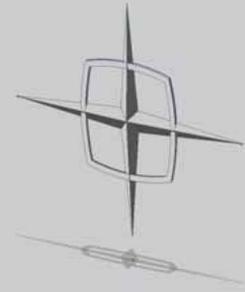




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## Director's Message:

### *Upcoming Events*

**OCTOBER.....**

Mills Event

ENM

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Fellow Members of MAR,  
It is hard to believe that we are entering the Fall Season, but the calendar does not lie and the days are growing ever shorter, with less daytime after dinner to mow the lawn and/or relax with a ride in the Lincoln. As always, I hope that you and yours (and your cars) continue to do well. In my case, the '63 is currently "laid up" in the shop for some sprucing up and deferred maintenance but fortunately the '87 remains available for an excursion or two in the coming weeks.

Speaking of excursions, on July 30 we enjoyed a very nice morning visit to Boothe Memorial Park in Stratford, CT, followed by a homestyle afternoon picnic in Milford, CT, thanks to the hospitality of Allan Wilcox. I had not previously been to either the park or to Allan's home and was very pleased to be able to see both on that day. In addition to serving up a meal, Allan shared with us his various automotive projects and we were able to view a most impressive lineup of Lincolns and Continentals, thanks to several members who were able to bring their collector cars out for the occasion.

As we move into the last quarter of 2016 we are faced with some challenges schedule-wise this year due to the fact that the LCOC Eastern National Meet

Is taking place in New Hampshire over the same weekend (October 12-16) as our traditional Mills Mansion gathering, which will take place in Staatsburg, NY on Sunday October 16. In addition, I know that others of our group will be away during that time and will be unable to attend either event. Personally, I plan to be in attendance at the ENM, so I will be unable to be present at Mills Mansion, but I would like to maintain our traditional "Lincoln Row" at this gathering. Therefore, I would ask anyone who plans to attend the Mills Mansion gathering to locate our usual spot on the field and help your fellow Lincoln/Continental owners and club members to stay together in our row. My thanks in advance to each of you for helping with this. For those who will be attending the ENM in New Hampshire, I will look forward to seeing you there.

In closing, please stay tuned for further information on our 2017 Holiday/Post Holiday Gathering in the NJ/NYC area.

Until next time, my best to one and all,  
Garry H. Morton, Director, MAR

**SAVE the DATE Post Holiday Party  
January 13-15 Weekend**

## Message from your editor, Linda Clarke

It was great to hear about Allan's trip to Hickory Corners. Story on p. 4-5. If you have any items or information to share, I would love to hear from you. Our next issue is December 2016.

Linda Clarke, Editor

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At Boothe Memorial Park

## Vintage MAR

There was one particular Continental that had several unique features such as:

1. Exhaust out of the rear bumper
2. Airplane like controls
3. Air conditioner vents in the headliner
4. Swing-out taillight for gas tank filler
5. Was the heaviest of all US cars at the time at 5,190 lbs. when equipped with air-conditioning.

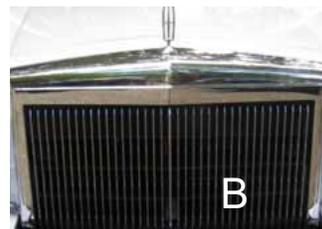


The answer is too easy, but just think about these features, you know the Model name.

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MAR QUIZ



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Put the grills in order from oldest to newest? What word do the letters spell?  
Extra bonus if you can name the Lincoln model years. Answer on p. 7

## SUMMER EVENT IN CONNECTICUT on JULY 30

It was a good time in Connecticut thanks to Allan Wilcox's hospitality to host this summer event which included a morning visit to Boothe Memorial Park in Stratford, and a car show/picnic at his home in Milford.

What I most enjoy about events in different areas of our region is that we get to see members who live closer to Milford, Connecticut who can attend more easily and can often bring their classic cars. At this event for instance we got to see Richard and Rita Wasik with their beautiful Lincoln convertible (see photo below) and Jonathan Bruzas and his wife Danuta. That is the reason to try to hold events in different states to get more MAR members together. If you have a suggestion or would like to host a gathering for MAR in the coming year, please speak to Garry Morton. Thank you chef, Allan, for grilling and for planning and hosting!



## ***On the Road with Allan Wilcox ..... Part One***

Road Trip!!!!!!!!!!!! (Said as announced by John Belushi in "Animal House")

2016 Lincoln Homecoming Show at the Lincoln Museum at the Gilmore: Lincolns, Lincoln Enthusiasts, and the Gilmore Museum at Hickory Corners..an adventure in itself. Then add in an automotive museum tour and its near nirvana (not really, but a lot of fun). It began at the conclusion of the 31st RRLR ENM Meet when Mike Denney, editor of Viva Carrera (and also President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer) announced that RRLR was hosting the 2016 Homecoming and that he needed volunteers to help put it on. No one raised their hand. I suggested, for those reluctant to take their 60+ year old cars on an 800 mile road trip in August, that we get an automotive transport company to take our cars out and back. No one raised their hands. **So.....**fast forward to August 2016 and my plan was complete, although I couldn't get anyone to go with me. Road trip, eight (8) auto museums on the way out, the Gilmore museum, Meadowbrook Hall, and the AACA Museum on the way home!

**PLAN—Leave home at 6:00 AM on Saturday before the meet, drive to Warren, Ohio, arrive late PM, relax, stay overnight, get up, wash my ride (2003 Lincoln LS V-8 Sport with 140,000 miles) and be at the National Packard Museum at 1:00PM when it opened.**

Reality: I left home at 4:00 PM and arrived in Warren, Ohio at 12:30 AM Sunday. My hotel was on the town square and when I arrived there were about 100 people on the Square milling around. I thought, WOW, what a happening place but when I asked the hotel clerk if there was a concert or something he told me, NO, that everyone was looking for Pokemon. The modern generation in action!

Sunday AM was better although some still looking for Pokemon on the Square. I got up, ate, checked out, found a self serve car wash, arrived at NPM at noon. However, the NPM did not open til 1:00. An hour, hmmm. Let me wax part of the car while waiting. WAX, WAX, well, I might as well do the whole car. 1:00 PM, I'll wipe it off after I see the museum. No I better do it now. 2:00 PM, entered the museum. I understand that there are a couple of Packard Museums in Ohio. This one was started by Terry Moore after he purchased an early one cylinder Packard engine from my neighbor Al Benjamin and then restored a 1910 Packard. Some of you know Al as he brought his Curved Dash Olds to the RRLR Pizza Truck Parties at my home. The car that Terry put the engine in has its own room in this museum along with the story of Terry's founding the museum in Warren, the birthplace of the Packard Motor Company. *(continued on p. 6)*

There are not too many real old Packards displayed, but are 1930's, 40's and 50's along with Packard products and engines. One is a supercharged V-12 engine for a PT boat. It is a crate motor that was never used and it is **HUGE**. I can't imagine those small plywood boats with three or four of these 1,000 plus HP engines. INSANE! After purchasing souvenirs for Al and me, including T-shirts, it was off to Pickerington, Ohio for Monday AM's visit to the American Motorcycle Assn. (AMA) Hall of Fame Museum. The trip to Pickerington and everywhere else was uneventful — who *wants* problems? The AMA museum is well done and interesting, although my interests in motorcycles is not as strong as it used to be. In any case, this museum is definitely worth seeing.

**PLAN: Tuesday see 4 museums in Auburn, Indiana**

Reality, it couldn't be done. Fortunately I arrived in Auburn in mid PM Monday and had time to see the Early Ford V-8 Museum, a good museum, but I knew just about everything from the newsletter I get as a Life member. After purchasing a third T-Shirt and other souvenirs, I took a picture of the memorial brick that I had purchased in memory of my brother and was off to the Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg (ACD) Museum which was fortunately open until 7:00PM. The ACD very well might be the highlight of the trip (not Lincoln—blasphemous). The ACD building, the original factory showroom administration offices and design studios is almost as good as the cars. I still have a hard time believing that this facility was built in the 1920's in what must have been the middle of nowhere. But the 1920's were roaring, so I guess it is believable. Souvenirs and another T Shirt purchased.

On Tuesday, I went back to the ACD Museum and to the National Auto Truck Museum of the United States (NATMUS) on the same property. The NATMUS is sort of the ACD's closet with vehicles/automobilia that do not all fit but are still very nice. It contains everything from model cars to toys to pedal cars to trucks, including Futurliner #10. Definitely worth seeing. (to be continued.....)

**(Thanks, Allan. STAY TUNED FOR PART II of Allan's road trip to be included in the next issue in December.)**

Nick DeSpirito attended the LCOC National Meet in Denver, Colorado this summer with Brad Luse and Les. Nick reported that there were about 61 cars at the meet. The show also accommodated a separate section for other vehicles other than Lincolns so there were more classic automobiles to view. It is always great to get to another Region to support them and to view cars that you may not necessarily get to see in your own region. We are glad that you enjoyed Denver and the National Meet!



# Classified Ads

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

FOR SALE:

1953 Lincoln Capri Convertible

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

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

### RE: Mills Event

There are many conflicts/events occurring on the weekend of October 16 which will impact attendance at the beautiful show at the Mills Estate in Staatsburg, NY. We do hope that many of you will still be able to take advantage of a nice fall day to attend the show at this magnificent site and will share some photos with me for the next issue of the Observer. Unfortunately, Owen and I will not be able to attend and will not be able to host the traditional buffet at our home this year. Some MAR members have suggested going out to eat together after the show at a local restaurant. We hope that you enjoy your day at "Staatsburgh".

Linda Clarke

### Answer to MAR QUIZ

The grill order spells CABS!

The grills are from a 1941, 1963, 1988, 2016.

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