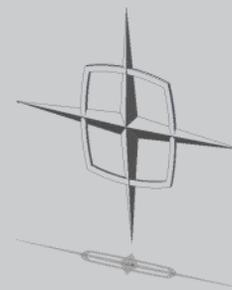


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## Director's Message:

### Upcoming Events

Spring Opener  
May 1—3  
in Rhinebeck, NY

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Dear Fellow Members of MAR,

I hope that this message finds you well. It has been a challenging winter here in the Northeast, as you are all well aware. Nevertheless, the Spring season is upon us and we will soon look forward to getting our Lincolns back on the road.

With the advent of Spring, we look forward to one of our signature events with the Rhinebeck Car Show and Flea Market coming up on the first weekend of May. Further details appear on p. 3 in this issue. Please consider attending as many of the Rhinebeck activities as you can. Sunday the 3rd is show day for our Lincolns. We would be glad to see as many of you as possible, and if your car(s) can make it on to the field in our Lincoln section, all the better!

Further MAR activities for the 2015 year have yet to be determined, and any suggestions for activities will be gratefully accepted.

However, if your schedule allows, you will not want to miss the LCOC Eastern National Meet in Glen Mills, PA from June 10—14. Please check the LCOC website or your latest issue of [Lincoln and Continental Comments](#) magazine for details.

As I write this, it is not too late to register for the meet and/or make hotel reservations, so please consider coming to this meet if you can.

June can be a busy month, with lots of activities, but whatever you do, please make some time to get out and enjoy your Lincolns in whatever way you can!

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

Garry H. Morton, Director, MAR



*The 1940 **Lincoln Continental** was featured on the front cover of Hemmings (May 2015) Classic Car Magazine as an "American masterpiece".*

*Lincoln enthusiasts agree.*

## Message from your editor, Linda Clarke

The photo on the front cover is a Mark II owned by Dave Kraus. See the story "Hooked on Lincoln" on p. 6 to learn more about how he found his Mark. The Hudson River Valley Antique Auto Association Show in Rhinebeck is a well-attended, well run show with 1000's of spectators and 60 Antique and Classic Classes. Many exceptional vehicles attend.

Linda Clarke, Editor

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At the Rhinebeck show

### Vintage MAR

It is always an interesting read when you can pick up an old copy of the Lincoln Continental Observer. Thanks to William Caldwell, we have a collection of them that are planned to be donated to the Lincoln Museum once they have their act together. If you have a particular date in mind, I can send a photo copy of the issue to you.



The May-June 1977 issue congratulated Thomas Nale III for receiving "*The Caldwell Participation Trophy*". I know that Bill Caldwell was one of the founding members of the Mid-Atlantic Region, but what happened to the tradition of this trophy? If someone could tell me more about it, I'd like to report back to all of you next quarter.

Also in the same issue was the following comment worth quoting:

"Have you noticed that the word CLASSIC has so little meaning nowadays that any moron can, with impunity, apply the word to anything that can move under its own power and is at least six months old."

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

### MAR QUIZ

Which well-known architect liked the Lincoln Continental so much that he bought a pair (1940 & 1941) both Cherokee red?

Answer on p. 7



## Highlights from the Annual National LCOC Meeting

Nick DeSpirito attended the National LCOC meeting with Garry's proxy to represent the MAR Region. Here are a few highlights:

The Board discussed the expenses associated with awarding & shipping the silver National trophies and whether a new solution might be to house one set of the trophies in a central location with plaques depicting the names of the winning cars rather than incur the costs of shipping the trophies back and forth to individual winners. This will take further discussion with the Lincoln Foundation Museum to see if they would allow our trophies to be displayed there. Photographs of the winners/cars will be taken at the meets with the second set of trophies that the Club owns.

Contracts were renewed for Tim Howley, John Walsak (photographer), the printer of Continental Comments and Carol Maddox (who does the classified section). It was noted that our magazine is rated one of the best and most professional of all the Car Club publications.

There was also discussion about having one large meet every five years at the Lincoln Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan in the month of August and having the Club's fiscal year end that month instead of on December 31.

Thank you Nick for attending and for sharing the highlights for us.

## Spring Opener in Rhinebeck May 1-3

An exceptional show is held annually at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, N.Y. the first weekend in May. Six local car clubs are involved in coordinating this event.

We have our own line for Lincolns on Sunday and usually get a great turnout. It has a good swap meet and car corral as well. **Classics are on Sunday** but the show begins on Friday afternoon May 1st at noon with the swap meet followed by Rods and Customs on Saturday. If you are in town on Saturday May 2nd, we will get together for a business meeting and dinner at the Clarkes home on 68 North Cross Road, Staatsburg, NY. The **directors/business meeting** will begin at **5:30 PM. Dinner will follow.** We will try to include a few of the items (take out) but not all, from Guido's restaurant where we have eaten in the past. A contribution per person will help offset the costs. This is a change from last year but eating together right after the meeting will save travel time and allow more time for conversation. All current MAR members are invited to attend if you are in town Saturday evening.

For information about show car registration contact Joe at 845-876-3554 between 6-9 PM only or check their website at [www.rhinebeckcarshow.com](http://www.rhinebeckcarshow.com)

For more information about MAR weekend details contact Garry Morton, MAR Director.

## ELECTION RESULTS

Nick DeSpirito, Garry Morton and Bob Yurick were elected to a three year term ending in 2017.

Joe Armstrong and Jim Dunn were elected as Directors to fill two vacant terms expiring in 2015.

Thank you to all who returned their ballots.

There will be a business meeting for all Directors and open to all current MAR LCOC Members on **Saturday May 2 at 5:30 PM** at the Clarkes home on 68 North Cross Rd. Staatsburg, NY. (Phone # 845 889 8891)

## IMPORTANT UPDATE

We received an update from Allan Wilcox that the Road Race Lincoln Club has a new director and will maintain their autonomy as a Club. The new director is Mike Denney from Mounds, OK. He has a collection of Fords, Mercurys and Lincolns. You may know of Mike as editor of the Early Ford V8 Newsletter and his involvement with the Ford V 8 Club. You know the old adage, ..when you need to get something done..... ask a busy person! We are glad for RRLC and thank Allan for the update. Allan also shared that the Eastern National Meet of the RRLC will be back in Milford, CT this September 10-12. More details will be shared as they become available.

## LCOC Eastern National Meet

In the January/February Issue of Lincoln and Continental Comments details were given about the upcoming meet in the Brandywine Valley, PA that will be hosted by the Philadelphia Region June 10-14, 2015. They have some great activities planned for each day in this beautiful region of Pennsylvania. If you have not visited this area you are in for a delightful time. Winterthur, Longwood Gardens, the Magic Age of Steam, and the Mendenhall Inn are only a few of the sites you can visit. You need to register your car no later than May 26, 2015 and make your room reservation at the Wyndham Garden hotel in Glen Mills, PA by May 1, 2015 in order to get the special room rate. For your registration packet you can write to Michael Rigg, 17 Sycamore Dr. Blenheim NJ 08012 or go on line to the [lcoc.org](http://lcoc.org) website. Philadelphia is our neighboring region and it would be great to show MAR support at this event as well as to be sure to look up other MAR members while you are there. Dave Kraus will be attending his first National show and hopes to meet more MAR participants. Please wish Dave good luck when you see him there with his Mark which is pictured on the front cover.

## Treasurer's Report

Membership dues continue to come in and they exceeded the expenditures. The cost of the printing and of the postage for the December Observer were the only expenses. The Hudson River Valley Antique Auto Association Show in Rhinebeck and MAR's support to the LCOC Eastern National Meet in June are the two future modest expenses that I foresee. If the Directors decide upon "Hospitality" at the Rhinebeck Show for LCOC members as well as to all MAR members attending, that will be an additional expense.

*Owen T. Clarke, Treasurer*

## MAR Projects

Project sales have been successful but I need more orders to reduce inventory. Please consider ordering from this bargain-priced list.

Continental swing time clock @ \$5.00 (only 8 left)

Original style LCOC Badge @ 1.50 or 3 for 5.00

T Shirts Mark I Slabside and Mark III @ 2.00

The Mark II T shirt is sold out with the exception of a few children's sizes for grandchildren. Specify desired size when you order.

Please buy the shirts as a give away to help MAR.

Some of the project items will be going to the Eastern National Meet in June at their original prices, not the discounted values being offered to you.

**Send order to: Owen T. Clarke Jr. 68 North Cross Rd. Staatsburg, NY 12580**

### *SPEAKING of PROJECTS*

Linda and Gordon Taylor had fun at Christmas giving the family "classic" T-shirts from the MAR Projects inventory. It not only helped the Club but also brought some smiles to the family. We thank their son-in-law Jonathan for modeling the T shirt. Too bad we do not have a photo of all of them wearing their shirts!



## 2015 Mid Atlantic Region Calendar of Events

- May 1-3                      First Weekend in May — Hudson River Valley Antique Auto Show, Rhinebeck, NY Dutchess Co. Fairgrounds (see p.3)
- June 10-14                  Philadelphia Region hosts LCOC Eastern National Meet in the Brandywine Valley, Glen Mills, PA (see p.4)
- September 10-12        RRLC Eastern National Meet in Milford, CT
- October 18                  Third Sunday in October— Gathering of Old Cars at Mills Estate in Staatsburg, NY

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

### Hooked on Lincoln

*Dave Kraus is bringing his Mark II to the Eastern National Meet for the first time so I wanted to find out Dave's story for the Hooked on Lincoln section. Here's his great story:*

My story is a familiar one, but it goes back a ways. I have admired the Mark II from when it first debuted. I was about 8 years old and asked my Dad to take me to see one in a show room. That admiration continued for many years, but the Mark was always out of my reach. In high school in the 60's, a used Mark was going for about \$3,000 and, of course, way beyond my means. Still, I wanted something unique that nobody else was driving. So with what I could afford, I bought this big old tank of a car called a Chrysler Town & Country. A 1947 Town & Country convertible to be exact. It needed everything, but it was fun driving a boat on wheels. In 1965, the T & C had no collector value but my view was to fix it up and maybe get close to trading up to the Mark. Well that never happened. I restored the T & C over the next 6-7 yrs, but the Mark was gaining in value as a collector car. Years went by, and marriage, kids, a house etc. always seemed to drain the coffers. While wishing and waiting some day to buy a Mark, I had the opportunity to buy another unique woodie. By this time I was "hooked on woodies." I found a 1946 wooden bodied Nash Suburban in a barn in West Va. (yes, a real barn find). And, of course it needed everything. I stored it for 24 yrs. before I sent it out for complete restoration in 2000, but that is another story. Now it was time to concentrate on getting that Mark. I followed the market, took clippings from Hemmings and Old Cars, and came close a few times but either the condition wasn't right or the price was too high. Now that I was ready to make a purchase, I became very picky regarding the condition and color. Finally in 2010 my brother alerted me to an ad that seemed to meet my specs. I flew out to the west coast and bought the car on the spot. It was fully restored years earlier, sat in a collection and hardly ever driven. It needed a few minor things but it was exactly what I wanted. I didn't mind waiting 54 years. *(A photo of Dave's Mark is on the front page.)*

*PS. Dave still owns the T & C and the Nash! Thank you, Dave, for sharing, Linda*



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