



## LINCOLN AND CONTINENTAL OWNERS CLUB

### FLORIDA REGION NEWSLETTER

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#### DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

This year has been active as your leadership and volunteer members have been planning for the 2018 Eastern National Meet to be held in Florida. Currently, we have a proposed contract from a hotel that wishes to host the event, and are going through the provisions of the contract item by item. The date of the meet will be from Wednesday May 2 – Sunday May 6, 2018. We should have an update shortly as to the site and events planned for this meet. Several venues are being contacted for driving tours on Thursday and Friday as well as a special exciting meal event on Thursday. I'm sure we'll have all the details finalized for the next newsletter.

We currently have 147 members in the Florida Region. Over 100 members receive the Region newsletter by email and in full color. Since color printing is very expensive, we mail the Newsletter printed in black and white. I ask our members to try and get an email address to me so I can send you the Newsletter by email. We will not provide your address to anyone else, including the National Office. Thank you in advance.

Until we meet again-

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#### LINCOLN MOTOR CAR MUSEUM RAFFLE AND ENDOWMENT

Each of our members by now should have received a flyer from the Lincoln Motor Car Museum announcing the raffle for a new 2017 Lincoln Continental. The website for the auction is [www.lmcraftaffle.org](http://www.lmcraftaffle.org). Tickets are \$50.00 each and

can be purchased by downloading a pdf form from the website and sending it in or they can be purchased online with a debit or credit card. You can also purchase them by phone at (616) 662-7473 between the hours of 11:00am – 4:00pm Eastern Daylight Time. The deadline for the purchase of a raffle ticket is August 1, 2017. The drawing will take place at the Four Points Sheraton in Kalamazoo, Michigan at 9:00pm on August 12, 2017 during the Lincoln Homecoming banquet. The proceeds after payment for the prizes will be used to enhance the endowment of the museum.

#### FLORIDA LCOC MEMBER APPEARS IN NATIONAL TELEVISION SERIES "CAR FIX"

Lights, Camera and Action were the words around Lincoln Land in Clearwater recently when a film crew from the Velocity Network TV series "Car Fix" filmed part of an episode for their popular television series. The episode featured the repair of a convertible top on a 1964 Lincoln Continental..



CAR FIX STARS LOU SANTIAGO AND JARED ZIMMERMAN AND CREW AT LINCOLN LAND IN CLEARWATER

Chris Dunn, the owner of Lincoln Land and long time member of the Florida Region LCOC appeared near the middle of the episode when he sold a part to the stars. At the end of the episode Chris, Lou and Jared take a ride in a fully restored convertible.

Look for this episode on the Velocity Channel as Car Fix episode titled "Big Time Top", Season 6, episode 2.

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**We would like to hear from you**

The Florida Region Newsletter is a publication of the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club – Florida Region. We encourage all members to submit articles and pictures for inclusion in the newsletter. Perhaps you can write an article or submit a picture of a car that was close to your heart.

Send your submissions to [beachmanglen@aol.com](mailto:beachmanglen@aol.com) or [the70lincolnman@gmail.com](mailto:the70lincolnman@gmail.com).

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**VOLUNTEERS NEED FOR 2018  
NATIONAL MEET – WE NEED TO HEAR  
FROM YOU NOW!!!!!!!**

Last January, at the National Board meeting held in Tampa, the Florida region committed to hosting the Eastern National Meet in 2018. We are currently in negotiation with a hotel to be the host property for the meet. We need members who are interested in being part of this meet and taking a leading role in some area of the event, including a meet chairman. The meet dates will be Wednesday, May 2nd to Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Proposals from several properties were considered and our first choice has all the amenities to hold the meet. We are still in negotiation with the hotel and hopefully a contract will be signed within the next two to three weeks. Information as to the location and the suggested driving tours is expected to be provided in the If you are interested in helping the Region plan the meet please contact Region Director Glen Wirtanen.

**NEXT ANNUAL NATIONAL BOARD MEETING  
TO BE HELD IN TAMPA**

The next annual National Board of Directors Meeting for the club will be held at the Holiday Inn on Westshore beginning with committee meetings beginning on January 10, 2018, with the actual Board meeting on Saturday, January 13, 2018.

**INCENTIVE FOR RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS**

One of the benefit of your recruitment efforts concerns the extension of your membership for each member recruited. If you recruit a new member and you are the referring member, your membership will be extended by one month for each member recruited. You must put your name on the Application for Membership that is sent to Cornerstone for processing. If you need a membership application contact Region Director Glen Wirtanen for an application. One idea is to put a membership form in the glovebox of any car you sell and inform your buyers of the benefits of LCOC membership. So far this year, the Florida Region has increased membership by seven new members.

**NATIONAL BOARD MEETING HELD IN SAN  
ANTONIO, TEXAS**

The National Board met in San Antonio, Texas in January during the week before the Martin Luther King Holiday. The minutes of the meeting indicated that no major changes were enacted. Overall, the National membership is pleased with the new look of Continental Comments as it is now being published in full color. The new website with the member listings has saved the Club a great amount of money by not having to publish the membership directory.

One item of concern is the steady decline in overall membership. As stated above, let's all make an effort to recruit a new member or two who appreciates the benefits of membership and camaraderie of our events. Should the membership continue to decline at the current rate, it will be difficult to maintain the quality of service to members at a reasonable price. At present the financial condition of the national LCOC organization is in good shape, even though losses have been experienced during the past several years. So let's all get together and try and recruit new members to keep our club viable.

## FLORIDA REGION EVENTS

The following events are tentatively scheduled for the Florida Region:

August 6 -10: The Grand National Meet in Hickory Corners, Michigan

October 7: Lincoln, Mercury and Edsel car show on the lot of Parks Lincoln of Tampa Florida.

November 4: The Annual meeting and election of officers at Quaker Steak and Lube in Pinellas Park, FL

November 5: Participation as a group at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club in downtown St. Petersburg.

May 2 – May 6, 2018: Eastern National Meet in the Florida Region.

