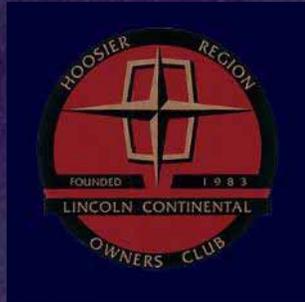


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# Notes from the director

Here we are in December 2016. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays & Happy New Year to all Hoosier Region Members!

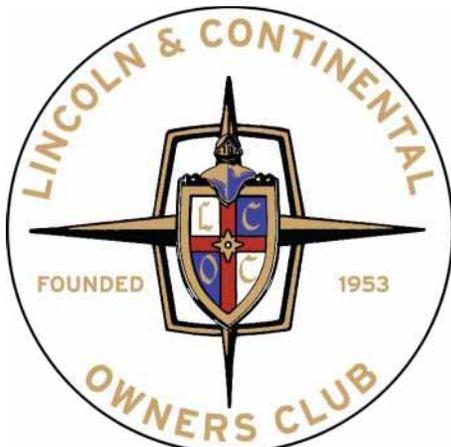
The Hoosier Region has finished the year of 2016 with much success!! Including Board of Managers meetings, our Lincoln Club held eighteen individual events throughout these past twelve months. The total attendance of our members and guests for all of these events was 272! If you were one of those who made up this attendance number, then you already know what a good time we have when we all get together and talk cars. If you were not one of those who made up this attendance number, make 2017 the year that you come and join us at one of our functions! But be forewarned, attending one event leads to wanting to attend the next event and it might become habit forming, which is a good thing!

May the Glory of this Season be upon all of us, and may we all have a healthy, happy, and prosperous 2017!

Sincerely Yours,  
Joe S. & Eleanor Columbe

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# HOOSIER REGION FOUNDING MEMBER NOVELLA N. BECK (1924-2016)

By Darren Klingler

It is with deep sorrow to advise long-time LCOC member and founding member of our Hoosier Region Novella Beck passed away on September 10, 2016.

Novella Beck and a select few passionate LCOC members founded the Hoosier Region in 1983. I joined the Hoosier Region that year as a charter member and remember meeting Novella and Noble Beck. They were the nicest, most welcoming, warm couple to a (then) young guy just joining my first classic car organization. Noble was a retired “full bird” Colonel in the US Marine Corps and was working as an environmental management consultant. I was working for emergency management at the time and my father was in the Marines too – so we always had a lot to talk about, including politics! The new “small membership” Hoosier Region was bold enough to offer hosting the then Eastern National Meet (there were only the Western and Eastern meets then) of LCOC. Plus, make it a joint meet with the Lincoln Zephyr Owners Club (LZOC). Noble was Region Director then and Novella was our First Lady. Larry Hanlon was the meet chair. They called for “all hands on deck” to plan the meet and to coordinate with the Zephyr members. Hosting a meet (or any large event like that) gives you an opportunity to get to know your fellow host committee members pretty well. A lot of people put on that successful meet in 1985 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and hotel (and over flow hotel at one of the then airport hotels). I became closer to Novella and Noble during the planning and execution of that meet and for years afterwards. Even referred to Novella as “Momma Novella.”

Novella was the true military officer’s wife and all that came with that. But what was more than her life as a mother, military wife, an executive secretary for 20 years, member of various organizations and clubs, she was a dear friend and mentor. With all of her recognitions and many titles, the one she (and Noble) were most proud of was “citizen” – she made you feel proud to be an American and proud to be her friend. Once you met her, you were her friend for life. She was always there to help out at all the meets the Hoosier Region hosted, and she was always there to help a friend in any ways she could. She would encourage you when you needed it and recognize you when you did well, and when you failed, she was there to pull you up and make it better.

She was on the Hoosier Region board and I remember the last meeting she attended with Noble. I thought then, I bet this was their last meeting – it was. She still came to Hoosier Region events. She will be missed as a founding member, first lady, board member, and dear friend.

Our thoughts are with her surviving son Noble (Jr.), her sister, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. I know Colonel Beck and her daughter Novella (Jr.) met her at the Pearly Gates with open arms (and a new Lincoln Continental)!

See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/indystar/obituary.aspx?pid=181397468#sthash.XKDzcmPo.dpuf>

# Time to play catch-up....

Due to the delay in taking the reigns of the Lincoln Log due to work commitments, notably Koko-mo's involvement in the Indiana Bicentennial , your editor has experienced a backlog of articles for 2016's activities. The next few pages will get the region back up to speed going into 2017. Enjoy!- ED

## HOOSIER REGION LCOC CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 5, 2015

On a nice Saturday, the Hoosier Region gathered at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Shelbyville for the annual Christmas party hosted by Eleanor & Joe S. Columbe. Bob and Marty Osterhous (recently married) picked up Marilyn Pecsok and Jeff Hagloch in Northeast Indy and soon arrived to see many tables with lots of food already out on the buffet line. Joe, Eleanor and Joe's sister Diane Kopscick were in the big kitchen cooking with Mitch delivering food from the kitchen to the large fellowship hall we were meeting in at the church the Columbe's attend.

There was live Christmas music coming from the upright piano played by Eleanor's cousin, Peggy Risley. (They both said they were like sisters). The tables were decorated beautifully by Eleanor. Everyone was trying the appetizers and the oven roasted shrimp seasoned with Old Bay was finished off in no time! The kitchen staff brought out the two main courses which were beef tenderloin and a whole turkey. With all the home cooked items everyone else brought to share, we truly had a Christmas feast! Car talk consumed most of the conversations until we started opening and exchanging the wrapped gifts. With some new rules of only stealing three times from one person the gifts exchanged quickly and soon each opened theirs in the order of their numbered slips. Everyone went home with a gift after having enjoyed a fine meal and considerable LINCOLN CAMARADERIE!! Guests were asked to write down "WHAT IS YOUR DREAM CAR?"

As at the previous Christmas Parties, this Christmas get together with 29 Hoosier Region Members and

Robert Columbe	1968 Dodge Charger	Julie Temple	Eleanor's Audi A5
David Columbe	2017 Lincoln Continental	Paul Temple	Joe's '69 Lincoln Cont.
Jeff Hagloch	DeLorean	Ashley Clark	BMW Coupe
Bob Osterhous	1962Chrysler 300 H Hemi	Rhett Silbaugh	1994 Ford Bronco
Marty Osterhous	Lexus Hardtop Convert.	Jim Lansbery	Mini-Cooper
Becky Griffith	Fiat	Gary Stapleton	2017 Lincoln Continental
Marilyn Pecsok	1940 Lincoln Cabriolet	Jodie Silbaugh	Jaguar XJ
Eleanor Columbe	I have it! (New A5 Audi Cabriolet)	Finn Silbaugh	Jeep (Yellow)
Mitch Columbe	1969 Judge Pontiac	Piper Silbaugh	Pop's Lincoln
Darren Klingler	1969 Lincoln Cont. Sedan	Rafe Silbaugh	Camaro Convertible
Erinn Owen	Maybach	Joe S. Columbe	Ford GT
Ryan Temple	Lamborghini Diablo		

guests of the Lincoln & Continental Owners Club had a great Saturday afternoon together!!!

# 2016 KICKOFF LUNCH FOR THE HOOSIER REGION LCOC

The Hoosier Region held their first event for 2016 at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, February 20. Twenty Members attended lunch at Bynum's Steakhouse on the south side of Indianapolis for our first meeting. Bynum's is known for excellent food and good service and this day was exactly as expected.

A short discussion was held with the members about our upcoming year and the rest of the time was for good old fashioned car talk. After 2 1/2 hours, the restaurant staff wanted to close the doors so with talk continuing as we walked out, the meeting was officially over and was counted as a great success.

## KEY WEST SHRIMP HOUSE LUNCH MADISON, INDIANA

On Saturday March 19, 2016, fifteen Hoosier Region Members traveled to Madison, Indiana, to enjoy a very delicious meal at the Key West Shrimp House. The weather was beautiful for a March day which made the trip all that more special. While most of the talk centered around automobiles, other subject matter would enter in the conversation from time to time.

Once again, our fellowship lasted longer than the hours they were open, and another successful meeting was adjourned.

## Hoosier Region April Weekend Outing In Auburn

On the weekend of April 8, 2016, five members met in Auburn for a weekend of exploring what DeKalb County had to offer. We all agreed to skip the ACD Museum since we all had been a few times before and started on the west side of I-69 at the National Military History Center Museum. We spent over three hours studying the well put together exhibits and highly recommend a stop if you have not done so already.

Our next stop was on the north side of the same building which was the Kruse Automotive Horsepower & Carriage Museum. This museum also housed the International Monster Truck Museum & Hall of Fame. Another well put together museum with great displays.

The third stop before a late lunch was to the Early Ford V-8 Foundation & Museum. We received a guided tour from the curator and his interest and pride for this museum was quite obvious. He informed us that they will be doubling the size of their facility very soon.

We had our late lunch at the Brown House hot dog stand in Auburn. This LITTLE place started in the early 1950's and is still going strong. We all ENJOYED our hot dogs!!!

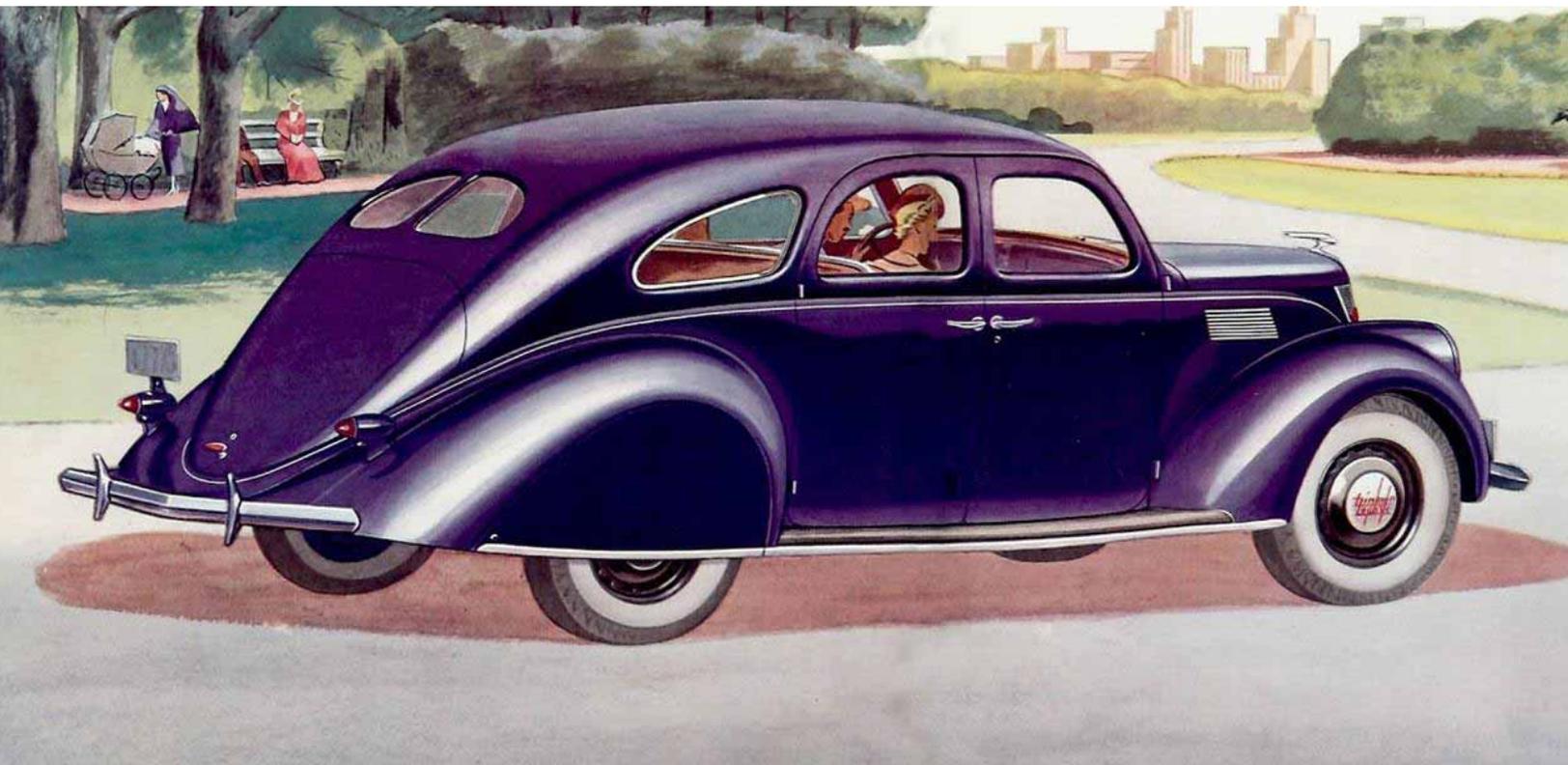
Our last visit for the day was to the National Automotive & Truck Museum. While we had all been before, it was well worth another visit. Easy to let time get away from us as we walked among the vehicles and trucks.

For Saturday's dinner, we traveled to Shorty's Steakhouse in Garrett which is a few miles west of Auburn. Great local place!

After breakfast at the hotel, we all traveled back to our homes and enjoyed this weekend very much.

## **SATURDAY BREAKFAST AND MECUM AUCTION INDIANA STATE FAIR GROUNDS**

Twelve Hoosier Region Members and their guests met for breakfast at the Lincoln Square Pancake House on East 56th Street in Indianapolis. After a hearty breakfast, we all traveled the short distance to the Fair Grounds and attended the Mecum Auction. These big collector car auctions are a living and breathing museum. The excitement of the crowd is infectious and you need to be careful not to raise your hand! Earlier in the week, a 4,400 mile original 1968 Lincoln Sedan sold for \$25,500.00 plus 10% buyers premium. This surely had to be a record of a 1968 Sedan!



# 2017 LCOC Hoosier Region Calendar

**\*Dates and events subject to change**

## **Hoosier Region Monthly Events**

January– no event planned

February 18: Lunch at Vera Mae's in Muncie followed by a tour

March 18: Event in Crawfordsville hosted by Charlie and Becky Griffith

April 23: Lunch at the Key West Shrimp House in Madison

May 13: Tour Gateway Classic Cars and possibly a private collection followed by lunch at Hollyhock Hill Restaurant in Indianapolis

June 10: Lunch at the Columbia Club and park the Lincolns on the Circle

July 8: 7th Annual Hoosier Region Picnic at the Columbe's Lime Rock Farm

August : LCOC 100th Anniversary of the Lincoln Motor Car Company at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, MI

September 8: Lunch at the Beef House in Covington

October: Southern Indiana Wine Drive and tour hosted by Gary and Jim

November 12: Hoosier Region Annual Membership Meeting

December 2: Hoosier Region Christmas Party

## **Hoosier Region Board Meetings**

January: no meeting

February 15 at 5:30pm Shapiro's Deli

March 14 at 5:30pm

April 11 at 5:30 pm

May 8 at 5:30 pm

June 13at 5:30 pm

July 8 at the Annual Picnic

August– no meeting

September 12 at 5:30 pm

October 10 at 5:30pm

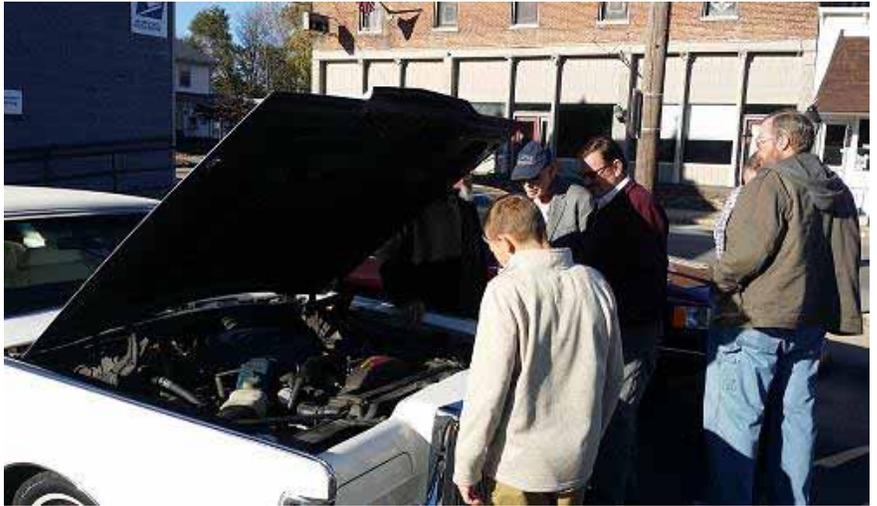
November 12 at Hoosier Region Annual Membership Meeting

December 2 at Hoosier Region Christmas Party

# The LCOC Hoosier Region's annual meeting

By Jeff Shively

Sunday November 13 was just the kind of fall day that car guys can still enjoy. It was sunny and a little cool, but not so cold as to keep the old Lincolns from making the trip to for lunch at the Bluebird in Morristown. U.S.52 is a pleasant drive through small towns at the relaxed pace of another era. Region director Joe Columbe and his wife Eleanor arrived in his barn-find 1969 Continental coupe. Charlie and Becky Griffith brought back the '70s with their



Hoosier Region members examine the Griffith's 1971 Continental Mark III

1971 Continental Mark III, while Paul and Julie Temple drove their award-winning 1989 Mark VII. Lunch was superb, as the Bluebird Restaurant is known for its fried chicken. In between helpings of Hoosier comfort food, friends told tales of Lincolns old and new. Too soon, it was time to bid farewell until next time. After the three vintage Lincolns had been sufficiently investigated by the crowd, members went their separate ways.

In attendance: David Columbe, Joe S. & Eleanor Columbe, Mitch Coumbe, Robert Columbe, Charlie & Becky Griffith with their daughter Emma Griffith, Darren Klingler, Diane Kopsick, Jim Lansbery & Gary Stapleton, John Madden, Erinn & Jeffrey Owen, Harold & Judy Roy, Jeff Shively, Rhett Silbaugh, Andy & Teri Swartz, Paul & Julie Temple, Ryan Temple with his daughter Marley Temple.





Above: Joe Columbe shows off the spotlessly detailed engine compartment of his “new” Lincoln coupe to John Madden.

Middle: Joe warms up the 1969 coupe for its trip home.



Bottom: The Temple’s head home in style in the lap of 1980s luxury.



# *LCOC Christmas at George's*

**By Jeff Shively**

In the short time that I have been attending LCOC meetings, one thing is clear—this region has great taste in their choices for meals. The Christmas Party was no exception. Held at George's on the northeast side of Indy on December 3, dinner was followed by the traditional gift exchange. Of course, the gift exchange has a twist. A gift can be stolen up to three times. Some gifts were automotive in nature. Alcohol and cheese were also popular among attendees.

I arrived a little later than I had planned, but my wife Mila and I were finishing the sale of our house in Greencastle while working on buying one in Noblesville. Immediately after walking in the door, I knew the place and remembered how good the food was. John Madden stores the bulk of his collection not far from George's. Years ago, probably during the fabled "Great

Migration" from long-term storage in Evansville to Indy, John took my dad and me out for dinner after a long day on the road. George makes one fine patty melt!

As always, the LCOC crowd was fun loving and maybe a little loud, but good natured to the people with whom we shared the restaurant. This was one of the larger events of the year. Attending were David Columbe, Joe S. & Eleanor Columbe, Robert Columbe, Charlie & Becky Griffith, Jeff Hagloch, Ted & Kim Hilton, Darren Klingler, Jim Lansbery & Gary Stapleton, John Madden, Bob & Marty Osterhaus, Erinn & Jeffery Owen, Marilyn Pecsok, Harold & Judy Roy, Jeff Shively, Rhett Silbaugh and family—Jodie, Rafe, Finn, & Piper, Andy & Teri Swartz, Paul & Julie Temple, Ryan Temple and his daughter Marley, John David Unger & Mark

**Below: Paul Temple draws the coveted car cover, but will he be able to keep it?**



# *Two pals at the Lincoln Homecoming*

*By Jeff Shively*

Over the past few years, the Gilmore Museum has become one of my favorite places in the antique car world. I am there at least three times annually. In late May or early June, the CCCA Experience brings out the finest Full Classics around. The Cadillac Fall Festival, held the last weekend in September, is a fantastic capstone for the car show season. In 2015, the LCOC started holding its annual "Lincoln Homecoming" at the Gilmore in August, making for three really great reasons to visit Kalamazoo.

As is the case with some many car events, John Madden and I were partners in crime for the Homecoming. For more than a decade, we have crisscrossed the U.S. for CLC and CCCA events, and now were doing the same with the LCOC. Since I currently lack a Lincoln, and John has them in abundance, we took one of his cars.

This time, we drove a blue late '80s small-bodied Lincoln Continental with a good number of highway miles on it. It drove exceptionally well all the way to the Baymont in Kalamazoo on Friday the 12th.

The Lincoln meet on Saturday wasn't as large as I would have liked. It was rainy off and on all day long, which probably kept the numbers down. There were a number of really great cars present. I have a soft spot for the monsters of 1958-60. A light blue 1960 Mark V convertible (below) did not disappoint. My favorite Lincolns are the 1961-63 Continentals, followed closely by their bigger 1964 and 1965 siblings. There was a '64 convertible that was quite interesting. Of course, Tony Russo's 1927 coupe is always a show stopper. Tony himself is a great guy. John and I shared a table with him at the '15 Reunion. If it had been drier, and if the windows all rolled up properly, I would have loved to have shown the museum's 1949 Cosmo. I hope to bring it to the 2017 Grand National meet at the Gilmore.

John and I had to miss the all Ford show on Sunday, but it was still a great weekend. If you haven't been to the Gilmore to see the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum, you owe yourself a trip. You won't regret it!



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