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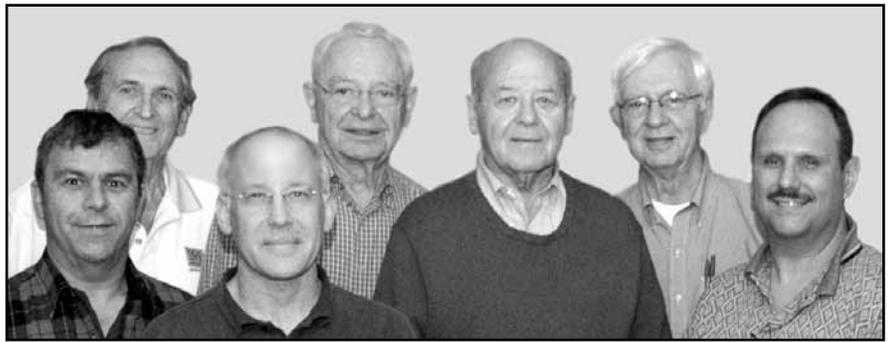
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Dave Krewson, Carl Villone.

Second Row (left to right): Ron Ross, Bill Biché,
Ray Bickert.

From the Editor



The board of Managers has an opening. Ken Dages, a charter member, and one of those truly special people we sometimes meet, has retired from the Board. Talk about big shoes to fill! *(The managers have some serious work to do. Please consider serving. It is rewarding, and doesn't need to be a major commitment. - Editor)*

When I became the Star editor several years ago, Ken held my hand for the first several issues. He is and has always 'been there,' not only for me in my short tenure, but for any project or crisis that might appear since the inception of the club. He is an absolute treasure! If there is someone more knowledgeable about the car-collector hobby, I haven't met him or her.

Ken, we will miss your leadership and dedication. Thank you.

Smoky Panepinto, Editor (panepintos@verizon.net)

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The submission of articles and Letters to the Editor is encouraged; however, it is the policy of the Philadelphia Region Lincoln and Continental Owners Club that material submitted to be part of any publication sponsored by this club will be rejected if, in the opinion of the Editor or other persons designated by the Board of Directors/Managers, such submissions contain statements that are inflammatory, contain personal opinions that could promote dissension among members, are disparaging to a member or member's car, and/or contain derogatory or uncomplimentary comparisons of one or more types of Lincolns. Submissions to The Continental Star are subject to unrestricted review and editing. Longer articles may be returned for revisions and all submissions will be edited for grammar, accuracy, clarity and length. The information and opinions expressed in the Continental Star by members and others are not necessarily those of The Philadelphia Region Lincoln and Continental Owners Club, its officers, directors, and staff.

2013 PHILADELPHIA REGION CALENDAR

Keep this calendar handy to plan your Show and Event Season!

PHILADELPHIA Region LCOC events in *Italics*



Month	Date	Event
January	18-27	Philadelphia Auto Show, PA Convention Center
	25-26	Lancaster, PA - 38th Annual Winter Parts Swap Meet
	16-19	LCOC National Board Meeting, San Antonio, TX
February	2	<i>Club Breakfast, Golden Eagle Diner, Bristol, PA 9 AM</i>
	7-9	AACA Convention, Philadelphia, PA
March	2	<i>Club Breakfast, Golden Eagle Diner, Bristol, PA 9 AM</i>
	1-3	Atlantic City Car Show & Auction, AC Convention Center
	3	<i>Club Manager's (Board) Meeting @ Villone's</i>
April	6	<i>Club Breakfast, Golden Eagle Diner, Bristol, PA 9 AM</i>
	TBD	Spring weekend, Carlisle PA Fairgrounds
May	4	<i>Club Breakfast, Golden Eagle Diner, Bristol, PA 9 AM</i>
	30-June 1	AACA Spring Meet, Gettysburg, PA
	TBD	<i>Club Event/Cruise Spring Dust-Off</i>
June	7-9	All-Ford Nationals, Carlisle, PA
	TBD	LCOC Eastern National Meet, Roanoke, VA
	TBD	<i>Club Manager's (Board) Meeting @ Ross's</i>
July	TBD	<i>Club Event - America On Wheels Museum Tour</i>
August	2-4	Das Awkscht Fescht, Macungie, PA
	10-11	New Hope, PA Auto Show
September	TBD	Wings Field Vintage Plane/Auto Show, Ambler, PA
	8	AACA Auto Show, Haddonfield, NJ
	21	<i>Club Manager's (Board) Meeting @ Casilio's</i>
October	3-5	"Fall" Weekend, Carlisle, PA
	5	<i>Club Breakfast, Golden Eagle Diner, Bristol, PA, 9 AM</i>
	9-13	Hershey, PA Fall Weekend event
	27	<i>Club Event - Peddler's Village Car Show, Lahaska, PA</i>
November	2	<i>Club Breakfast, Golden Eagle Diner, Bristol, PA, 9 AM</i>
	10	<i>Club Event - Annual Meeting-Old York Rd. CC, Ambler, PA</i>
December	7	<i>Club Breakfast, Golden Eagle Diner, Bristol, PA, 9 AM</i>
	TBD	<i>Club Manager's (Board) Meeting @ Bickert's</i>

"Club" breakfasts are informal social gatherings. All are welcome. Typically held at the Golden Eagle Diner (Rte. 13 and Bath Rd., Bristol, PA) fall through spring, location and dates could vary. Members, spouses and friends are encouraged to come out - but confirm the date with Ray Bickert first, as events and shows often conflict. His contact info is on page 2. If you live in another area and would like to organize a regular get-together, please do so; or contact a Manager - we can help! It would be great to have other areas meet regularly.

Club Annual Meeting 2012



This is a note, sent with the accompanying photos, from the Annual Meeting in November. The photos and comments are from member Bob Shaffert - Editor



Today, November 4th I attended the LCOC Luncheon at the Old York Road Country Club. The food was great!

The service excellent. To my dismay,

only 8 member's (5 of which were board members) of the 78 members of the Phila region LCOC Attended the Luncheon! There were 5 wives who attended with their husbands. Carl (Villone) gave an impressive speech going over upcoming events. Then Carl gave a prayer and we all sat down for a delicious meal.



Carl had arranged for entertainment from a duo, Karen and Michael, which was great. They sang some Sinatra songs and old favorites. All and all it

was a very nice affair and well done. Why the members do not attend is beyond me? If we are going to be active club Members we have to support our club. *Photographs by Bob Shaffert*

Director's Message



Dear Members,

Josie and I hope you and yours had a very Joyous and Healthy Holiday Season. We hope that you have many reasons to be thankful for this past year, and we look forward to a very prosperous New Year as well.

I would like to give a special 'Get Well Soon' to Club manager and Secretary Ron Ross, who recently had surgery. Ron, from all of us in the Philadelphia region, a big GET WELL SOON!!

On another note, congratulations are in order for long-time charter member Ken Dages, who won the club's prestigious "Andy Goldenberg Award" for outstanding service over many years. Congratulations Kenny!!

Looking forward to this year, your board of Managers is working hard to put together a Spring Dust-Off show, and of course, our Marquee event, Peddler's Village.

Also, plans are in the early stages for a possible 2014 Eastern National Meet. If you are interested in being a part of this type of event, and/or if you might like to serve on the board, please get back to a manager or to me so we can move forward. You would be welcome!

Again, I hope you all had a very joyous holiday season, and let's drive safely in our beautiful Lincoln motor cars!

Sincerely,

Carl Villone, Director

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Welcome New Members

Wayne Ferguson
Broadway, NJ
1972 Continental Mark IV

Frank Gallagher
Sicklerville, NJ
1976 Continental Mark IV

William Makovsky
Zionsville, PA
1956 Continental Mark II

Phil & Anna Melito
Drexel Hill, PA
1970 Continental Mark III

Notes From All Over

Member Gregg Merksamer wrote the following in answer to a Christmas greeting from Ron Ross. Note the event Gregg mentions in late June -- are any of you interested? Let a Manager know! - Editor

THANKS, RON!: I trust you had a wonderful Christmas and that your New Year is off to a great start. Hopefully, hurricanes will stay far away from here and I'll be able to do more Philly Region LCOC events in 2013. I'm wondering particularly how many members have expressed interest in doing some of the Lincoln Highway Centennial tour that will be taking the U.S. Route 30 corridor through New Jersey and Pennsylvania - June 22nd-25th - enroute to a June 30th linkup with a San Francisco convoy of classics in Kearney, Nebraska. - GREGG D. MERKSAMER

Peddler's Village Show 2012: Oh Brother!

When the board of Managers held an emergency meeting via a conference call early in the afternoon of Saturday, October 27th, none of us had any idea of the epic storm we were discussing. Hurricane Sandy was bearing down on the tri-state area, but wasn't due to really 'hit' until Monday. Friday and early Saturday, the weather forecasters kept moving her arrival ahead, first saying rain would arrive overnight Sunday into Monday...then it was late Sunday evening. By early Saturday morning the timetable had advanced to Sunday late afternoon, and earlier along the Delaware and New Jersey shore points.

Needless to say, we unanimously (though reluctantly) decided to cancel. At the time, though, the concern was attendance at the show - and largely, the impact the arriving rain would have on having a good turnout from the public, which is always quite strong at Peddler's Village.

Virtually every one of us knows all too well what Sandy brought along with her. Though the club desperately wanted the show to go on, this particular 'no show' decision was clearly the right one. Please give what you can to the recovery efforts; the storm's impact is still being felt daily by thousands of our nearby neighbors.

Club Scholarship Awarded



The club has once again awarded a Scholarship to a young adult who is studying to work in the automotive field.

Mike Apuzzo, a student at the Universal Technical Institute in Boston was awarded the scholarship this past November. It would have been awarded at the Peddler's Village Show if the show had gone as planned. Mike is from East Islip, NY. Originally planning on become a dentist, he discovered a serious interest and aptitude for automotive repair while working on his first car, a 1998 Mustang GT. His dad was always the family mechanic; after a year at Suffolk Community College he quickly realized he preferred to work with his hands, especially if cars were involved.

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At UTI, Mike gets to experience hands-on-training while learning, which he finds quite satisfying. He hopes someday to attain his master tech certification "along with an honest, trust worthy, and reliable reputation." We applaud Mike and wish him every success!

Classifieds

If you or someone you know has a Lincoln or parts for sale, or are looking for a Lincoln or parts, please email Smoky Panepinto to place a free ad in our newsletter.

FOR SALE: Front and rear seats for a '67 Continental, red. In storage since the late 70's. Seats were in excellent condition when stored. Located in West Chester, PA; ready for immediate pick-up. Grant Middlestead Jr., 484-883-3701 (cell), email spotweld2000@aol.com .

FOR SALE: 1972 Continental Mark IV. All original, garage kept. 53,000 original miles. Excellent condition. White with white leather interior. Near Allentown, PA. Asking \$9,500 OBO. Email Ralph Alban at shear145@rcn.com .



FOR SALE: 56 Mark II - light blue with original interior. Good driver with some new parts. I have owned the car for 20 years and it is time to move on. Located in Baltimore, Maryland. Call Roger Karsk 410 591-2611 or email me rkarskbalt@aol.com. \$8,500.00.

WANTED: 1976 Mark IV Black Diamond Edition in excellent condition. Should be garage kept and well-maintained; not a restoration project. Should have all the appropriate color, interior, exterior codes etc. from Ford. Larry Zimmer - email to larry@oakshade.com; phone (609) 820-6493.

FOR SALE: 1977 Mark V - featured as part of cover story in the Summer 2012 Continental STAR. It has EXTREMELY LOW mileage and is spectacular. Contact George and Eve Smith - email to 57lincoln@comcast.net; phone is 856-727-1150.



Club Fund Raiser

Mike Larum, a friend of our club, has graciously donated Lincoln Mark II jack straps to our region. These olive drab straps are exactly like the original straps used to hold the jack in place in the Mark II's trunk. They are available at a cost of \$29.95 each, plus shipping. If interested, please contact region manager, Ray Bickert.

PHILADELPHIA REGION PROJECTS



FENDER COVERS

Lincoln pride and protection with heavy, black, vinyl fender covers. Only \$19.95 each plus \$5.50 S&H, 2 for only \$37.50 plus \$7.95 S&H.

MARK II CLOTH TIE DOWN STRAP

An excellent reproduction of the Mark II cloth tie down strap, complete with the foot-man loop. Only \$29.95 each plus \$5.05 S&H. Proceeds from the sale are used to help support scholarship awards to students in the automotive program at local Tech schools.



Please order from and make checks payable to: Philadelphia Region of LCOC and mail to:

Ron Ross - 306 Welsh Road - Ambler, PA 19002

But there is another interesting hat at the Villone's - that of a train Conductor. That is, an antique toy train conductor. Since he was very young, Carl has been collecting toy trains. They have a 16' X 24' 3-level platform with 10 sets of trains. Carl, this sounds like a good excuse for a club Cruise event! See the photos accompanying this story.

The ultimate for Carl? True to his big-car roots, he hopes to find the right '56 Mark II and a '59 Continental Mark IV convertible at some point - big cars indeed!



Cover Story: Carl and Josie Villone, Blenheim, New Jersey

Our cover story for this issue is about Carl and Josie Villone. Carl joined the club in 1996 and became the Director of our Region four years ago, when Ray Bickert stepped down. Carl and Josie live in the NJ suburbs of Philadelphia, and have two sons - Carl Jr. and Anthony.

Carl's took notice of big cars when he was a teenager. "While I was in high school, my mom had a Buick Electra 225. Then my dad bought a '72 Lincoln Continental Town Car. After that I was hooked on Lincolns," he writes.

When he was 21, Carl wanted to buy a new '78 Town Coupé, but (enter Josie), he 'got married instead.' *Editor's note - Gee; does that sound familiar to anyone??*



Over the years, they have owned a wide variety of Lincolns - a Mark IV, Mark V, Designer, Diamond Jubilee and others. Not to be left out of the family's car hobby, Josie recently chose a 2011 Camaro RS convertible; they also have a hot 2010 Mustang.

Carl finally got that late 1970's Town Coupé last April. He found a '79 that needed some engine and chassis restoration and detailing.

His close friend Jim Weikel (also a friend of our club and a noted Mercury expert) helped him with this. Carl says that Jim taught him a great deal about car restoration. In August, he showed the car at New Hope (before the restoration work) and it placed 3rd... It later took a first at Hershey, taking an AACA National Award. He has already circled this May on his calendar - he hopes to take home some hardware from the ENM of the AACA in Gettysburg. Needless to say, Carl is quite proud of this car!



For 38 years, Carl has worked for the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company as a Meat, Seafood and Deli Specialist; his work includes some regional travel.

The LCOC isn't Carl's only car avocation. He is also President of his local AACA region, and serves as an AACA Senior Master Judge.

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