



LINCOLN LINK

Newsletter of the MidWest Region of the Lincoln & Continental Owners Club

MESSAGE FROM YOUR MIDWEST REGION DIRECTOR

Summer has arrived and we hope that you have been driving those Lincolns!! Some of our members attended the Salado, Texas National Mid America Meet in April and or the Western National LCOC Meet at Reno in June. A list of trophy and award winners are included in this issue.



Joanne Lower

In May we had a wonderful meet in Lincoln, Nebraska with a good turnout of members from Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. Hope you enjoy the photos and story in this issue. Virgil and Mary Meints and Brian Gardner and Dan Brown put together a great weekend! Thanks everyone for your hospitality and efforts.

We are planning some great events for this year including a Garage Tour and Winery Tour in August and the Route 66 Festival in Springfield, Illinois in September, hosted by Jerry Seibert of Springfield. We will be mailing details on each event to all current MidWest Members.

Our board of Directors met in May and discussed some changes that we hope to put into place in 2010. Our MidWest Region covers Missouri, Southern Illinois, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska. Because of the large area we are going to divide the MidWest Region into 4 districts with a MidWest Member from each area acting as District Coordinator and working with our MidWest Regional Manager. Each District will set up meetings within their area and all members of the MidWest region can attend any or all the activities throughout all four Districts. We are hoping this arrangement will help our members to become more active with other Lincoln owners and members in their immediate locality.

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Our Region has agreed to host the MidAmerica National Meet in 2010. We are looking at Lincoln, Nebraska, Springfield, Illinois or Kansas City, Missouri but have not made a final decision on where the meet will be held. We are tentatively looking at September 16,17 and 18 but have not committed to an exact date. We should have more details within the next few weeks. We will look forward to working with all of you as we host this National Meet and National Board Meeting.

Jerry Seibert has agreed to take over as Editor for the Lincoln Link. In the future if you have any news to report please contact Jerry. This change in Editor should help to make sure that you receive your Lincoln Link on a more consistent basis. I have to admit that I have been lax in keeping to the schedule of publication that we had promised. Thanks to Jerry for agreeing to assume the responsibility of Editor!!

Hope to see all of you at our Garage and Winery Tour in August or the Route 66 Festival in September. We will be sending out further details on each event to all active members. Please join us, enjoy the activities, meet new Lincoln Friends and hear all about our plans for 2010!! We will be looking for you!!!

Continentally yours,

Joanne

Welcome to our New Members

John Agee & Judi Kocour

of Fremont, Nebraska came to our Nebraska Meeting in their beautiful 1953 Cosmopolitan 2 door Hardtop.

Michael Vickery and Diana

of Junction, Illinois love white Lincoln Town cars and they have four of them!!

Michael Huckabee

of Tulsa, Oklahoma has a Mark VI and a Mark VIII

Mike Denny and Joan

of Mounds, Oklahoma have a 1953 Cosmopolitan, two 1953 Lincoln Capri and a Mark VII.

Richard Blissit and Lynne

of Tulsa have a beautiful 1947 Cabriolet.

**Virgil Meints, Fred Dietrich, and
Randal Bishop**

have also returned to our Membership Rolls.

*Welcome to all of our new and
returning members!! Hope to see you
at a meeting soon!.*

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP NOTICE!!

We have a few members who are not current with their membership. We will be removing unpaid membership names from our roster as of August 1. If you have overlooked paying your dues please do so now and you will continue to receive the Lincoln Link and all information packets for upcoming events.

*Thank you,
John Lower Membership Director*

MidWest Region Takes Cornhusker Tour...

...What better location for a Lincoln meet than Lincoln, Nebraska?

Several members of the MidWest Region of the Lincoln Continental Owners Club travelled to Lincoln on May 15-17 for the region's spring gathering. Saturday morning the group had breakfast at the Country Inn and Suites and then met tour leader Virgil Meints and his wife Mary Kay for the first activity of the weekend, a look at Joe Haag's auto and auto memorabilia collection that he has named "Joe's Speed Museum".



Members at Joe's Speed Museum

The collection is housed in a nicely finished warehouse and includes both classic and hot rod vehicles along with period pictures and various memorabilia.



The Pattersons at Joe's Speed Museum

Joe Haag then led us to a different building where he works on dragsters. Before the group departed he fired up the dragster he is currently working on and it went beyond the concept of "Hotrod Lincoln!"



All cars were restored to perfection

Following this stop the group went to the workshop of Virgil Meints. Here Mary Kay and Virgil served the group refreshments and a brief meeting of the LCOC region was held. Outside his building were several low mileage classic Town Cars from the early and mid 1970's. Inside the building was a beautiful grey Lincoln Mark V which was for sale along with an incredible 1962 Pontiac Grand Prix which Virgil restored himself. While not a Lincoln, this car drew many favorable comments and compliments for the attention to detail and careful restoration work Virgil had done. Everyone enjoyed getting to tour Virgil's workshop



Meeting at Virgil & Mary Kay's shop



Little bit of everything



The ladies get a lift



John Agee, John Mundy, Mary Kay Meints enjoy this vast collection

From there the group traveled to Omaha where we enjoyed lunch at the Great American Diner. Following lunch, the next stop was the large collection of cars and various auto related nostalgic displays of Bernie Taulborg. This collection is housed on a former dairy farm on the west edge of Omaha. Each building con-



Owner of Taulborg collection in front of Cadillac



160+ car collection of Bennie Taulborg - WOW!

tained many cars and many other displays including phonographs, radios, lamps, etc. Cars dating back to the Brass Era were displayed and included classic Lincolns.

Following this tour, the caravan started back to Lincoln stopping along the way in Greenwood at Baker's Chocolate Warehouse. That evening dinner was enjoyed at the hotel and there was time for conversation and another look at the classic Lincolns that were in attendance.

Sunday morning the group once again breakfasted at the hotel and then drove to the Strategic Air and Space Museum between Lincoln and Omaha. This very



Members cars at Taulborg Museum

large complex included indoor displays of some of the largest aircraft to have ever flown along with many other displays relating to the history of the United States Air Force.

Event coordinators for this meet were Dan Brown and Brian Gardner of North Platte, NE and Virgil and Mary Kay Meints of Lincoln.



Beautiful old Buick



One of two 1930 Lincolns in the collection



The ladies get their turn.



The gentlemen pose for a shot



Strategic Air Command Museum

Upcoming MidWest Region 2009 Meetings

August 22, 2009, Koop Garage Tour and Hermann, Mo. Wine Tour.

The MidWest Region LCOC members have been invited by our members, Richard and Beverly Koop's to visit their new garage facility in Moscow Mills, Missouri August 22, 2009,. We will meet at Koop's at 10:00 AM to view their collection and enjoy refreshments.

We plan to leave Moscow Mills at noon caravanning thru the heart of Missouri Wine Country to Hermann, Missouri. We have luncheon reservations at the Stone Hill German Vintage Restaurant at 1:15 pm. Following lunch we will tour the Spring Hill winery and enjoy wine tasting.

Hermann, Missouri is a delightful area filled with antique shops, wineries and bed and breakfast establishments. Please mark your calendar and plan to join your fellow members for a fun day or for the weekend in beautiful Wine Country.

Additional details will be mailed to all MidWest Members within a few days. Reservations are required by August 12.

September 26, 2009, Springfield, Illinois

The MidWest Region LCOC fall meeting in Springfield will be held Saturday, Sept. 26 at Saputo's Restaurant downtown starting at 5:30. Saputo's Italian fare is well known throughout Central Illinois by generations of families.

Region members may also participate in the annual International Route 66 Mother Road Festival being held in downtown Springfield Saturday and Sunday. Activities include a collector car show, live music and automotive vendor displays and demonstrations. A special area on the show field is being reserved for all Lincolns entered in the car show. More information about the festival, including car show registration details, can be found at www.familyevents.com.

For those interested in starting the weekend festivities early, Jerry Seibert is hosting a Route 66 Festival Preview Party at Troxell Financial Advisors on Friday evening. All MidWest Region LCOC members are invited to join Central Illinois Region AACA members and other friends and guests for dinner, drinks and socializing. A variety of collector cars will be previewed and LCOC members are invited to participate with their Lincolns.

Anyone interest in spending a night or nights in Springfield may take advantage of special hotel/motel rates for the weekend. Rates are available on the Family Events website above. More details about the meeting and weekend activities will be sent to all region members in the near future.

October 31 - November 1 - Annual Meeting and Holiday Party

We have set the date but have not finalized details on our Annual Meeting Weekend in the St. Louis area. As these details are completed we will advise you in future issues of the Lincoln Link.

Tentative plans call for a visit to a beautiful car collection in South St. Louis on Saturday and Sunday morning we will enjoy a Champagne Brunch at our Annual Meeting and Holiday Party.

MidAmerica National Meet - April 2009 - Salado, Texas

MidWest Members Award and Trophy Winners

Steven and Katie Amant
Jay and Laura Cook
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1st Primary
1st Senior
Lincoln Trophy
Robert H. Davis Trophy

1969 Mark III
1998 Mark VIII
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Congratulations to these winners!!!

We also heard the Parkers and Gary Sailor attended without a car.
Hope we did not miss anyone.

Western National Meet - Reno, Nevada - June, 2009

Jack and Marilyn Fletcher won Primary 1st with their 1996 Lincoln Town Car.

Congratulations!!

Classifieds

If you or someone you know has a Lincoln or parts for sale, or are looking for a Lincoln or parts, please call John Lower to place a free ad in our newsletter.

FOR SALE - Two Show Ready Lincolns - 1977 Williamsburg Town Car - 1687 Original Miles (not a misprint) Incredible original survivor car - best offer. 1979 Town Coupe - 65,331 original Miles (that look more like 6,531 miles). Has been meticulously maintained in the 21 years I've owned it. Best offer. Please call owner Fred Carlson evenings and weekends or leave a message at (785) 313 0062.



FOR SALE - 1979 Lincoln Continental Collector Series - 1st Owner 100% original 400 ci engine, New Tires, shocks, belts, hoses, spark plugs points, battery, radiator flushed, AC - R34, tune up - runs great 96,000 miles Paint, top and interior in great shape \$6,000.00 OBO NW Arkansas, Patricia Phone (479) 855 4961.



FOR SALE - Mark IV Call Andrew Limanni (314) 749 1740



HELP NEEDED - Nick and Sharon Blaine of Manchester, MO own this beautiful 1963 Lincoln. Nick is looking for a little help on a window that is not working. Any helpers call (636) 256-3745. Nick would appreciate hearing from you,

LCOC MIDWEST MEMBERS AND THEIR LINCOLNS

David & Mary Lou Heath - Edwardsville, Illinois

WoW! Where to Begin??



David and Mary Lou on their wedding day

wedding day April 8, 1978. We spent our honeymoon visiting Colorado and drove this baby thru out Colorado. My wife continued driving this Lincoln for about three years as an every day driver. Then Marylou changed jobs, now working for St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank in downtown St. Louis. We decided this Lincoln was too big of an expense (gasoline) for her to drive in St. Louis traffic, so it was decision time, trade this car in on a smaller car or keep it and buy another car, we decided to keep it. Here we sat with a pick up and two cars.

I purchased my 1974 Lincoln Continental in 1977. I was twenty three years old. I bought this beauty because I was racing Mopar at this time and decided it was too expensive and about time to settle down. I spotted this Lincoln at a used car lot in Granite City, Illinois so I sold my Plymouth Road Runner and purchased the Lincoln. I drove it myself for a couple of years, got married in 1978 (see photo) wife Marylou in wedding dress on our



Under restoration



The finished product

The Lincoln set outside for a couple of years and then I decided to park it in my brother's barn. The car sat for close to three years, occasionally going to my brothers and hauling gas and starting it a couple of times a month. Deterioration was slowly setting in, slight rust here and there. Vinyl top rotting, rubber hoses cracking, wheel cylinders leaking, etc. Here it was decision time again. Keep or sell?

We had just built a new home with a three car garage, plenty of room to store the car and slowly, so slowly start restoration on the Lincoln.

This restoration project took about ten years and a lot of dollars. Restoration consisted of Engine rebuilt, Aamoco transmission rebuilt, and front end work. Complete body work paint, rechromed, Stainless steel polished and original material on padded Vinyl top, new seals on doors and trunk, too many more to list. Mechanical parts a few listed are Air Conditioner, ATC box, Sensors, Master Cylinder, brakes, shocks, fuel tank. Carburetor rebuilt, the car has also been completely ziebarted.

I am ready to retire and have too many cars, I guess I'm ready to sell this beautiful Lincoln. This car is ready for show or drive anywhere. It is probably one of the top twenty in the world I have a photo album of restoration. The car has approximately 72,000 miles.

The following is Part One of an article that appeared in *Old Cars Weekly* earlier this year.

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Presidential Parade

'Camelot I' and the slab-sided Lincolns

By Phil Skinner;
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As America is about to seat its 44th president, a number of pundits have referred to the upcoming Obama era as the second rendition of "Camelot" in the White House. The first version of Camelot, of course, was during the John F. Kennedy administration, which began in January 1961 and ended all too

tragically on Nov. 22, 1963, when an assassin's bullet found its mark in Dallas.

During the 1960 presidential campaign, Henry Ford II had been a major supporter of the young senator from Massachusetts. The two had much in common. Besides Ford's own leaning toward the Democrat party, the men shared the Catholic faith and were about the same age; they may have even crossed paths in their youth, as both had served the U.S. Navy during World War II and both had come from very well-to-do families.

One of the first contributions to the Kennedy administration from Ford Motor Co. had not been a car, but rather a person — Robert S. McNamara who, in the fall of 1960, became president of the company. Tapped for his outstanding thought pro-

cesses and contributions during World War II, McNamara was eventually appointed by JFK as Secretary of Defense. Although some of his later decisions, especially in regards to America's involvement in Vietnam, have been criticized, he was, and still is, a brilliant man.

For car collectors, however, the biggest contribution that Ford made to the JFK administration was a big, beautiful Lincoln Continental parade car.

'Bubble top' affair

Even before the election had taken place, the decision to provide the White House with a new parade vehicle had been made. Ever since the 1939 "Sunshine Special" Lincoln parade touring car built for Franklin Roosevelt, these big cars had

played an important part in official functions, motorcades and affairs of state. In 1950, the Sunshine Special was retired and returned to Ford Motor Co. to be replaced by a new one-off, extended-wheelbase convertible sedan produced by Derham coachbuilders.

This second car featured a removable "bubble top" made of Plexiglas that allowed the occupants to be seen by crowds during inclement weather. The car was delivered during the Truman administration, and it is said that he liked going fast in it and would often order his drivers to "speed it up." There are photos showing Truman sitting alone in the back seat, zipping along at high speed and wearing a smile from ear to ear.



The 1962 X-247 "bubble top" Lincoln limousine was used for transporting the president and first lady to less-formal events, as well as for other VIPs needing a limousine-type ride. Here it is shown with its protective rear cover in place.