



# LINCOLN LINK

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

### MESSAGE FROM YOUR MIDWEST REGION DIRECTOR

*Season's Greetings to you and yours!!*

We have enjoyed seeing and visiting with our members throughout the year. It was a busy year for everyone. Jerry Seibert planned a great meet in Springfield and we had several of our members showing their Lincolns and taking home awards. John Lower planned a great trip to the Kemp Museum in Chesterfield in August and Dan Kreutzer arranged a wonderful day at the Armacost Museum during our Annual Meeting weekend in October. They were all great, thanks guys for your efforts. Just wish more of our members would have been in attendance to enjoy each event.

In September we hosted the National Mid America Meet in Lincoln, Nebraska. I won't go into a great deal of detail as Jerry Seibert is including a full story in this issue. I just want to thank the more than 117 members who brought their 55 Lincolns to participate. I especially want to give special recognition to Bob Johnson and his North Star Members who caravanned to Lincoln. We had so many people who worked together with us to assure the success of this Meet. Not only our Midwest Members, but members from other regions such as Richard and Pat Kiko, Randy Mytar, Bob and Jean DiCarlo. I sincerely appreciate Bakers Auto, Lincolnland, John Cashman and Grundy Worldwide who contributed and supported the event. We were pleased to be able to contribute \$3,000.00 to the Lincoln Motor Car Museum from the Auction proceeds. In addition, many attendees signed pledges for the Museum while they were in Lincoln. I also want to thank each of our MidWest Members who have stepped up to the plate with contributions for the Lincoln Motor Car Museum.

*Continental*ly yours,

*Joanne*



*Joanne Lower*

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# *Welcome to our New Members*

*We introduce our newest MidWest Region members. Please take the time to greet them and welcome them to our family of Lincoln enthusiasts.*

**Tom Cusack and Sara Rusch, Peoria, Illinois**

1969 Black Continental Mark III and 1979 Blue/White Mark V

**David and DrexEllen Armstrong, Rochester, Illinois**

1965 Robin Egg Blue Continental convertible

**Jon Meek, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

1972 Maroon Lincoln sedan, 1973 Black Lincoln sedans (two)

**Jerry and Louise Wehde, Omaha, Nebraska**

1977 Dove Gray Continental Mark V

*We send a warm welcome to our new members and hope to see you soon!*

## *With Sympathy*

Our condolences, thoughts and prayers go out to MidWest Region member Dick Koop and the entire Koop family for the death of Dick's wife Beverly K. Koop on November 17, 2010 at the age of 62. Dick and Bev were gracious hosts for the August, 2009 region meeting at Koop's Garage in Moscow Mills, Missouri, where attendees viewed the Koop's unique collection of beautiful automobiles that were commercial failures, including a beautiful black Continental Mark II. Dick and Bev had moved to the St. Louis area a few years ago from Minnesota where they had been members of the North Star Region.

## **MidWest Region Hosts LCOC Mid America National Meet**

The MidWestern Region rolled out the red carpet (Cornhusker style) to host the 2010 LCOC Mid-American National Meet in Lincoln, Nebraska on September 15 -19. A total of 53 Lincoln motorcars and 107 members, spouses and guests were hosted at the Lincoln Country Inn and Suites for three and a half days of social events, museum/collection tours and the Lincoln concours display.



*MidWestern Region member Bruce Wilson's first place winning 1983 Continental Mark VI looked stunning on the show field.*

The Wednesday evening early bird reception hosted by the MidWest Region started the meet's activities with a full house and a liberal buzz about the week's coming activities. Hosts Steve and Katie Amant served up some old-fashioned MidWest hospitality so all attendees could catch up while enjoying some delicious treats and cold beverages. The beverages of the bottled variety seemed to energize the attendees who had a long drive in from the north. This contingent took honors for last to leave but still answered the bell early for Thursday morning's tour.

After a hearty breakfast served with the compliments of the Country Inn and Suites staff, the tour bus was boarded sharply at 8:30 am for the trip to the first tour stop, the American Museum of Speed in Lincoln. This museum is the product of the foundation established by "Speedy" Bill and Joyce Smith, owners of Speedway Motors. It contains about anything and everything related to the history of auto racing and hot rodding in the country.



*Indy Motor Speedway exhibit at the American Museum of Speed.*

The exhibits in the museum seemed to go on and on throughout the three stories of the 130,000 square foot building that houses these automotive treasures. The tours were given in small groups guided by knowledgeable museum staff people who highlighted the significance of each exhibit to the history of racing. Race cars, hot rods, a variety of racing engines and an exhibit replicating part of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway filled the first floor.



*The Museum even housed Soap Box Derby race cars from decades ago.*

boy or girl.

The Museum also conjured up memories of going with parents or grandparents on Saturday to the local soda fountain with a re-creation of one, complete with a fountain bar, tile floor, ceiling fans and a tin ceiling. The only thing missing was the root beer floats! Next to the soda fountain was an unbelievable carousel in new condition with your choice of automobile to ride in and steer.

Lunch was served picnic style in a room that housed the Smith's personal car collection. Can fried chicken taste any better than it does when you eat it staring at a Continental cabriolet, a Tucker sedan, Hedy Lamarr's Cadillac Fleetwood or a host of other classics? After devouring lunch the group reassembled to board the coach transporting everyone to the next stop on Thursday's tour.



*This Lincoln convertible is just one of the many pedal cars in the Museum's collection.*

After a scenic motorcoach ride to the outskirts of Omaha, the group arrived at a farm house location to view the Taulberg Collection, which was situated in ten different buildings surrounding the house. This collection contained an amazing assortment of over 100 automobiles from the



brass era to the early 90's, both domestic and foreign. Lincoln's were well represented in the collection, including a 20's Lincoln convertible with the small side door to the golf club storage compartment!

The Taulberg's displayed a lot of other collectibles in their buildings as well, especially automobile pictures with hand made picture frames. One building housed a workshop, car lift and tools that appeared to be the envy of most of the tour participants.



*A nice two-tone Continental Coupe cornered in the Taulberg collection*



*Meet participants view a vintage Lincoln roadster from the Taulberg collection with the plate "GATSBY"*

The coach ride back to Lincoln gave all a chance to socialize and recount the day's activities, as well as rest up to prepare for the evening's Welcome Banquet in the Lincoln Room at the Country Inn and Suites. Following the buffet dinner, the hospitality suite was again a big hit for old friends to catch up on things and for new acquaintances to be made.

Weatherwise, Friday was a repeat of Thursday with a lot of sun and a nice breeze, making for very comfortable conditions. The tour goes left early for a visit to Lincoln's Haymarket area, a revitalized older part of the city. It features shops and stops geared to visitors to the area, providing a flavor of life in Lincoln through the years.



*This demur young lady was seen taking refuge in the rear seat of a Locomobile open touring car from the Taulberg collection.*

Following the visit to the historic Haymarket area, the group traveled to the James Arthur Vineyard, one of the finest wineries in the state of Nebraska. Lunch and the mandatory wine-tasting filled the afternoon. A serious effort to evaluate all the different wines was made by a determined few.

Those left behind at the hotel on Friday began the mechanical portion of the judging next to the show field, with crews of judges handling all the cars in an efficient, systematic manner. Others spent valuable time in the beautiful weather cleaning and polishing their Lincoln's in preparation for the concours showing the next day.



*Larry Pittman from Greencastle, Pa. grabs a beverage to help his bidding during auction night on Friday.*

That evening was the traditional Lincoln Buffet and Auction. Meet director Joanne Lower and her assistants had the evening well-orchestrated, including a pitch for the planned Lincoln Foundation Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan, to which part of the proceeds of the auction were dedicated. Dick Kiko and Randy Mytar conducted a fantastic auction, which included many donated items from MidWest Region members.

The Judges Breakfast kicked off show day. National Chief Judge John Talbourdet reviewed the LCOC guidelines for judging and announced the judging teams for the day. There were over 50 Lincolns on the show field with judging scheduled from 10:00 to 2:00. The weather changed considerably for Saturday as it turned overcast, cold and windy – weather suitable for football in Lincoln in September but not necessarily for a car show. The forecast rain held off during the day, however, keeping all the Lincolns, judges and participants at least dry.



*Jack Fletcher and meet director Joanne Lower catching their breath during a busy day on the show field at the Country Inn and Suites*

The Lincoln Gala and Awards in the Lincoln Ballroom capped off Saturday's activities. Many MidWest Region members received awards for their beautiful Lincolns. A separate listing of region members, their cars and awards is included in this issue.



*Walahn and Bonnie Kilgore show off their Primary First Place trophy earned by their 1976 Continental Mark VI coupe*

The Eliston Bell Trophy for the most outstanding Senior Car went to a 1956 Continental Mark II owned by Chris Cimarusti, who had traveled all the way to Lincoln from New Jersey.

For those interested, a caravan was held on Sunday morning with a stop at Grisanti's Restaurant outside Omaha for brunch. The caravan continued on to the town of Elkhorn for a three mile trip on a stretch of brick laid down in 1920 on the

original Lincoln Highway. After photographs of members and their cars on the original brick road, everyone departed east or west for home on the Lincoln Highway.



*Brian Gardner and Dan Brown display their Primary First Place plaque earned by their 1962 Continental Sedan*



*LCOC National President Glen Kramer delivers an update on the club at Friday's membership meeting*

*Much credit goes to meet director Joanne Lower, her husband John and all the Midwest Region member volunteers for pulling together to make this meet a wonderful "Lincoln" experience for all who attended.*

*Many thanks to you all!*

# MidWest Region Members win at Lincoln!

Following are the MidWest Region members and their Lincolns who were prize winners at the Mid-America National Meet in Lincoln, Nebraska. Thanks to all the region members who brought their Lincolns to this national meet hosted by the MidWest Region and congratulations to all those who received an award at the meet:

## TOURING/ORIGINAL

Class 107 First place Virgil and Mary Meints, Lincoln, Nebraska 1975 Lincoln Town Car

## PRIMARY

Class 215 Second place Richard Koop, Dardenne Prairie, Missouri 1956 Continental Mark II

Class 217 First place Dan Brown and Brian Gardner  
North Platte, Nebraska 1962 Continental Sedan

Class 226 First place Walahn and Bonnie Kilgore  
Moberly, Missouri 1976 Continental Mark IV

Class 227 Second place Daniel and Ronda Kreutzer  
Lenexa, Kansas 1978 Continental Mark V

Class 229 First place Bruce Wilson, O'Fallon, Illinois 1983 Continental Mark VI

## SENIOR

Class 305 First place Jerry Seibert, Springfield, Illinois 1970 Continental Mark III

Class 307 First place John and Joanne Lower  
Innsbrook, Missouri 1978 Continental Mark V

Class 308 Second place Steve and Katie Amant, Ellisville, Missouri 1988 Lincoln Town Car

## LINCOLN TROPHY – BEST PRIMARY

Classes 218, 220, 222 Dan Brown and Brian Gardner  
North Platte, NE 1962 Continental Sedan

## WILLIAM CLAY FORD TROPHY – BEST SENIOR

Classes 304, 305 Jerry Seibert, Springfield, Illinois 1970 Continental Mark III

## DR. ERWIN C. RUTH TROPHY – BEST SENIOR

Class 307 John and Joanne Lower, Innsbrook, Illinois 1978 Continental Mark V



# 2010 Winter Meeting - Kansas City



On the weekend of October 30 and 31, members of the L.C.O.C. MidWest Region met for it's annual Winter Meeting held this year in Kansas City. This meeting was a pleasant finale to 2010 which included the Region's successful hosting of the L.C.O.C.'s Mid-America National Meet in Lincoln Nebraska.

The weekend's events started on Saturday afternoon with a

visit to the Armacost Automobile Museum which is a private collection in Grandview Missouri. The museum is owned by the Armacost family which owned Kansas City's last Studebaker dealer. While the collection features a plurality of Studebaker automobiles, there are a significant number of other marques as well, including a 30's Lincoln, a similar vintage Rolls Royce Limousine, several Ferrari's, vintage Cadillacs, Packard's, Thunderbirds, Corvettes, a Kaiser and others.



The collection is of extremely high quality with some being low mileage originals and the balance having undergone meticulous cosmetic as well as mechanical restoration, enabling all the cars to be in running order. It is not a stretch to say one could eat off most of the engines.



The evening's activity was attending a production of Neil Simon's 'The Sunshine Boys' at the New Theater Restaurant which ranks as one of the best Dinner Theaters in the country and is located in Overland Park Kansas. The comedy production starred Howard Hessman whose best known character was disc jockey Johnny Fever of the television hit series WKRP IN CINCINNATI. The members enjoyed an excellent quality buffet dinner and a top notch stage performance by Mr. Hessman and his supporting cast which included the co-star F. William

Parker, who has to his credits the television series HOUSE, ALL MY CHILDREN, NYPD BLUES, SEINFELD and others. With the day's combination of a high quality automobile museum and high quality stage performances, the theme of the winter meeting this year could very well have been "Cars and Stars".





On Sunday the meeting concluded with a Sunday Brunch at the Hilton Garden Inn of Kansas City Kansas which is managed by L.C.O.C. member Kurt Mayo. After a fine brunch the members had a short business meeting during which various topics of interest relating to the L.C.O.C. and the region



were discussed. The membership also decided the 2011 winter meeting would return to Branson, Missouri after which the meeting concluded.



*2010 has been a very enjoyable year for the members of the L.C.O.C. Midwest Region and we look forward to an equally pleasurable 2011 sharing our enthusiasm for the Lincoln and Continental automobiles and the fellowship that comes from that shared passion.*

## Classifieds

*If you or someone you know has a Lincoln or parts for sale, or are looking for a Lincoln or parts, please call Jerry Seibert at (217) 321-3114 to place a free ad in our newsletter.*

**FOR SALE** - 1981 Mark VI. Owned by same family from day one. Original Fawn Metallic paint, Medium Fawn cloth interior, sunroof and electronic dash. Looks like a Pucci. Have more than \$12,000.00 invested in rebuilding mechanical and misc. 160,000 miles. Have all the receipts, literature and misc. Needs good home! OBO. Contact Randy Bishop (314) 909 0419.



**FOR SALE** - 1979 Lincoln Mark V - 1,600 actual miles, light blue inside and out. \$25,000.00 (217) 793-1903 or (217) 523-5233. Loretta and Dick Yates, Springfield, Illinois.

**FOR SALE** - 1972 Continental Coupe - a restored Las Vegas car with no rust ever. Copper Moondust Metallic exterior with Dark Tobacco leather interior, including split bench seats. Scored 99.33 at LCOC Irvine, CA meet in 2008. See p. 43 Continental Comments #287 and pp. 70-75 Hemmings Classic Car #61 Oct. 09 for photos and further description. Asking \$11,000. Request recent photos by email to Paul Branham pbranham@uselectco.com. or call 217-971-5779.



**FOR SALE** - 1965 Continental Convertible. Light blue, silver mink leather, white top (new), bucket seats with console, cruise, AM/FM radio, auto headlight dimmer and more. Everything works! Excellent "drive anywhere" condition. Poor vision forces sale and she deserves a good home. \$19K. (913) 322-9289 or email passportjack@iname.com for pictures and or detailed information. John Shelton, Overland Park, Kansas.