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Director's Message:

Upcoming Events

October 18th
Mills Estate

December 12th
Pre-Holiday Gathering

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Dear Fellow Members of MAR,
As always, I hope that this message finds you well and able to enjoy your favorite car(s). The leaves are starting to come down, the nights are getting cooler, and Summer 2015 is yielding to Fall as I write this note. Those of us who live in this part of the country know well the rhythm of the seasons and can look forward to the opportunity to get outside and enjoy all the wonderful activities that the autumn season has to offer, not the least of which are some great car shows.

Speaking of great car shows, we were able to stop by the Shoreline Trolley Museum in East Haven CT. a few weeks ago and catch up with our friends in the Road Race Lincoln Register (many of whom are LCOC MAR members as well) at their 31st ECM. As usual Allan Wilcox arranged a very nice event and we were glad to be able to glimpse a part of it (and see some very nice Lincolns and their owners in the process).

Our next MAR activity (and one of our traditional favorites) is the Gathering of Old Cars at the Mills Mansion in Staatsburg, NY on **October 18th**.

Further details can be found on p. 4. This is a non-judged gathering and is highly recommended for its informal, relaxed atmosphere and gorgeous setting. We have our own row of Lincolns in the display on the lawn of the Mansion, overlooking the Hudson River, and the fall colors can be truly spectacular. Please consider joining us.

Last but certainly not least, we will have a pre-Holiday gathering this year in Dyker Heights on **December 12th**. Last year I am afraid that we (I) "dropped the ball" on this one. I am happy to say we can look forward to a festive holiday social gathering this year thanks to Pat and Geri Arcieri. More information can be found on p.4.

I hope to see you in October and/or December.
Until then, my best wishes to all!!
Garry H. Morton, Director, MAR



*You know somebody actually complimented me on my driving today.
They left a little note on the windscreen that said, 'Parking Fine.' Tommy Cooper*

Message from your editor, Linda Clarke

It was great to see so many Lincoln owners at the RRLR Meet in September. On Saturday there was an all Lincoln show at the Trolley Museum in East Haven CT. and we met several MAR members with their beautiful Lincolns.

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Sandy and Jim Spillane in East Haven with their '67 convertible

Vintage MAR

Looking for a rare Lincoln? A one year edition? Well, when was the last time you saw a 1976 Mark IV Black Diamond Edition?



They were introduced in March 1976 and built to July 1976. If one of our members has one, please respond to me so that I can give you recognition. The rarest of all are those with a moonroof.

Only 317 were built out of a production of 1,587 in this edition. The paint was a Black Diamond Fire Metallic Grain that you will never forget and the roof was a Landau Black Cayman with an alligator grain. The pinstripe was a light silver. New, the Black Diamond Luxury Group package was a \$552.00 option. The option went up to \$1,052 if you had a Versailles velour interior. When you factor the moonroof and a velour interior, it has to be one of the rarest modern day Lincolns.

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MAR QUIZ

In 1981 *Continental* was dropped from use and another name was placed on the automobile. In time, it meant "chauffeured limo" to many. What was it? Answer on p.7



Road Race Lincoln Register ENM

The RRLR ENM began on September 10 in Milford, Connecticut and participants arrived from all over the country as well as from Europe and Canada! Those traveling the farthest to attend were Martin and Al from **England**. Mike Denney, editor/director, traveled from Oklahoma. Great hospitality and great fun were evident at all times throughout the weekend as the planned events unfolded. There were three very interesting tours and two car shows. The first car show was at Allan's on Friday night with fabulous cars lining the street near his home. Allan's cars are pictured on the front page of this issue. The first tour was at Auto Restorations in Stratford, CT. We were treated to a guided tour by Kent, the owner, through all sections of the shop and when I say "they did it all" I mean they did it all ...from panel work to paint to mechanics to upholstery. It was a well-organized, thorough and very impressive operation. They were recreating the frames on unique cars and building concept cars. We saw everything from the race car owned by Scott Heckert to a Ferrari Dino, Citroen, Morgans, Aston Martins, Pontiacs, Buicks, and even a 1949 Oldsmobile that was in for a total restoration. (See more photos on p. 6.) The second tour was to Boothe Memorial Park and Museum, also in Stratford. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a collection of many unique buildings. Volunteers arranged for special tours for us and were well-versed in blacksmithing, details of the clock tower, weaving, antique furnishings, family history and more. I can recommend this Museum as a destination to visit on your own. The third tour of the weekend was at the East Haven Trolley Museum where we rode on a 1936 Trolley car and toured the yard where they house over 19 cars. The cars are in various states of restoration. The most unusual new addition to the yard was one of the PATH transit cars that was underneath the World Trade Center when it collapsed on 9/11. It was not destroyed. The All Lincoln Car Show was held at the Trolley Museum and there was a nice turn out of very special Lincolns from modern to classic with time to socialize before dinner. On a sad note, the group greatly missed Ralph Graper, longtime MAR and RRLR member, from Canadaigua, NY who recently passed way. Ralph always attended the RRLR events. We send our deepest sympathy to his family.



Thank you Allan Wilcox

for your hard work to plan all the delightful events for this meet.

Fall Gathering of Old Cars on October 18

Our annual fall gathering is always the third Sunday of October at a beautiful estate on the Hudson River. It is at the former home of Ogden Mills, known as "Staatsburgh" which is now a New York state historic site. The site is off Route 9 on Old Post Road in the village of Staatsburg, NY 12580. Cars line up on the lawn adjacent to the Hudson River. We have our own line reserved for Lincolns. There is no entrance fee and no judging. The show is held for the pure enjoyment of enjoying classic cars on a, hopefully, beautiful fall day at a gorgeous historic site. Cars begin rolling in around 9:30 on.

After the show the Clarkes will hold their annual buffet at their home nearby at 68 North Cross Road, (also known as County Rd. 37) Staatsburg, NY. Their home telephone # is 845 889 8891. If you have any questions, speak to Owen or Linda or any MAR member who has attended this event in the past. If you've missed it, we hope that you plan to attend this year. Great location, great food at the Clarkes, and great Lincolns!

Pre Holiday Gathering on December 12 Back by popular demand!

One very enjoyable gathering that MAR members have enjoyed together is viewing the fantastic holiday lights in Dyker Heights, Brooklyn, by walking on a guided tour with Pat and Geri Arcieri. Geri and Pat live in the heart of the neighborhood. We first gather at their home at 6:00 PM, then walk together to a local restaurant for dinner and back. Buses and cars may come from all over but we get the best view of all, up close and personal of the decorated Christmas wonderland. If you haven't seen these displays you really need to put it on your "must see" list. If you have seen the displays then you know why we are happy to return. We thank Geri and Pat for being willing to be our hosts once again.

They need to know who is attending so please RSVP by November 30 or let Pat or Geri know when you see them at our October event. It is not hard to get to their home in Brooklyn and parking is available on the blocks near their home.

Address: 1218 81st Street, Brooklyn, NY 11228

Pat cell: 718-938-2098 Geri cell: 718-938-2006

Treasurer's Report

The Mills "Gathering of Old Cars" is our annual October Lincoln Get-Together. This year for the first time, all clubs were asked to contribute \$100.00 to guarantee a row specifically for their cars. This contribution was requested to offset the additional staff expenses at the Mills Norrie State Park. I requested, to the co-chairmen of the event, that the Edsels get their own row to allow room for the Lincolns that travel some distance to attend the show. I feel that the expense of a designated row is well worth it.

Owen T. Clarke, Treasurer

MAR Projects **DECALS for Lincolns V 12's to 1970's**

Bob O'Hara handled the decals that MAR sold as a project fundraiser for many years. Recently Bob requested that I carry on these sales. First, I must say that I am grateful to Bob for doing this for so many years. Secondly, I was overwhelmed by the inventory and organization that Bob put into this project. As I get myself up to speed on the vast diversity of the decals we have to sell, I plan on sharing the treasure that we have with all who attend the October *Gathering of Old Cars* at Mills. I had no idea of the amount of decals the Mid-Atlantic Region owned. A marketing plan will be worked on so that more members of the LCOC and the LZOC as well as RRLR know what we have for their cars. Thank you Bob.

If you will not be at the show in October but are interested in decals, request an information sheet with your SASE and indicate Lincoln year

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2015 Mid Atlantic Region Calendar

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|-------------|--|
| October 18 | Third Sunday in October— Gathering of Old Cars
at Mills Estate in Staatsburg, NY |
| December 12 | Pre Holiday Gathering to see the LIGHTS in DYKER HEIGHTS
Hosted by Pat and Geri Arcieri |

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

Hooked on Lincoln

Jonathan Deak got hooked on Lincoln when he first saw his Aunt Barbara and Uncle Lou's Lincoln. Another aunt and uncle owned Cadillacs but he liked the Lincolns. He remembers their '64 Silver blue Lincoln and an eye catching '63 Fawn colored sedan. A neighbor in Connecticut owned a Lincoln which sat for many years. Fortunately, when it was for sale, he purchased this Lincoln and has owned it for 17 years. Before his present Lincoln, he owned a '66 convertible and an '89 LSC Mark VII.

Jonathan joins the MAR "Hooked on Lincoln" group and reminds us of the many special Lincolns that remain in our lasting good memories. We hope that there will be more new Lincoln enthusiasts to come who will continue to appreciate these beautiful Lincoln classics.



Sharing some photos from Auto Restorations, Inc. in Stratford, Connecticut where we had a great tour



Classified Ads

Please submit classified ads for the next issue of the Observer by 12/15 They are published free of charge for MAR LCOC members.

No ads submitted for this issue

Are you Hooked on Lincoln?



Which is your favorite year/model and why did you get "Hooked on Lincoln"? If your story hasn't been included, please send it to me for future issues.

Linda Clarke

Answer to MAR QUIZ

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