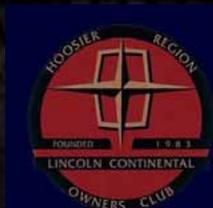


# *The Lincoln Log*

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*Notes from the  
director  
By Joe S. Columbe*

Thank you for your patience while we have worked through transitioning to Hoosier Region's new editor of our quarterly newsletter the *Lincoln Log*. This newsletter is our second one for 2016. We expect our third newsletter will be out very soon. Our fourth newsletter for 2016 will be out before the end of 2016.

We want to give a VERY BIG THANK YOU to Bob Osterhous for his many years of service to our club as our editor and publisher. We also want to give a VERY BIG THANK YOU to Erinn Owen for her help these last four years in helping Bob put our newsletters together. This is a very time consuming commitment to our club and we wholeheartedly appreciate all their efforts.

These newsletters will have many articles about all the fun filled and informative events that have taken place this year. Our Annual Membership Meeting with elections will be held on Sunday, November 13, 1:00 P.M., Bluebird Restaurant in Morristown, Indiana. Hope to see all of you there.

As always, I welcome all comments and concerns from our membership. Do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

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*Thank you Bob Osterhous  
for a job well done!*

You will see in this edition a farewell message from Bob Osterhous. He is stepping down as Hoosier Region editor after 14 Years! While he is not leaving our club, he is moving onto another chapter in his life with a new wife, Marty. (They recently celebrated their 1st anniversary.) Having just finished refurbishing their home with Marty's touch, both have been very busy with their new lives together.

Bob has done a great job with our newsletter - even regularly winning the annual national LCOC region newsletters award. He's seen a lot of change in the mechanics of putting together and distributing a newsletter, all the while striving to make our newsletter one of the best regional publications in LCOC. It takes a lot of time to put each edition together, hounding people for articles and photos, going to drafts to get it just right for the final version. When Bob told us he was no longer going to do our newsletter and that he started in 2002, we were pleasantly shocked that it had been that long!

Bob, on behalf of the Board of Managers and all Hoosier Region Members of LCOC, THANK YOU for a job well done! Best wishes to you and Marty as you both move on to another chapter in life!

*Coming Soon!*

**October 12-16:** LCOC Eastern Meet

Hosted by the New England Region

**November 6 (1:00 PM):** Hoosier Region Annual Membership Meeting and Lunch.

**December 3 (1:00 PM):** Hoosier Region Annual Christmas Party and Gift Exchange

# *Farewell from the Lincoln Log Editor*

*By Bob Osterhous*

Bob Osterhous has been editor of the Hoosier Region *Lincoln Log* since May 6<sup>th</sup> of 2002. At that time the officers were: Jerry Flanary, Director; Gary Stapleton, Assistant Director; Bob Lennon, At large; David Treacy, Treasurer / Activities; Charles Coriaty, Projects; Randy Westbrook, Membership and Darren Klingler, Secretary.

Jerry Flanary was a ladies hair stylist and one of his customers was in the Milestone Car Society and knew Bob was writing their newsletter. The Milestone group was closing and she suggested to Jerry that Bob might take over the *Lincoln Log*, as one of the recent temporary editors was moving to Florida.

This started a 14 year, very interesting experience with a single mark of cars. Meetings were held at Capital City Ford on East Washington in a conference room, and usually followed by a dinner at a nearby restaurant. One of the big events was a national meet at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. It was well attended and everyone liked the older style Speedway Motel/

Brickyard Crossing with parking right in front of their rooms. This made for easy car clean up and allowed everyone to converse about the cars.

The years went by and on September 6, 2015 Bob was married to Marty Morris, whom he had known for about 20 years as a member of Milestone Car Society. Her previous deceased husband's family had a Kaiser Frazier dealership and one of their cars was in the 1997 independent film "Going all the way" which previewed in Indianapolis. Both couples went together to this movie opening in Indianapolis. Along with many new things to do and Bob & Marty redoing Bob home has kept them busy for the last year. Thus it is time for another chapter in the history of the *Lincoln Log*. Joe Columbe and Paul Temple will be on the board of directors along with Darren Klingler and the other officers to continue the Hoosier Region LCOC into the future. It has been a fun period and we wish all the Lincoln friends good times in the years to come.

## *From the new editor*

It is my hope that you enjoy this issue of the *Lincoln Log*. It is shorter than usual, but rest assured that issues three and four for 2016 will be loaded with great articles about your favorite Lincolns. The article about the Mid-America Meet in Dayton, Ohio meet in June is a sample of what lies ahead. There will be additional coverage of that show by Lincoln connoisseurs more experienced than I, as well as reports from the joint LCOC/CLC trip to LaPorte and the annual LCOC picnic hosted by the Columbe's. If you missed these events, the *Lincoln Log* will make you not want to miss any of the upcoming outings.

Keep an eye on your inbox (or mailbox) for the next issue of the Lincoln Log. You won't want to miss it! **-Jeff Shively, Editor**

# *A neophyte at the Mid-America Meet*

## *By Jeff Shively*

I am a longtime veteran of Cadillac and LaSalle Club and Classic Car Club of America meets, having attended them for nearly 20 years. The LCOC is a new experience. Last year's meet at the Gilmore was my first, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Since the 2016 Mid-America meet was to be held in Dayton, this looked like a good chance to be both an attendee and an exhibitor. The Kokomo Automotive Museum (KAM) owns a 1949 Lincoln Cosmopolitan town sedan, an exceptionally rare car with less than 12,000 miles on it. As the museum's Director of Development, I had the opportunity to show the Lincoln at the Celebration of Automobiles at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 2013. It drove like a dream, but I knew that the tires were old and in questionable condition. Thanks to the generosity of several LCOC members, it had new tires just in time for the trip to Dayton.

On Thursday, June 16, fellow LCOC member Dr. Lars Kneller and I loaded the 1949 Cosmo into his trailer. (With some luck, that trailer will be hauling his soon-to-be-completed 1963 Continental convertible to club events.) The thought originally was to meet up with John Madden and his 1967 Continental convertible in Indianapolis and caravan to Dayton. Things didn't quite go as planned.....

Other than a quickly remedied flat tire on the trailer, the trip to Dayton was uneventful for Lars and me. We arrived at the host hotel, checked in, and got ready for Friday's activities. John,



unfortunately, had a string of bad luck that insured that he didn't arrive until about 1 am. But arrive he did, with the '67 performing like a real champ.

On Friday, Lars, John, and I went to America's Packard Museum in downtown Dayton. The '49 Cosmo really drives like a new car, and the looks that we got were quite satisfying. The museum was a lot of fun. The collection includes some of the rarest and most desirable examples of that marque that you will ever see under one roof. I was particularly taken with a 1936 Packard boat tail speedster which was almost as sexy as a 1935-36 Auburn speedster! We stopped for lunch in the arts district of downtown Dayton at a little bar that had an exceptional cheeseburger before heading back to the hotel.

Friday is clean-up time for the show cars. Lars and I worked on the Cosmo. It is surprising how dirty and dull a car can get while sitting in a museum.

*Opposite page  
Indianapolis resident and Hoosier LCOC board member John Madden has quite a collection of Lincolns. My favorite is his 1967 Continental convertible sedan. As I recall the story, he bought it in 1971. It had spent much of its first few years in Arizona, and then many years in John's nine car garage in Evansville. It was truly a delight to see this car out on the road where it ought to be, and being shared with Lincoln fans in Dayton. -Ed*

There is an awful lot of chrome on these early post-war Lincolns! Of course, mechanical judging was the order of the day. A problem manifested itself at this time. The windows and seat are hydraulic and were apparently low on fluid, as I could raise only three and a half windows. The vacuum antenna, the radio, fog lights, and wipers are worked great despite years of inactivity.

John spent much of the day battling a tail light lens that had been installed incorrectly. He also had a stubborn window that refused to move. Both of those problems were rectified before showtime. We worked on the outside of the car until nearly midnight, knocking off in time for dinner at the hotel bar before closing time.

On Saturday morning, I saw a familiar face on the showfield. Charlie Mullen brought his lovely green 1948 Continental coupe out for the day. As he had missed mechanical judging the day before, Paul Temple asked me to take care of Charlie's car, which I did with relish. Besides this wonderful green coupe, there were many exceptional cars to enjoy. One difference that I have noticed between Lincoln and Cadillac meets is that LCOC embraces cars from the 1980s and 1990s in greater numbers than the

CLC does, while displaying fewer pre-war cars. My personal tastes in Lincolns tend to gravitate to the 1960s Continentals. There were plenty of these for all to enjoy. Over the years, like you, I have been to countless hotel awards banquets. The food is typically passable to pretty good. My hat is off to the planners of the Dayton meet. The meal was one of the very best that I have ever had in this setting. There was more excitement. The museum's 1949 Cosmo took second place in its division, right behind William Randolph Hearst's 1951 model. John did well too, with his 1967 Continental convertible also placing second in its class.

The drive back to Indiana was quite uneventful. We made it back to Kokomo in time for me to get to a local car show that the museum was sponsoring. All in all, it was a great time for this neophyte. The people were friendly, even after finding out that most of my cars were built by a different Henry M. Leland manufacturer. Maybe one day soon I'll be able to add a Lincoln to my personal collection. In the meantime, I will enjoy taking the Kokomo Automotive Museum's rare Cosmo to as many LCOC events as I can. Hope to see you there too!



*Above: One of the many Lincolns in the Columbe Collection This green 1969 Continental sedan sports a vinyl top that contrasts nicely with the green body.*

*Below: Paul and Judy Temple's 1967 Continental convertible has a few custom touches.....*





*Above: Charlie Mullen's exceptionally nice 1948 Continental coupe arrived on Saturday morning and took a first place trophy.*

*Below: A trio of 1949-51 Lincolns. The Kokomo Automotive Museum's 1949 Cosmopolitan Town Sedan leads the pack, with a 1949 "Baby Lincoln" and a 1951 Cosmopolitan behind it.*



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