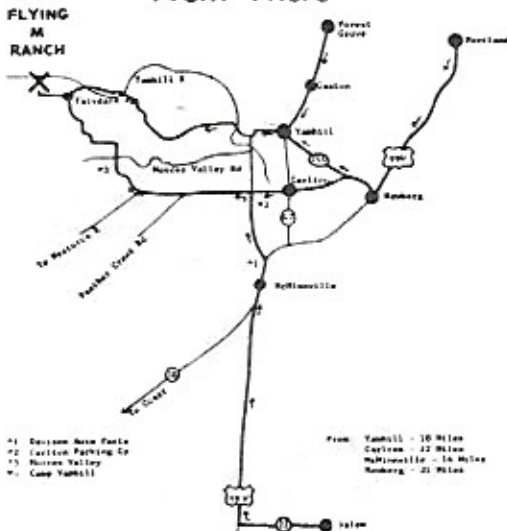
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

GOLDIE HUDSON,  
PICNIC CHAIRPERSON.  
#(503)472-2248(HOME)

(EDITOR'S NOTE)-

(V..O..L..L..E..Y..B..A..L..L..V.O.L.L.E.Y.B.A.L.L.VOLLEYBALL,VOILEYBALL,VOILEYBALL..)

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### MUFFELED MANUSCRIPTS...

BY BETH COLE - BURTON....

DON SMETHERS AT LARGE....

Don Smethers, a Porsche enthusiast, and like he has always said, "They're addictive, and once they get into your blood, nothing else will satisfy." His last fun and very fast race car was a 1969 911 very red Porsche that had been upgraded to '73 specs now a memory of fast times and exciting moments due to the fact that he sold it to Bill Calhoon - and is now watching him quest the ins and outs of the Bermuda Triangle, called Portland International Raceway.

Don became a Porsche fan in the late 60's, during that time he had crewed for one of the first Porsche 911's driven by Gary Wright. In 1968, Don took driver instruction from Chuck Clemans, and purchased his first Porsche which was a 356 B Roadster from Bob Daly for \$350.00 and has been driving the German thoroughbred ever since.

In the 18 years to follow, Don raced many classics including four 911's, a Brabham and a McLaren MK2B Vintage racer which was his fastest car on the track turning a 1:12 during a competition. During those competitive moments, it appeared that Smethers had dealt himself a winning hand beginning with his first race of the season in '86 which was the CPI Championship and going further into the past victories, he won 11 ICSCC Championships, 4 SCCA/Oregon Regional Championships, 3 PCRRC Championships, and to end his '86 season, he was the "Regional Driver of the Year", and the ICSCC "Driver of the Year". Still not to forget Don's Proto type, Bob Smethers a right hand man and team mate who helped Don place 11 in a Portland Enduro and and first in the under 1500 Division in Bob's green rabbit. Not a bad record for someone who does this for fun.

During Don's interview prior to the sale of his Porsche, I asked him what kept him interested in racing for all these years?, he replied, "It is not just for the fame, or fortune or a chance for national championships I may gain, I do it because of the many friendships made over the years, it's so exciting to watch the next generations facing the challenges of competitions and winning." Besides the versatility of Don's racing, he has begun a new hobby, sail boat racing, "oh know", says Sonjia, but it keeps him off the streets for now (so to speak).

Don has already teamed up with a new race car and competed in the '87 Rosecups Enduro with Papa Aldo's as his primary sponser in a '87 Saleen Mustang as a co-driver to Dave Frezza (who is currently the Fleet Manager for Damerow Ford in Beaverton), the results were placing 5th and 20th overall. Who knows what Don has up his sleeve but we can be sure of one thing, it will be a race car.....

FIRST OFF, SKIP WANTED IT KNOWN THAT TC IS UP TO 223 PAID MEMBERS. THE CLUB IS GOWING AT A FAST PACE. THE NEWS FACES IN THE TC CROWD ARE THE FOLLING; JOHN KRAMER, GAYLE KOVACS, DON CRAWFORD (THE OTHER ONE (DOES THIS ONE HAVE HAIR?)), MIKE EIDLIN, LARRY NEWMAN, ANDY TAYLOR, KENT ROBERTSON, GARTH BOWMAN, BILL BALLESTER LEW SCOTT, MIKE YOCUM, RANDI MILLER, SCOTT HAUN, BILL BUAN, GAIL ROBINSON, RANDY WEATHERHEAD, SCOTT LEE PLUPREZ, ED FITZGERALD, DEAN TUSSING, JOHN BREWER, AND BRETT FRANCIS. REINSTATED IN THE CLUB AFTER A ONE YEAR ABSENTS IS CHARLES (CHAZ) SMITH. CHAZ IS FROM THE AUTOCROSS, RANK AND FILE. A BIG TC WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU. HOPE TO SEE YOU TAKE A ACTIVE ROLL IN TC.

JON WILSON WOULD LIKE IT KNOWN THAT THE CLUB JACKETS HAVE BEEN ORDERED, AND HOPFULLY WILL BE HERE BY THE END OF JULY. THOSE CLUB MEMBERS WHO ARE OWED A JACKET, PLEASE CONTACT SKIP YOCIM NOT JON WILSON. SKIP WILL BE HANDING OUT THE JACKETS, WHEN THEY ARRIVE.

IN LAST MONTHS "TELL TALE" I SAID I WOULD HAVE THE CONFERENCE RACE RESULTS BUT DO TO SPACE IN THE NEWSLETTER, I DON'T HAVE ROOM. I'VE GOTTEN BEHIND ON THE "RACE REPORT". WILL HAVE A FULL REPORT IN THE AUGUST "TELL TALE".

I'M SORRY ABOUT THE DELAY IN THE JUNE "TELL TALE". DO TO SCREW UPS AT THE TUALATIN POST OFFICE THE NEWSLETTER WAS LOST. A REPORT WAS FILED, BUT IT DID'NT DO ANY GOOD. THE JUNE NEWSLETTER WAS REPRINTED AND RESENT OUT IN LATE JUNE. THE REPRINTING WAS DONE AT NO EXTRA CHARGE TO THE CLUB. SORRY ABOUT THAT.

SEE YOU AT THE TRACK

BS HOUSE

# LETTERS

To the Editor:

Ever since I was a little girl, I've wanted to drive a race car. I don't know why, exactly, I just wanted to. About 15 years ago, I sat on the east bank at PIR and watched the Rose Cup races, and I said to myself, "I want to do that."

June 5-7, 1987, I did just that. I got to drive in those very Rose Cup races. Not only that, I drove MY VERY OWN CAR...a 1975 VW Scirocco. Not the royalty of vehicles, but a good old car with lots of heart. "The Chunk," as it's affectionately known, and I put on a good show for thousands of spectators (thanks to a couple of strategic off-course excursions), and I WASN'T LAST IN MY CLASS!

I would like to publicly thank veteran racers Dave Frezza, J. Dane Pitarresi and Bill Murray for their help and patience. And I would like to thank the SCCA and TC for offering the opportunity for me to realize a childhood dream.

See you at the Run-Offs ... some day.

*Marianne*

Marianne Pratt  
#27/427 ITB

6-26-87



TEAM CONTINENTAL

I REALLY ENJOYED YOUR DRIVING  
SCHOOL. IT SEEMED WELL ORGANIZED AND IT  
WAS A LOT OF FUN! EVERYBODY WAS  
HELPFUL AND FRIENDLY.

TO DON CRAWFORD; THANKS  
FOR THE INSTRUCTION. YOUR CALM APPROACH  
MADE ME FEEL RELAXED, AND I FEEL I  
LEARNED A LOT.

Sincerely,  
A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Don Crawford', with a horizontal line underneath.

BOB SMETHERS  
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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS AT THE FLYING M RANCH ON JULY 17,18,19.  
THE PICNIC IS THE THE PLACE TO BE. SO DON'T MISS OUT.  
PICNIC INFO AND MAP ARE INSIDE THE NEWSLETTER.  
FOR MORE INFO CALL GOLDIE HUDSON #(503)472-2248

