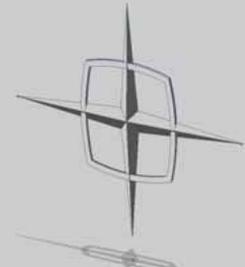




# Continental OBSERVER



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## Director's Message:

### Upcoming Events

Post Holiday Gathering  
January 6-7th Wayne, NJ  
May 6-7th Spring Kickoff  
in Rhinebeck

### M.A.R. Officers

Director: Garry Morton  
Vice Dir.: Pat Arcieri  
Secretary: Robert Yurick  
Treasurer: Owen Clarke

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Fellow Members of MAR,  
Once again, on behalf of the Officers and Directors of MAR, we extend greetings to each of you and your families for the New Year. 2016 has been an eventful year in many ways and I am sure that 2017 will be as well. In any case, we hope that each of you and your Lincolns and Continentals have a great New Year.

We have had an interesting last quarter in MAR as the autumn show season has drawn to a close. On the National level, the 2016 LCOE Eastern National meet in Bartlett, New Hampshire at the peak of foliage season was greatly enjoyed by those of us who were able to make it. The Fall scenery of the White Mountains and small but very high quality turnout of cars (especially from our friends in the Road Race Lincoln Register) made for a most memorable experience. Congratulations are in order for our own Pat Arcieri who took home the **Best in Show** award for his Mark V Bill Blass edition! On a personal side, it was great getting back up to the Granite State where I spent my college years several decades ago, and I am glad that I remembered, at the last minute, to pack my ice scraper and brush into the Town Car, as they came in handy on two mornings!

7 On the local level, I am told that our members kept the tradition alive at Mills

Mansion and I am grateful to those who held up our Lincoln Row at that meet while I was driving home from NH that Sunday. See elsewhere in this issue for photos from the event, which is one of our mainstays in MAR.

October was indeed a busy month, but we now turn the page and look forward to our Holiday Party in January, thanks to Nick DeSpirito. The corrected dates are **January 6-7** and further details are available from Nick. (See calendar) As a final note, this will be my last message to you as Director of MAR. For various personal reasons, I need to step down from the office at his time, although I intend to stay on the Board and I hope to see all of you at future MAR events. Owen Clarke will be taking over the Director's chair in January, and I thank him for his willingness to come back once again to the office he has held before. Pat Arcieri will step up as Treasurer for Owen. Thank you Pat. I also want to thank my fellow Board members and MAR officers and Linda as Editor of the Observer, for helping to make my role an enjoyable one these past three years. Finally, thanks to all of you who have supported our Region through your membership and/or attendance at our activities. As the saying goes, *we could not have done it without you!* My very best wishes to one and all, Garry H. Morton, Director, MAR

## Message from your editor, Linda Clarke

**Special recognition:** We send a big thank you to Garry Morton for serving as MAR Director. We congratulate Pat Arcieri for his Best in Show win at the New England National Meet. (Don't miss photos of Pat's beautiful car on p. 7 & back cover)

Linda Clarke, Editor

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Garry and Mary Morton

### Vintage MAR

The 1975 edition of the Lincoln Continental Observer had an interesting article by Douglas M. Keeney titled "Slab Side Info."

It stated that Elwood Engle was a major influence in the design of the Lincolns of the 1960's. It mentioned that he later took his designs to Chrysler and that the 1964-1966 Chrysler Imperial has the same lines as the slabside Lincolns. The article included very convincing pictures of the Imperial and the Lincoln.



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

### MAR QUIZ

In 1900 the first National Automobile Show was held November 3—10 in New York City at Madison Square Garden under the sponsorship of the Automobile Club of America. That same year President McKinley became the first US president to ride in an automobile. What was it? (No it was not a Lincoln - some 20 years too soon.)

(answer on p. 7)

## The Annual Gathering of Old Cars

Thanks to Muriel and Bruce Anderson for sending some photos of the Mills gathering in October! They said that it was another good turn out with about 800 cars at the show!



The Mills event is always the third Sunday in October so keep it in mind for 2017.

***In the last issue we left Allan Wilcox in Indiana on his way to Michigan to the Lincoln Homecoming Experience. Here's Part II of On the Road with Allan:***

Tuesday PM I went to the National Military History Center, home of the Kruse WWII Museum and 10 others. It was certainly a bargain for my \$2.00, after discounts, admission charge. There was a huge building with a mishmash of war—Civil to WWII displays— and many works in progress. There were interesting things worth seeing but it is no where near as well designed as ACD or AMA.

Wednesday AM: After my two nights in Auburn, it was back on the road to the Hostetler Hudson Museum in Shipshewana, IN. If the Hostetler name sounds familiar it might be because you've seen his barn of Hudsons at the Gilmore. He collected Hudsons for many years and gave his collection, a large building for the collection, as well as a community center to the town of Shipshewana. I was quite impressed with the quality of cars, on par with the ACD, and all the luxury items that Hudson offered. But how would I know about '20's & '30's Hudsons? I wasn't even a gleam in someone's eyes back then. After lunch at the Shipshewana Subway, (World Headquarters right here in Milford, CT) it was off to museum #8 in South Bend, Indiana. Oh, the joys of road trips, for as I entered South Bend, I came to ROAD CLOSED, DETOUR, but no marked route. After going in circles for awhile, I finally found the Studebaker Museum. For me, I found it to be quite crowded with cars and stuff. The displays seemed to overlap and I couldn't appreciate the cars because of the obstructed views. The history museum is part of the Studebaker Museum so I took a quick look at that and guess it was #9 before moving on to Kalamazoo, the main event.

The few days at the event in Hickory Corners for the Lincoln Homecoming were filled with activities such as a Cruise Night, lunch at the Crane Winery, a visit to the Kellogg home, Buffet at the Hotel, and BBQ at the Gilmore with an auction. Saturday was the Lincoln Show featuring the Road Race Lincolns and Sunday was an All Ford Products Show. On Saturday there were about 40-45 cars on the field from a 1920 Lincoln to a 2003 LS. All in all it was a good event with good weather except for one rainstorm which flooded the parking lot at the hotel. Now after the Lincoln event, it was time to head for home and find some more museums to see on the way back.

Sunday PM it was off to Rochester, MI for a Monday tour of Meadowbrook Hall, the estate of Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of John Dodge of Dodge Brothers Automobile fame. I chose a route through Battle Creek (where everything is named after WK Kellogg), through Lansing, and Flint. (*I wanted to try the water in Flint.*)

Monday AM—On a detour to Meadowbrook Hall I saw a sign for the Walter P. Chrysler Museum so I went to WPC. When I entered the lobby the receptionist took great pleasure in telling me that the museum was not open and that I would have to come back on the weekend.

So on to Meadowbrook Hall, the 88,000 sq. ft. estate, now part of Oakland University. If you enjoy opulent homes, it should not be missed. The Kellogg Manor House on Gulf Lake in Hickory Corners is also worth seeing but is nowhere as opulent.

Monday PM—The final Michigan stop was Evergreen Cemetery in Detroit to put flowers on the graves of my grandmother's brothers' family plot. George Lyon apparently went to Detroit when Henry Ford instituted the \$5.00 a day wage and got a job at Ford Motor Company. He married a local girl and with their daughter lived in Ferndale, Michigan.

Next was a long drive to Greensburg, PA for an overnight stay on the way to the final museum stop in Hershey, PA at the Antique Automobile Club of America Museum. I drove via Columbus to avoid construction on the Ohio-Indiana Toll Road. I was tired when I got there and even more tired in the morning!

Tuesday AM— Late start in the morning to Hershey, a quick run through the museum, a lot of work in progress exhibits and time to take a photo of the brick that I bought in my brother's memory. From the AACA Museum I went on to Manheim, PA to say hello to some friends from my car dealer days, and finally got home to Milford, CT around 10:30 PM.

***Ten days, over 2,000 miles, around twenty museum stops, and eight new T shirts! Yes, a good trip.....BUT next year is Lincoln's 100 year Homecoming.***



***Another road trip?  
Maybe.***

*Thank you Allan for sharing your adventure with us. If you have a story to share, we would love to hear it! Linda Clarke, Editor*

### **Treasurer's Report**

We are close to year end and I will do a more detailed report after 12/31/16. It appears that our year-end balance will be within a few hundred dollars from the year's prior. It should be about \$8500.00. Please check the next edition for my final report for 2016.

Owen Clarke

### **2017 Mid Atlantic Region Calendar of Events**

**January 6-7 Post Holiday Party RSVP to Nick DeSpirito 973-445-5941**

Friday night: dinner at Nick's home 67 Westview Rd. Wayne, NJ

Saturday AM — Go by van to NYC World Trade Center

Saturday night dinner at The Paris Inn 1292 Alps Rd. Wayne, NJ

May 6—7 Spring Show in Rhinebeck, NY at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds

October 15 Mills Estate "Gathering of Old Cars"

***If you have an idea for a Lincoln gathering please contact Owen Clarke***

### ***ELECTION ballot and DUES Reminder***

It is time to vote for managers for the Board of Directors for the Mid Atlantic Region. The three members who are running for a three year term, which will expire December 2019, are George Caswell, Owen Clarke and Pat Arcieri. Ballots are enclosed in this issue along with a dues notification.

Dues are \$15.00 for the year and are due now in January 2016 unless your dues notification enclosed indicates that you have paid in advance.

Please send your completed ballots and dues to membership secretary:

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We sincerely thank Garry Morton for serving as our Director of MAR these last three years. All positions are voluntary. We appreciate his commitment and interest in the welfare of the club and are glad that he will continue to be an active member of MAR. Thanks Garry.



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**Region Managers**

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Owen Clarke '16  
Pat Arcieri '16  
Nick DeSpirito '17  
Garry Morton '17  
Robert Yurick '17  
Joe Armstrong '18  
Jim Dunn '18  
Allan Wilcox '18

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Dues Reminder and Ballot are enclosed.

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