



Tell Tale

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Skip Day 4/18 ORP (TC open lapping: see announcement!)

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Thank you to everyone who volunteers

April 2026

President's Message

Submitted by Kevin Smith

Racing season started with a well attended volunteer fair at PIR on March 14th. Many current and former TC members were there: myself, Jon Wilson, Dane Pitaressi, Bob Skinner, Gordon Jones, Scott Sullivan, and Randy Karamelas at least. Randy, Jon, Scott and I all attended the CSCC instructor training that day as well.

My actual race season started on March 21st at the SCCA double regional, and TC member Steve Adams was there helping as my crew chief. Unfortunately, my racing ended about 20 minutes into the first qualifying session when my driveshaft broke under braking into T1. With help, pushed car back into trailer, loaded up, disappointed. Russ Watson was also there racing his Lotus Elan. Jon Wilson, Jim Larfield and Steve Middendorf stopped by to give Russ his TC jacket, and senior member patch. Also in attendance I saw Peggy Walker, who brought her Dad to spectate Saturday afternoon. It was an absolutely beautiful weekend weather wise, and although I towed the race car home Saturday, I came back Sunday to watch the racing. On Sunday watched the races with a former TC member, Mike Kelley. I expect to have the car back together for the CSCC season opener on April 25th, 26th.

On March 28th, Peggy Walker and I picked up the TC trailer from Joe Harlan, took it over to 99 West trailers to have a new roof vent put in so it would be weather tight, and looked through the contents. We were able to find TCs scrapbooks, and I now have those stored in my shop. Big thanks to Peggy & 99 West for donating the parts and labor to repair the trailer.

Hope to see you at the April racing events, and at the general meeting, Wednesday April 15th, 6:30PM at Busters BBQ in Tigard.

Kevin Smith



Jim Larfield, Jon Wilson, Russ Watson, Kevin Smith, Steve Middendorf. Russ wearing his new TC jacket.

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

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MEETINGS

General Meeting
 Wed. Apr. 15th @6:30PM
 Buster's BBQ in Tigard

Board Meeting
 Wed. Apr. 15th @6:00PM
 Buster's BBQ in Tigard

March General Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Scott Sullivan

Date: March 18, 2026 6:30p.m. to 7:19p.m.

Location: Buster's Barbeque Tigard, Oregon

Guest introductions: None

Announcements: **Kevin Smith** called for the start of the general meeting at 6:30p.m.

Attendance: Kevin Smith President, John Wilson: Vice President. Peggy Walker: Communications Director, Scott Sullivan: Secretary, Jim Larfield, Bill Murray, Denny Roberts: Membership, Stacey Smith, Kristine Craine, Bill Craine, Burt Dilley.

Officer Reports: Jon Wilson, Vice President: Jon said he will be working on Banquet or Christmas party organizing. Bylaws state the organizing of these events are managed by the Vice President.

Treasury report. Jon Wilson speaking for Cynthia Wilson: We have received \$225 in membership fees for 2026 and have a few members with membership dues to be paid as of yet. Jon Wilson said itemization for various club expenses and paid balance due to Denny Roberts.

Secretary's Report: Scott Sullivan: Essentially the same information that was provided in the Tell Tale in the last edition.

Peggy Walker, Communications: Peggy needs more articles for the Tell Tale and looking for members to still submit articles of memories of past Team Continental events.. Peggy is getting articles from Bob Smethers. Any photos or video of past TC events are greatly appreciated.

Peggy said her Porsche Car club does driving tours that stop at various places in the state of Oregon that make a full day of seeing the sights. Their Club hands out driving maps with the stops to see along the way. She said the drive sometimes covers about 100 miles of driving. Suggestions are appreciated for possible ideas where to hold the Social drive experience. Something like a Poker run is an example of the type of drive. A drive to Mt. Hood was just one example. Or she said something like a Pizza night, or bowling, or something along those lines or meeting at someone's house or business to have a purely social gathering event and not a driving event.

Denny Roberts- Membership: We have 55 members that have paid their memberships for 2026 and Kevin suggests doing an email blast to collect remaining member fees. Kevin said that there are just three members that still get their Tell Tale articles via US Mail!

Other business. PIR Volunteer Fair and CSCC driving instructor meeting was last Saturday March 28th. . There were some past and current TC members there Like Dane Pitarresi, Gordon Jones, Bob Skinner. Scott Sullivan, Kevin Smith, Jon Wilson and Randy Karambelas were present for the driver instructor session that consisted of a classroom session for what to expect for 2026 year of various CSCC hosted track events. Kevin Smith, Jon Wilson, Randy Karambelas, and Scott Sullivan were Team Continental driving instructor making their presence known. The remainder of the day was spent walking the track for about three hours to see at a snail's pace where the initial braking points are for setting up the turn and where the "green dot mark is for setting up the turn in point of the apex point. Lots of discussion was suggested for the best spot for the apex. It was a really nice day for walking the track. Thankfully the rain held off. After Saturdays driver Instructor meeting, Kevin Smith, Randy Karambelas, and Scott Sullivan went to the the Kenton Station restaurant for a few beers to wind down from an exhausting day at the CSCC Instructor meeting. This qualifies as Team Continentals first Social Event of the 2026 year! LOL!

Kevin Smith, President: Kristine Craine said the NATA (National Automotive Trade Assocaiton) has invited Team Continental to come to the Brothers Car Museum again on Sunday May 31st from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. Tickets are \$30 per person. The Museum is located in the Salem area. **Jon Wilson** made a motion at the meeting that we make it a point to accept the invitation to attend the Museum, then afterward have lunch somewhere nearby. The motion was unanimous in favor.



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Kevin said the first race of the season took place last Saturday March 21st. 99 West Trailers was a sponsor.

Bill Murray mentioned that ORP had the very first event of the season of 2026. The event was not the first event of instructor training. Bill said his son was ripping around the track in his Corvette Z06 C8.

Peggy Walker said that she has a pair of men’s reading glasses that were left at the Banquet. Contact Peggy if you think you are the one that left them.

Kevin Smith will be racing at the race the weekend of March 21st. Two races are on Saturday and two races are on Sunday. The race was held and unfortunately Kevin had an unfortunate broken drive shaft near the end of the race.

Kevin Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19. Meeting adjourned.



Skip Day Track Day Announcement

Submitted by Colin Waltz

Exclusive Invitation: Team Continental Open Track Day

Skip Day Trackdays is proud to offer all Team Continental members an exclusive opportunity to experience Oregon Raceway Park (ORP) with unparalleled track time. Skip the typical run-group constraints and enjoy a full day of driving designed for experienced enthusiasts. **We want to see as many red jackets as possible!**

Event Overview

- **Date:** Saturday, April 18th, 2026.
- **Location:** Oregon Raceway Park (ORP).
- **Format:** 7 hours of open track time with no run groups.
- **Exclusive Member Price:** \$299 (A discount of over \$50 off) **Use discount code: [TeamContinental2026](#)**

Feature	Details
Track Access	7 Hours of Open Track
Vehicle Type	Cars Only (April 18th)
Eligibility	Intermediate, Experienced, or Advanced drivers only
Safety	Mandatory driver's meeting

Driver & Vehicle Requirements

To ensure a safe and efficient environment for all participants, the following standards must be met:

- **Experience:** All entries are subject to an on-track experience review.
- **Age:** Minimum 18 years of age with a valid driver's license.
- **Helmet:** Snell 2015 or newer is required (M2015 also accepted).
- **Convertibles:** Must have a properly installed roll bar (main hoop and rear supports) meeting SCCA, ICSCC, or NASA standards. Pop-up rollover protection is not acceptable.
- **Vehicle Condition:** Must be in sound mechanical condition with all loose items removed and fluids filled.

Registration Information

The event will be held rain or shine. Registration is currently open through the MotorsportReg platform.

Register Here: msreq.com/SkipDayApril18

For questions regarding this exclusive offer or the event format, please contact Colin Waltz at 503-516-8723.

Let's make some noise at ORP!

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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March-April 2026

Hello Team Continental Members & Enthusiasts –



Blast From The Past – Historic Events

This segment is intended to highlight some of the landmark social & road racing events from our Team Continental car club's 70+ year history. Most of the details described here may be found in the TC TellTale newsletter, copies of which have been digitized and posted to www.teamcontinental.com website.

This month's feature celebrates the 40th anniversary of TC's first ICSCC Championship road racing event, held at Pearson Air Park at the Olympia, Washington Airport. The event weekend was truly historic not only because it was the first TC race event. It was also a noteworthy coordination between ICSCC and SCCA clubs to organize and co-host separately sanctioned events over the same weekend at the same facility.

The Saturday and Sunday, August 30-31, 1986 race was sanctioned by the International Conference of Sports Car Clubs as a championship race and was conducted under the 1986 ICSCC Competition Regulations. The Monday, September 1 race was sanctioned under the 1986 General Competition Regulations.

This creativity provided cost-sharing for facility rental, concrete barriers, hay bales for corner stations, forklifts, porta potties and all other infrastructure necessary to host a temporary road race event on an airport facility. This three-day format provided increased track time and enabled more flexibility for car sharing by ICSCC and SCCA drivers.

Bill Murray was 1986 TC President – his pre race motivation article in the TC TellTale August 1986 can be read here: http://www.smethers.com/TT_198608_August1986.pdf. A slideshow is here: http://www.smethers.com/TCHistorian_1986-87TCRaceOlympia.mp4.

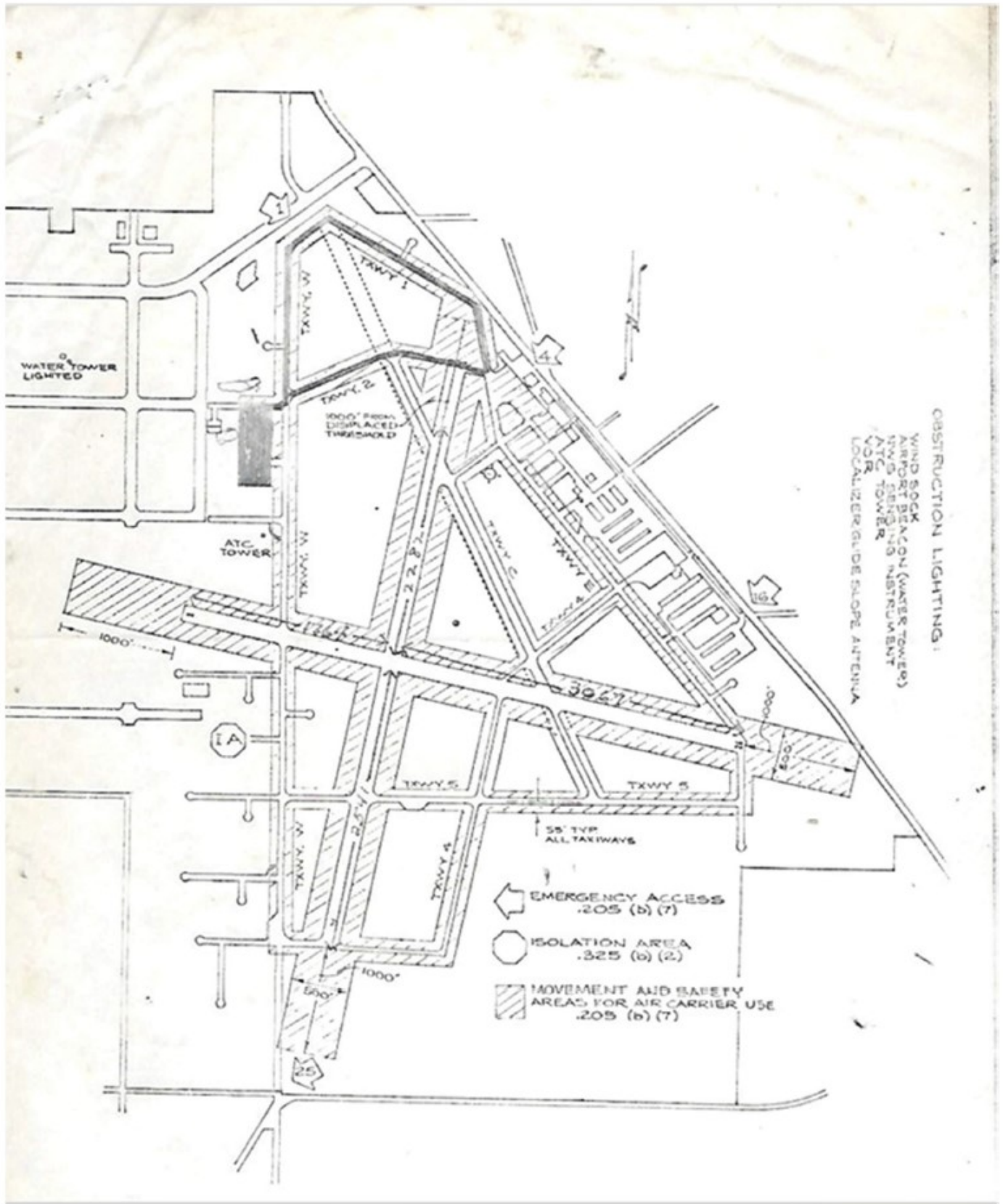
Don Smethers was 1986 TC Race Chairman and still had time to race for a class victory!



As reported in the October 1986 TC TellTale Treasurer report, "We took in \$11,926 in revenue for the Olympia race. Expenses should run about \$10,000 leaving about \$1,900 to split with Northwest Region."

TC hosted ICSCC race events at Olympia from 1986 through 1989.

(posted in TC TellTale, May 1989) – Pearson Air Park, Olympia – TC Race Course



Back To The Future – Current Events

This segment is intended to document a selection of event highlights and photographs of club members during recent club social or racing activities.

This month kicks off with the first event of the 2026 season – SCCA Oregon Region double regional at PIR on March 21-22. There's a stunning set of facts that I don't believe I've ever witnessed. Did you know it's possible to qualify for an undisputable nomination for the TC Boner Jacket as well as the TC Hard Luck trophy all in the first morning of the first event?

Over the winter break, Kevin Smith's racer underwent some noteworthy upgrades. Per his Facebook posts the list included race engine rebuild, transmission installation, changing rear end gears with some Forza Horizon 5 (PIR chicane course) thrown in for variety. Unfortunately, Kevin didn't allocate time over the winter to upgrade his Safety Belts. Here's Kevin and SCCA Safety & Technical Inspector Jim Norlin (past TC Member) with log book in hand, reporting to the Tech tent to document the outdated belts.



Kevin diligently requested a 1-race grace period to replace the belts. Fortunately, SCCA event Chief Steward Spencer "Bud" Gorham (past TC President) granted the waiver and Kevin was ready for his first on-track session. There's a direct link between all that pretty new horsepower and the pretty new rear end rebuild – it's called the drive shaft. Kevin's weekend came to an early end when his driveshaft broke 20 minutes into qualifying.

Points To Ponder: Can an outdated set of used safety belts be wrapped longitudinally around the length of a new drive shaft to provide much needed reinforcement?

Here's crew member Steve Adams diving down under to remove the broken drive shaft and other related twisted metal fragments. We hope Kevin has a better day next event!



Russ Watson was present at this event piloting his 1965 Lotus 26R in VP1 class. Also entered in the SCCA Vintage group was Frank McKinnon with his 1995 "McLaren" Ford Mustang. This car is just a temporary acquisition until the real racecar is ready. It might not REALLY be McLaren Ford but the paint matched and it seemed like a good rumor to start!



Here's the ever-present driver registration crew taking care of the finer details of this event. Donna Battin (past TC President) along with Patty and Jim Norlin (past TC Members):



Forever Grateful,
Bob Smethers, TC Historian 2026



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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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 : _____

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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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