



Tell Tale

Races: IRDC @PR 5/15-17, CSCC Dash @PIR 6/12-14
NWR Majors @PR 5/23-24, NASA @ORP 6/20-21
Brother's Car Collection 5/31 (see invite link below)

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Thank you to everyone who volunteers

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President's Message

Team Continental made a good showing at the ICSCC Season Opener, the weekend of April 24-26th. Randy Karambelas, Scott Sullivan and I all instructed at the Friday HPDE. Rob Rissberger brought his C7 Corvette out and ran in the HPDE on Friday, and had a good time. Russ Watson, Jon Wilson, and Blake Williams all ran in the Nostalgic race group both days, and I ran in race group 4 both days. The weather was exceptional, sunny all days, highs at right about 70. And running without the chicane is always a kick, No TC racers had mechanical or collision damage, although plenty of other drivers were pranging cars up.

Steve Adams was crewing for me, and Rob Rissberger, Brian Rissberger, Brian's son Braedon, Scott Sullivan and Peggy Walker were all there spectating and cheering on TC drivers, as were Blake's wife and daughter, Cynthia Wilson, and Russ's wife Bonnie.

On Sunday, Bob Peters put a for sale sign on his vintage Corvette, and I noticed that. I let Bob know I was interested, and I bought the car from him on the following Monday and picked it up on Thursday. It's a 1964 corvette, although mostly bodied with 67 fiberglass. I am really looking forward to driving this car on the track, but first I have to put in some work to get myself to fit more comfortably in the cockpit.

May brings a bunch more racing events, SCCA Hoosier Super Tour at PIR May 9,10th, ICSCC at Pacific Raceways May 16,17th, SCCA Majors at Pacific on May 23,24th. I'm not sure if any TC racers will be competing in these, I know I will not be able to attend, but wish good luck to all the drivers, crew and workers that will.

I'll be absent for the May General Meeting, so, Vice President Jon Wilson will be chairing the meeting on Wednesday May 20th, 6:30PM at Busters BBQ in Tigard. I'll look forward to seeing you all in June.

Kevin Smith



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Deadline is usually the first Saturday of the month.

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MEETINGS

General Meeting
 Wed. May 20th @6:30PM
 Buster's BBQ in Tigard

Board Meeting
 Wed. May 20th @6:00PM
 Buster's BBQ in Tigard

April General Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Scott Sullivan

Date: April 15, 2026 6:30p.m. 7:29p.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, Stacey Smith, Jim Larfield: Peggy Walker: Communications Director, Scott Sullivan: Secretary, Jim Larfield, Bob Smethers: Race officials Divisions Rep, Club Historian. Steve Middendorf: TC Member, Brock Byers: TC Member, Tim Jogensen TC member.

Officer Reports: Kevin Smith, President: April 8th the TC Trailer was gone through and many Items were donated by the vote of the TC board members to Goodwill and SCCA. Kevin Smith, Peggy Walker, Scott Sullivan, Jim Larfield, and Jon Wilson were at 99West Trailers location to go through all of the items in the trailer to deem which items were to be saved or discarded, or given to another organization like Friends of PIR. Brooms, Sand, Sandwich boards, fire bottles, signage, coolers, binders, flags, cones, clip boards, fuel jugs, light bars and all sorts of race related items were among many items. Selling the trailer was also voted by all members of the TC board. Vote in favor was unanimous. Vote to reimburse Peggy Walker for the new VIN sticker was in favor by the TC Board.

Treasury report. None

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

Peggy Walker, Communications: Peggy said the Brothers Car Show will be coming up May 31st. Brothers Car show has invited us back and Team Continental will have a social drive to and from the Car show warehouse in Salem. Peggy also mentioned that Tony Hauser did a great job for the Tell Tale article. Peggy appreciated Bob Smethers Historian organizing some past Tell Tale articles. Peggy said the TC Website needs some minor changes. Peggy will be entertaining the possibility of organizing some sort of event at the Indy Car race.

Denny Roberts Membership: Denny was not present, but Kevin Smith spoke for Denny that Team Continental now has 59 members and have approximately seven new members. Reminders were sent out to members that have yet to submit renewed memberships.

Bob Smethers Team Continental Historian: Bob said that anyone that has any information of current and past events would be appreciated. Bob said he will be organizing things from scrapbooks, videos, race articles, TC Tell Tale publications. Kevin Smith has TC related articles way back to the 70's that can be digitized.

Kevin Smith, President: Kevin said the first Cascade Conference race will be April 25th and 26th. Kevin Smith and Russ Watson and Jon Wilson will be racing. SCCA race report is that Kevin broke the drive shaft on his car in the first part of the race.

Brock Byers and Steven Middendorf TC members: Contributed to providing Russ Watson with his official Team Continental Jacket and Senior Team Continental patch for his jacket.

Meeting was called to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Meeting adjourned by vote of all members.

TC Trailer Contents Sale

Submitted by Kevin Smith



TC is looking to sell/give away the contents of the TC trailer. Please contact Peggy Walker, phone 503 913 7987, to look at, buy, or pick up any of these items.

Thanks, Kevin

- Box full of Caution Tape, reflective vests, don't know what else. (free)
- Sidewalk Chalk (free)
- Bunch of Cones (free)
- 5 Gallon White Jugs (at least 4, maybe 6) (\$5 each)
- Sandwich Board Signs (3) (\$30 each)
- Large Red Emergency Lights (not working) (free)
- Truck Bed Storage Boxes (2) (\$40 each)
- PopUp Canopies (2) (\$40 each)
- Heavy Duty Tow Straps (2) (\$10 each)
- Small White Emergency lights (seem to flash amber, these are working) (\$20)



Random Photos



Your editor in rotary engine heaven at HSR's The Mitty event last month at Road Atlanta. Pictured behind me are 4-rotor LeMans and IMSA prototype cars from the 90's beginning their climb up the esses between turns 2 & 3. What a glorious sound! Photo courtesy of Christopher Hauser, PE.



The Ex-Prez Report

Submitted by Jim Larfield

On Sat Apr. 24 I went out to PIR to support our TC drivers who were entered in the season opening Conference race, the Rose City Opener / Linda Blackburn Memorial. (For those who may not know Linda passed unexpectedly this past year.) The weather was beautiful, a little brisk in the morning but perfect throughout the day.

It was great to see the north paddock filled with race cars, trailers and support vehicles. The NW Spec Miata Series was using this race as one of their championship events with 36 entries for their race group. Pro 3 was another well subscribed class with around 30 cars entered. If you have watched these 2 classes in the past you know they are the Bang-em-up, Crash-em-up classes and they didn't fail to disappoint for this event. We witnessed several cars either being flat towed or on the hook from each class. One Miata had its LR fender pretty much pancaked, next time I looked they had pounded out that fender and with some racers tape holding the taillight in place, out they went for their next race. You do whatever it takes to continue. Unfortunately, that can't be said for a Caterham 7 that came in on the hook with its LR corner torn off. Fender gone, wheel and hub torn off the DeDion tube and the drive axle ripped out of the diff. Looked expensive and how long is it going to take to get those parts out of England? It's hard to see these drivers use up their equipment in the first race, maybe they should take more time shaking the rust off of their driving than the rust off of their cars.

Our TC racers all had a better day with Kevin Smith and his AS Firebird winning his class on Sat. (We won't tell anyone that he was the only one in his class.) and his first ever group overall win on Sun. Russ Watson in his ex-Arnie Loyning Lotus 26R running in Nostalgic Series had a great race with Cascade driver Steve Powell in a replica Cobra. Russ would catch him in the corners and get out powered on the straights. Looked like they were having a lot of fun. Jon Wilson and Blake Williams both in Z cars were also in the vintage group. Blake stayed close to Russ and Steve up front but not close enough to make a move. Jon's engine is down on power compared to Russ and Blake and wasn't able to keep up but all finished both days.

Another thing I observed on Sat was that there were quite a few drivers who had loaded up after their first session. Did they not do any winter prep? Humm!

While standing in Jon's paddock spot, up walks the new Conference and former Cascade president Brian Anderson. He talked to us for quite a while about Conference and some of his ideas about making it better. One being more cooperation between clubs, another where Conf. helps offset some expenses when clubs are struggling to break even on an event. (Sure wish there was that kind of thinking from Conf. leadership a couple of years ago when we sure could have used it.) Another interesting thing he said is that there seems to be quite a bit of interest in the paddock about racing at ORP again. He'd like to see a Conf. race there in 2027. Of course, he would like the cooperation of as many TC members as possible and said he's not expecting TC to help financially. Good thing!

Well, that's enough from me, I've taken up enough space with my drivel.

The Ex Prez

Rose City Opener & Linda Blackburn Memorial Race Photos

Submitted by Jim Larfield



From L-to-R:

TC Drivers Blake Williams, Russ Watson, Kevin Smith, and Jon Wilson with Russ's Lotus in the foreground

Jim Larfield (left) and Steve (right) join the drivers. Also in attendance were Scott Sullivan, Rob Rissberger, Brian Rissberger and his son, Braedon, and Tony & Tanya Khilstadius.



Brothers Car Collection Invitation

Submitted by Peggy Walker



Come join us to see the Brothers Car collection on May 31, 11am-1pm.
Sign up at:

<https://aboutnata.org/nata-invites-you-to-the-brothers-car-collection/>

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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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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