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Editors Message by Jonathan Rubbo

Hello NER Members,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the LCOC New England Region. It's been a lot of work getting the region to this point. Most of this work has been administrative work with LCOC National and getting the website up and running properly. Now that this work is finished, we can move forward with events and meets.

We will have our NER Annual Membership Meeting and New England Clambake on Saturday, October 4th. This will be a great opportunity for everyone to get together and exchange ideas, and start discussing some events for 2009. Please see the Director's message for more details.

Some of you may have already noticed on the NER website that Assistant Director Charles Blais and I have switched positions. Although I was probably the best person in the Director's role to get the Region up and running with all the paperwork that needed to be done, I can't spare the time to be the Director right now. I've spent a lot of time and effort getting the region approved and set up over the last 1 1/2 years, and I need to step back to attend to some personal matters. But I must say that it's been quite an experience.

I also felt that Charlie's knowledge of the "Lincoln Community" would make him a better choice for Director as the NER moves forward. I will continue to work on the website and the newsletters. That'll keep me plenty busy for now.

We could not get the region to this point without the help of many LCOC Directors and members and I'd like to say thanks to a few in particular.

Bruce Hutchinson, LCOC VP of Regions, has had to endure many, many phone calls and emails regarding the set up of the region. He has been very patient and understanding through all of this.

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One of the more famous Lincolns. The 1946 LC Cabriolet Indianapolis pace car on the Indy "brickyard."

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Darren Klingler, LCOC Secretary, has been a huge help regarding LCOC rules and regulations and Roberts Rules of Order, as well as reviewing paperwork and documents we needed to submit.

Bob Johnson, Director of the Northstar Region, has been a great source of information and advice regarding the running of regions and their rules and regulations. Bob was also a big champion for our cause to create a New England Region. Bob's phone line has always been open to us. It's no surprise that the Northstar region is one of the most successful regions in the LCOC.

David Gustafson, Editor of the Northstar Region newsletter. Arguably the finest regional newsletter in the LCOC. If this newsletter looks similar

to the Northstar News, it's because David sent us some of his newsletters in MS Publisher format so we could use these as a template to get our newsletter up and running. Thanks David!

John Talbourdet, LCOC Chief Judge and NER member has been a great resource for the rules and regulations of car clubs, and liaison (and sometimes referee) between the NER and the LCOC on certain matters.

Doug Shahady and Dan Szwarc of the Michigan Region have been helpful advising us on our region and website. Doug and Dan are great assets to the Michigan Region and to the LCOC as a whole.

Jonathan Rubbo
Assistant Director, New England Region



Doug Shahady (front and center) and Dan Szwarc (in his trademark safari hat) of the Michigan Region doing mechanical judging at the 2008 ENM in Duluth, MN

Lincolns in Lincoln, NH

The LOC and LZOC made a very generous offer to the LCOC to join them for their combined 50th and 40th anniversary meet in Lincoln NH on the concourse \ judging day on Friday June 6th, at no cost to LCOC members.

Although it rained on the big day, eight of the nine NER managers, and a handful of other NER members showed up. The weather put a damper on the turnout, but it didn't dampen the spirits of those who attended. The NER seemed like the only smart ones since we brought a tent along and stayed dry.

The tent also made a good gathering place for us to meet with members of the LZOC who also wanted to stay out of the rain, including LZOC President Jerry Emery. We got to talk about Lincolns and the possibility of other joint meets in the future. It was a great time in spite of the rain.

A big thanks has to go out to John MacAdams of the LZOC (and the NER) who arranged for us to join the LOC and LZOC on this special day. John is truly a gentleman and we look forward to working with him on possible joint meets in the future.



Louis Rubbo, LCOC charter member #216 (left), and Roger Comire, NER Treasurer (right) share some laughs in front of Roger's 1946 LC Cabriolet.



Everybody out of the rain!!

Lincolns in Lincoln, NH continued...

LCOC Chief Judge and NER member John Talbourdet (far right) is “saying his prayers” as his 1941 Cabriolet is being judged by the LZOC officials. As they say John, “what goes around comes around.”



It was a great selection of cars from 1930's up to the 1970's. Judging was done in the parking lot of the train station. Members also had the opportunity to get out of the rain for a little while and see some of the displays in the train station.

The long distance “award” went to Victor Williams for joining us from New Brunswick, Canada with his beautiful 1955 Capri convertible. Way to go Victor!

More Lincoln NH photos can be seen on our website www.newenglandlcoc.org



Directors Message by Charles Blais

As I sit here writing this, I realize that there is so much to say that I don't know where to begin or end.

I'll start by saying that we need to give special thanks to Jonathan Rubbo for taking our application to the LCOC National Board Meeting in Atlanta, GA in January of this year. I know that without him being present to represent the request before the Board, it had a slim chance of getting approved.

There certainly have been some challenges getting this Region off the ground and into some sort of active role that will benefit its members and the LCOC as a whole. Just getting a better understanding of what is required and how to go about getting it done has been a learning experience.

When I accepted the nomination as Assistant Director, I never thought that I would have to step into Jonathan's shoes. However, I look forward to the opportunity to take the New England Region to the next level.

During the last Board of Managers Meeting, Jonathan's resignation was accepted, and I accepted the responsibility associated with the Director's position. Jonathan accepted the nomination as Assistant Director and was elected to this position by the NER Managers. We also talked about this newsletter and the upcoming NER Annual Membership Meeting.

We also voted and agreed to extend everyone's membership through Dec 31st, 2009. This means that those members that have been members up to now and those that will become members through

the end of this year will be so until the end of 2009. LCOC by-laws mandate that Regional membership runs from Jan 1 through Dec 31, with the exception that those who become members after Oct 1, 2008 will be extended through the next year.

There will also be an Annual Membership Meeting / New England Clambake on October 4, 2008. The place is 823 Washington Rd, Goshen, NH 03752. This is at my house where we have ample parking for all those that want to attend and all are urged to do so. There will be no cost associated with attending this event for Primary Regional Members. No Regional funds will be used for this event. Primary NER members can invite a spouse or guest to join us in the festivities at the very affordable cost of \$10.00. There is a form that can be mailed to me on page 9 of this newsletter. Please send a response as soon as possible. If you are not bringing a spouse or guest, and don't need to send a check, you can simply email me at MRLNCN@aol.com

We will also be looking for ideas from the membership for future events. This is your Region, and it will only flourish with your input and participation.

Charles Blais
Director, New England Region

2009 Elections

The first year in a new region is always a short year, and as such, we're already having elections for our Board of Managers. Three of the nine Managers positions are up for election. The terms are for three years.

Some of you may be saying, "what do I have to do as a Manager?" There are no set rules for what each Managers does. Four of the Managers will be elected as Officers for the 2009 year by the Board of Managers. We only ask that Managers can contribute what they can. Some want to help contribute technical articles for the newsletter, some want to help put on local meets. Some want to be the membership chair and help recruit new members. We encourage any potential Managers to throw their "hat in the ring" and help us to move the region forward.

The New England Region is a rather large region geographically. We will have a few meetings where we physically need to get together and meet. We were recently given access to a teleconferencing system where Managers can call in from their homes and save some time and gas. This should really help in the coming year to allow us to have more meetings.

If you are interested in running for Manager, send a little something about yourself to the editor for our upcoming "election newsletter". We will have candidate profiles as well as a ballot. It must be received no later than Wednesday, October 1st, 2008.

You can send your profiles by regular mail to the NER Secretary, Peter Hanson, 21 Norway Drive, Chelsea, ME 04330-1023, or email to pvhan@roadrunner.com.

Classifieds...

...or lack thereof.

We need advertisements for our classified section! Members are allowed to send in an ad for parts or cars for free. Ads are limited to 50 words. The 50 words does not include your telephone number, home address or email address. You can send in pictures but remember that they may be cropped or resized to fit into a column on the newsletter. In addition to selling cars and parts, there will be a "wanted" section for cars and parts and other categories similar to the classified ads in Comments. If a member wants to advertise "services" there is a \$10 fee. This ad will run for one year of newsletters.

If you know of anyone outside the region that wants to advertise in our newsletter, the price is \$25 for one year of newsletters. Also tell prospective customers that our newsletters will be posted on the NER website as well as the LCOC website so this can generate some great exposure.

Companies can send in their business cards and we will scan them for use in their ads, or they can advertise a specific item.

Send your advertisements to the editor, Jonathan Rubbo, 20 Tower Rd. Hingham, MA 02043, or by email to jrub427@comcast.net.

Charter and Founding members of the LCOC New England Region

Charter Members

These are members who paid their dues before the April 2008 Charter Meeting, or paid at the meeting.

Connecticut

Robert and Karen DeFalco
Richard L. and Sherry McGhghy

Maine

Frank R. and Carol A. Brown
David and Dianne Freed
Bernard Grazulwich
Peter V. and Shelly L. Hanson
Jay Sparrow
Jim and Marilyn Westervelt

Massachusetts

Michael P. Barron
Joe Boca
Philip D. and Christina Capernaros
Gerald F. and Ann Chase
Doug Cubbon
Frank Daly
Richard Sr. and Eileen DeVito
Frank and Nancy Fitzgerald
John Gately
Marsha Gerber
Robert J. Gerber
Thomas H. and Barbara Hitchcock
John and Gail Howard
Ely and Ellen Kaplansky
Jason Karle
Jack and Barbara Lane
Eugene F. Pond
James and Lisa Powers
Vitas Rasys
Kenneth and Maria Rea
Jonathan Rubbo
Robert and Marcia Rykbost
Cliff and Nancy Sawyer
Jeanne Talbourdet
John Talbourdet
Roderick and Kathleen M. Towner

New Hampshire

Charles Blais
Roger F. Comire
Douglas and Pamela Grant
Stanley S. Grant
Luther W. Haartz
Peter and Doreen Hare
Donald Jordan
Gary Kittredge
John and Karolyn Richards
Michael C. Sauta

Vermont

Scott Harrower and Sarah Seidman
John D. and Ellen MacAdams

Canada

Victor and Marilyn Williams

Founding Members

These are members who joined the NER during the first year of the region's existence (March 18, 2008 to March 18, 2009).

Connecticut

Dean Thomas

Maine

Charles and Julie Cawley

Massachusetts

Daniel and Susan O'Grady
Richard A. and Peggy Hatch
Minerva Sprogis

New Hampshire

Larry Bird
Robert and Claudette Jolin

Board Of Managers - 2008

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Articles and other information for the newsletter should be sent to Jonathan Rubbo, 20 Tower Rd, Hingham, MA 02043. I can scan an article with OCR software, but electronically is always preferred. Email to jrub427@comcast.net

How you can help

We are always open to ideas and any suggestions from our members. After all, this is your region.

Since this is your region and your newsletter, we are looking for your input. If you would like to send in a little story about your Lincoln and include some pictures, you may see yourself and your "Pride and Joy" on the cover of the newsletter. This is done in many other newsletters and we think it's a great idea.

Articles for the newsletter. In addition to articles about your car, we'd like to get technical articles, or any articles related to Lincolns.

If any members know of someone who may give us a garage tour of their car collection, this could make for a nice weekend event for the winter.

If members are interested in attending Sunday brunches as the cold weather sets in, that could be fun. Ideally, we'd like suggestions for a restaurant that could put us in a separate room or an area off to the side.

It has also been suggested that we maybe have a Post Holiday party in January to help unwind and decompress after the holidays and help shake the winter blues.

We will also be discussing 2009 events with members at the October 4th Member Meeting. Hope to see you there!

Directions to the NER Annual Membership Meeting

823 Washington Rd.
Goshen, NH 03752.

If you are coming from a direction other than
Route 93, contact Charlie Blais for the best route.

From 93, take 89 north to exit 9
At the end of the ramp, go onto Route 103 West
@ 8 miles at the lights, go straight through
@ 9 miles is a rotary at the entrance to Mount
Sunapee, go straight through
1 mile from rotary, take a left onto Brook Rd
Go to the end (@ 6 miles)
Take left onto Route 10 South
Go 1/2 mile, take left on Route 31 South
1 1/2 miles on left is log house (2nd log house on
left)

The NER Annual Membership Meeting and New England Clambake is on Saturday, October 4th starting at 11:00 AM. Food will be served around 3:00-4:00 PM. Please return this form by Friday, September 26th so we'll know how much food to order.

NER Primary Members can attend for free. You can invite one spouse or guest for the small fee of \$10. Sodas and snacks will also be provided. Alcohol will not be served.

Any contributions of food or snacks will be greatly appreciated.

NER member name _____
Spouse or guest name _____

Free
Add check for \$10 made
payable to "Charles Blais"

Please return this form to....

Charlie Blais
823 Washington Rd
Goshen, NH 03752

If you are not bringing a guest, and don't need to send a check, you can simply email Charlie at MRLNCN@aol.com to let him know you will be attending.

Last call

We're not sure what we want to do with this section at this time. It might be some random item about the NER, the LCOC, or Ford/Lincoln. It might be a little trivia. It might be some funny pictures.

Maybe it will be a general comment from the Board of Managers. Something like this....

We would like to thank the many people that signed the petition to create the New England Region. We would also like to thank the 54 members who have joined the NER to date.

Now that we have over 50 paid members, the NER Director officially has a seat at the LCOC National Board Meeting held at the beginning of each year.

The NER Director also has a vote in the Fall of each year when the LCOC National Officers are elected by the Directors. Your ideas and concerns will be voiced directly to the LCOC Officers and the rest of the National Directors.

It could be said that getting over 50 members is the easy part. The hard part is keeping the NER membership growing and making the NER region a vibrant region that everyone enjoys for many years to come. We'll try our best.

Thank you,
The New England Region Board of Managers

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