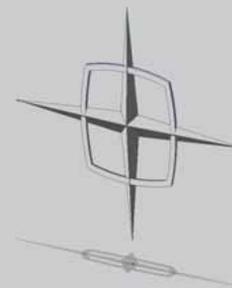


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## Director's Message:

Fellow Members of MAR,

As I write, this summer is almost officially upon us. I hope that this message finds you well and that you have been able to get your car(s) out on the road for some springtime driving. I still have a few bugs to work out in my two cars before the driving experience is all that it should be, but fortunately they are minor issues and I can keep exercising the cars, if only for shorter trips as time allows.

The weather played a few tricks on us at the Rhinebeck show in May and our numbers were down due to the early morning rains, even though the afternoon on Sunday was fair and mild. It is a tough call when the you are driving a distance to go to a show. Nevertheless, we had a nice dinner at Guido's on Saturday evening and enjoyed seeing the cars that did make it to the field on Sunday.

Another enjoyable and interesting adventure in May was the road trip to the Lincoln Farm in Calvin, Pa. Owen Clarke and I rode out there in Owen's modern Lincoln and saw some beautiful mid Pennsylvania scenery. We were joined in Huntingdon on Sunday night by Gregg Merksamer, who accompanied us to

John McClure's Lincoln Farm on Monday morning . More details and photos appear on p. 4. John has quite a "crop" of Lincolns and Continentals of all types on this farm and most of them are destined to live out their lives as donor vehicles. While it is sad to see once glorious vehicles in permanent retirement, we must remember that without donors our own vehicles may need to be retired some day for lack of repair parts, so the donors are a vital part of our hobby and we can be grateful that such donors are kept available for us.

Looking forward, please make room on your schedule for Allan Wilcox's summer picnic on July 30. We look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it, either with or without your favorite car. Allan always puts together an enjoyable event and this time should be no exception!

In the meantime, as always, my best wishes to all.

Garry H. Morton, Director, MAR



### Upcoming Events

SUMMER  
PICNIC

in Connecticut

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***Don't forget to RSVP to the  
JULY PICNIC see p.5***

## Message from your editor, Linda Clarke

On a great road trip to Missouri, Owen and I got to see two marvelous private car collections. Of course we zeroed in on this fabulous Lincoln K and had to share a photo with you. Have you seen any special Lincolns lately?

Linda Clarke, Editor

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## Vintage MAR

I usually write about special Lincolns, but this time I pulled out a June-July 1967 edition of the Continental Observer to review some of the rich history of the Mid Atlantic Region. Ed Pease was the Director. It is apparent that many members participated in the July Kingston Swim Weekend at the University of Rhode Island. The Narragansett Auto Fair and a steak barbecue followed. The price was \$7.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

Under "Wheels N Deals" items were listed for sale such as the Star nuts for a Mark II at \$3.50 each. Member Jack Bailey had two cars listed for sale in this issue, a 1946 and a 1948 Lincoln Coupe, for \$900.00 each.

Thanks to those before us that kept our MAR Region active, served as officers, and hosted and participated in events. Please be an active member of MAR to continue its tradition.

Owen Clarke - [clarketrustee@msn.com](mailto:clarketrustee@msn.com)



## MAR QUIZ

What Mark Designer series is blue and white?



Answer on p. 7

## Rhinebeck Hudson River Valley Antique Auto Show

Although the day started off with some rain, it cleared for the show and turned out to be a nice, sunny, breezy day. However, with the early “iffy” weather, and the fact that the show coincided with Mother’s Day, the overall attendance was down from future years. Just the same, Rhinebeck is always an event to be enjoyed. There were still many beautiful automobiles and plenty of items to view at the Swap Meet. We had a good time at Frank Guido’s on Saturday evening where the food is good and the service is attentive to MAR LCOC members. We were glad to meet new owner Kevin Snyder who purchased a 1989 Cartier edition found in CT. Here are a few photos from Rhinebeck 2016 (notice the beautiful blue skies)!

Do you recognize the bearded gentlemen?



The Clarkes' Mark II, one of the last cars to leave the field. Thumbs up Rhinebeck!

### MAR Road Trip to Lincoln Farm

As you know from the last issue, Owen invited members of the MAR region to go on a field trip to John McClure's Lincoln Farm in Pennsylvania. Garry, Gregg and Owen participated and were amazed to see the fields filled with Lincolns that John has gathered over the years. As Garry mentioned in his Director's message, these donor Lincolns are a vital part of our hobby and help keep our collector cars going. In fact on this trip, Owen was able to find a steering box for a friend's 1958 Lincoln. John is pictured below with his 1908 Brush. He can be reached at 814-448-9311. John's mailing address is 15965 Lincoln Lane in Calvin, PA 16622. *We thank John for allowing us to visit his farm.*

A special thank you also goes to Gregg Merksamer for providing his photos from the trip. As you can see, Gregg is an excellent photographer and he captured many great shots of the farm and the countryside. I wish I had room for all of them. Gregg's photos are on the covers.



## SUMMER PICNIC RSVP RIGHT AWAY

Allan Wilcox, MAR Board member and RRLR member, will be hosting a picnic on **Saturday July 30th** at his home in Milford, Connecticut. Prior to the picnic we will meet at Boothe Memorial Park and Museum at 10:00 AM in Stratford, CT.

The Boothe Park is not usually manned by volunteers on Saturday AM but they will have volunteers there for us if we can give them an accurate head count in advance. The website for Boothe Park is [www.boothememorialpark.org](http://www.boothememorialpark.org)

Grandchildren and children are welcome and will find it interesting. It is a 32 acre park called "The Oldest Homestead in America" because the home is built on a foundation of a 1663 house and was lived in continuously for so many years.

The Boothe brothers amassed many structures before donating the site to the city. The landscaping is lovely as well, however, my personal favorites are the clock-tower and the blacksmith shop! Check out the website.

At around 12:30 we will leave Boothe Park to drive to Allan's home for food and socializing. He plans to serve hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, green salad, potato salad, soda, water, coffee. There will be horseshoes to play. **Bring your own lawn chairs and your Lincoln.** Requested donation is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. MAR LCOC will give an additional donation to help subsidize the picnic for our club event so we hope to see many LCOC members here.

In seeking more events to be held geographically throughout our large region, Allan stepped up to host this one for us this summer in Connecticut. There is plenty of room at Allan's home in Milford to park all our cars for our enjoyment of our own "car line up." When a member takes the time to plan an event, then it is important to plan to support him/her or we won't have volunteers to host future events! So there's a little something for everyone on **July 30th.....**

**History! Picnic Food! Cars! and Time for Conversations**

**RSVP to ALLAN WILCOX at [notval65@gmail.com](mailto:notval65@gmail.com)  
or 203 878 9105**

**RSVP is necessary and required for planning so do it today**

**Address for Boothe Park is 5800 Main St. Putney, Stratford, CT**

**RSVP Deadline July 18th please**



*Inside the clock tower*

## 2016 Mid Atlantic Region Calendar of Events

July 15-17	Hot Rods and Classics Show at NYS Fairgrounds Syracuse, NY
July 30	MAR Picnic in Milford, Connecticut at Allan Wilcox's home
August 10-14	Lincoln Homecoming at Hickory Corners, Michigan
September 7-10	Western National Meet in Westminster, Colorado hosted by the Rocky Mountain Region of the LCOC Contact Jake Dout
October 12-16	New England Region hosting Eastern National Meet
October 18	Third Sunday in October— Gathering of Old Cars at Mills Estate in Staatsburg, NY
January 2017	Post Holiday event NJ/NYC More info to follow

-Ideas or suggestions for future events, please speak to Garry Morton-

### Treasurer's Report

The MAR Treasury balance remains strong. Dues payments continue to come in. The total of project sales was \$3.00 for the quarter. It is a good thing that we don't pay storage to keep our inventory, otherwise it would be a losing proposition.

The Road Trip to the Lincoln Farm in May was a MAR-sponsored trip. However, all expenses were covered by the participants who attended and no MAR funds were spent.

I do anticipate covering some expenses at the July picnic.

Owen T. Clarke, Treasurer

# Classified Ads

Please submit classified ads for the next issue of the Observer by 9/10. They are published free of charge for MAR LCOC members.

## FOR SALE:

1941 Lincoln Continental Coupe

1953 Lincoln Capri Convertible

Contact Owen Clarke — [clarketrustee@msn.com](mailto:clarketrustee@msn.com)

## Answer to the MAR Quiz

This Designer series is Bill Blass.

Pat and Geri Arcieri are the original owners of a beautiful Bill Blass 1979 edition.

They just won first place at the Grand Nationals!!

**Congratulations!**

We received an invite to The Professional Car Society's gathering on Saturday August 20th in Gettysburg, PA. It is their 40th Annual International Meet. This is **not** for judging our cars but rather to promote our club and encourage interest in Lincolns and MAR. This is the culmination of their meet and they opened the invitation to other clubs on this day. A professional car is a service based car such as car-based ambulances, hearses, limousines, flower cars and related livery vehicles. If you are near Gettysburg it may prove to be an interesting gathering. You do not have to have a professional car to attend with this invitation. You would be representing MAR LCOC with your Lincoln.

Contact person — Bill Macy 201-342-4871 or [bmacy@optonline.net](mailto:bmacy@optonline.net)

Show Location — in front of the Gettysburg Wyndham Hotel at the intersection of Rt. 30 & Rt.15

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