

# OREGON RACEWAY PARK

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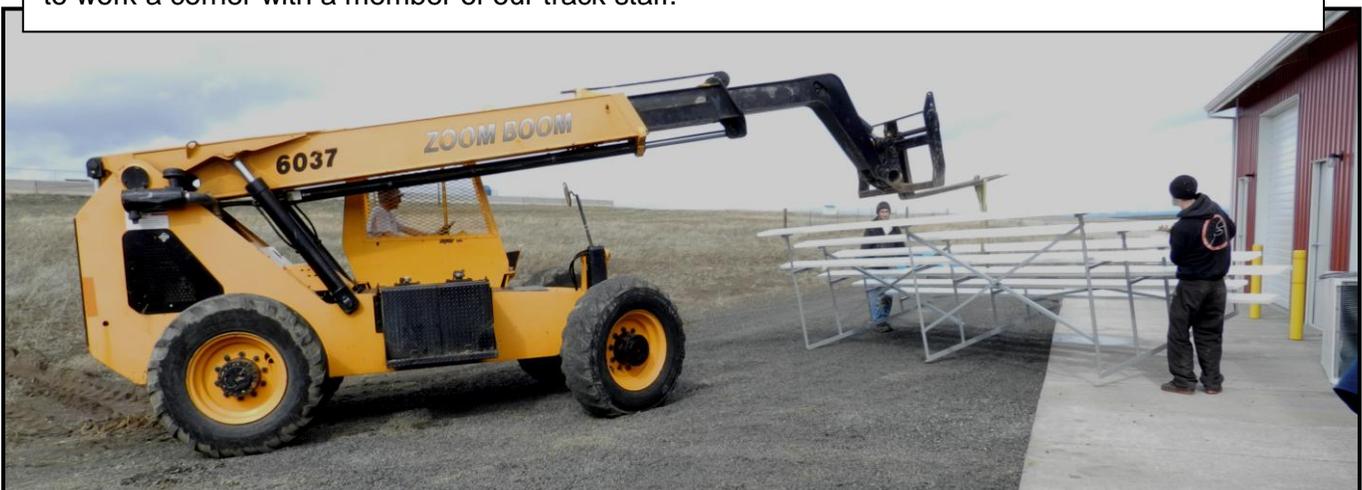


**Left:** Team Continental Race Chairman Pete Belfanti aligns a Go-Pro camera to capture footage for a Counter Course training film during a Saturday work party at the track earlier this month.

**Below:** American Sedan Driver and volunteer Kevin Smith working with track staffer Emmitt Read as the refurbishing part of the bleacher project nears completion.



**Below:** With a target of 14 in all, another bleacher moves out of final assembly. The wide open spaces at O.R.P. already provide some of the best viewing at any road course on the West coast. The long range plan is to have additional designated viewing areas that will be accessible by a perimeter road where spectators can check out more of the tracks unique features. Until then, if you want to see the action in "The Pucker Factor", "North Bowl" or "Half Pipe" you can volunteer to work a corner with a member of our track staff.



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Some new, some used, and some of the most adept driving instructors anywhere, attend the Team Continental Instructors Seminar last Saturday. This is the first time this annual event has been held at the track, and featured the first "instructor only" on Course since 2008.



**Above:** Driving Master Jim Larfield facilitates the round table format as Ronnie Swyers (professional instructor for Miller Motorsports) shares the benefit of his experience.

**Left:** Course Worker recruits (some already with substantial skills from other venues) attend training with returning staff.

**Right:** Now in her 5<sup>th</sup> year as Chief of Flags Jessica Johnston, conducts the worker Classroom session. This training, which ran concurrently with the Instructor seminar, covers standard flags, signals, and communication protocols as well as introduction to the variations associated with O.R.P.'s many presenters and sanctioning groups.



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**Above:** During a pop quiz for track staff, fuel was added to set a grass fire so water equipment response time could be tested. Due to the many sources of re-ignition grass fires are one of O.R.P.'s most pressing concerns.

**Right:** During a session break on the pre-grid instructors coordinate Course Worker response scenarios.



Meanwhile, back At The Portland Roadster Show another collaboration is going on with Ken Killam, Bob Smethers, and Paul Cap manning the booth. Thanks to all the volunteers that came out to help promote our sport.