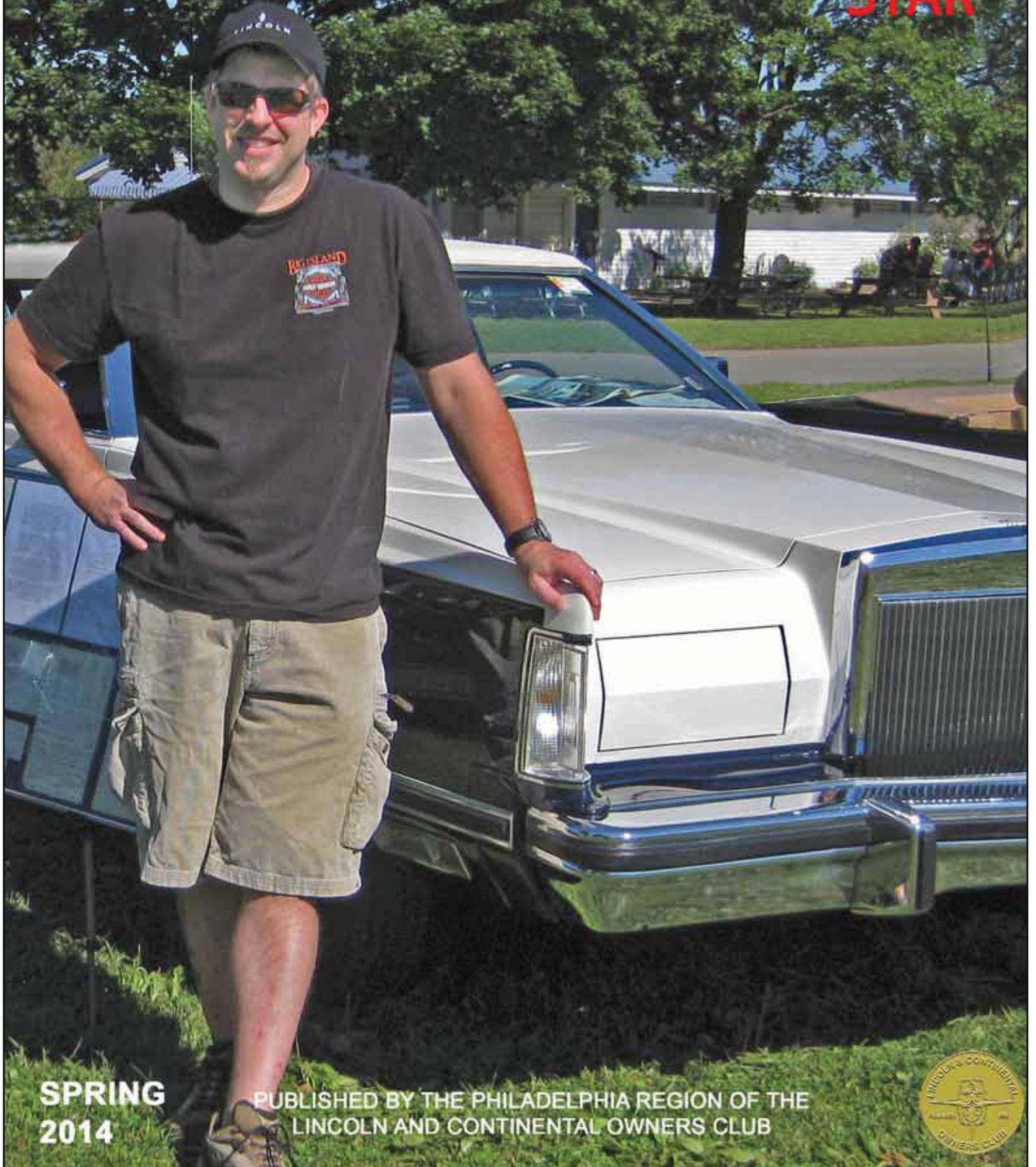


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Director's Message



Emerging from this past winter reminds me of the Geico insurance commercial where the caveman crawls out from under a rock into the world - especially when I am traveling on some of our disintegrating roads and streets! Take extra care driving your restored pride & joy on the region's pock-marked roads. I shudder almost as much as a 50-year old suspension just thinking about those expensive tie-rod ends and ball joints - not to mention, KING PINS - being jostled and jarred by an unexpected crater while on a 'pleasure' cruise...

...and then there is the scary plight of the Phillies. Talk about unexpected craters! Their bullpen may need more than some cold patch to hold their season together...
...though the Flyers' season has been extended into the playoffs (PLAYOFFS?*^%\$#@), at least as I compose this. Hopefully they will play long enough for us all to FINALLY turn our heaters off for the 'summer,' whatever that is. Having survived this last PA winter, any thought of summer seems like a tall tale of a grandparent!

...Some sunshine - Beginning on Saturday, August 17th, member Pete Watson invites all to "Cars & Coffee" - a weekly, casual cruise-in on Saturday mornings at Old Forge Motor Cars, in Lansdale PA, at 1101 N. Broad Street. For info, call Pete at 215-631-1776.

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2014 PHILADELPHIA REGION CALENDAR

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

PHILADELPHIA Region LCOC events in *Italics*

Month	Date	Event
May	3	<i>Club Breakfast, Golden Eagle Diner, Bristol, PA 9 AM</i>
	TBD	<i>Club Dust-Off event; details yet to come</i>
	29-31	<i>AACA Spring Meet</i>
June	6-8	<i>All-Ford Nationals, Carlisle, PA</i>
	8	<i>Club Manager's Meeting, Ken/Elsa Dages', Doylestown PA</i>
July	TBD	<i>Club Event, America on Wheels Museum Tour</i>
	16-20	<i>Western National Meet, Tacoma, WA. See info in this issue of the STAR.</i>
August	1-3	<i>51st Das Awkscht Fescht Auto Show, Macungie, PA</i>
	6-9	<i>Lincoln Motorcar Museum Dedication Celebration, Hickory Corners, MI. See info in this issue of the STAR.</i>
	9-10	<i>New Hope, PA Auto Show</i>
	17	<i>Old Forge Motor Cars "Cars & Coffee," 8:30-11 AM, Lansdale, PA. See info in this issue of the STAR.</i>
September	6	<i>Wings & Wheels Vintage Plane/ Auto Show, Wings Field, Ambler, PA</i>
	17-21	<i>LCOC Mid-America National Meet, Rockford, IL</i>
	TBD	<i>Club Manager's Meeting, date & location not set</i>
October	1-5	<i>"Fall" Weekend, Carlisle, PA</i>
	4	<i>Club Breakfast, Golden Eagle Diner, Bristol, PA, 9 AM</i>
	8-12	<i>Hershey, PA Fall Weekend event</i>
	19	<i>Club Event - Peddler's Village Car Show, Lahaska, PA...</i>
	26	<i>Rain Date for Peddler's Village Show IF NEEDED</i>
November	1	<i>Club Breakfast, Golden Eagle Diner, Bristol, PA, 9 AM</i>
	9	<i>Club Event - Annual Meeting-Old York Rd. CC, Ambler, PA</i>
December	6	<i>Club Breakfast, Golden Eagle Diner, Bristol, PA, 9 AM</i>
	TBD	<i>Club Manager's (Board) Meeting, date & location not set</i>



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

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.



Eastern National Meet 2015 (...and 2015 is not a misprint...) *by Carl Villone, Club Director*

Greetings fellow Lincoln enthusiasts! As I sit here writing this message to you all, the weather is finally breaking. It's a beautiful 70 degrees and sunny which means springtime has officially arrived! The ice and snow of this terrible winter is gone - although the unpleasant memories are still with us. But now, the horizon is full of gorgeous sunny days for which we can take out our heavy metal and drive into the sunset.

The Philadelphia Region of the Lincoln Continental Owners Club proudly presents "*Lincolns and Continentals in the Brandywine Valley*". This, the Eastern National Meet for NEXT year, will take place June 10th to the 14th of 2015 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, located in Glen Mills, Pennsylvania. For your GPS, the address of the Wyndham, the Headquarters Hotel, is 1110 Baltimore Pike, Glen Mills, PA 19342. Glen Mills is between West Chester, PA and Wilmington, DE, just off of Route 202.



The area is beautiful, and rich in heritage dating back to the American Revolution. Plans are "full steam ahead" now, with the first chairmen's meeting behind us. All roles and tasks have been placed, with the exception of the position of Banquet Chairman (Would you like to head this up?). Other volunteers will be needed to staff the Registration tables, plan and organize the show field, and other important aspects of the event. Please start planning for 2015 now, as your club plays host to the finest Lincoln automobiles in the world! This will be a very memorable show and we also need everyone's support to make sure this is a great success. We will keep you informed as the time progresses.



At this time I would also like to introduce a new member of the LCOC, Michael Rigg. Michael will be serving as our webmaster and IT specialist. Please know that we will need many volunteers; if you are interested please contact Michael Rigg at mrigg.techguy@gmail.com.



Moving on, the new Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum on the campus of the Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, Michigan will celebrate its Grand Opening on August 9th and 10th of THIS year, 2014. Please try to attend; this is a once-in-a-lifetime event that will include the Grand Opening Ribbon-Cutting as part of the weekend of festivities. Please see the invitation flyer on the next page. This occasion will be unforgettable and is not one to be missed.

Closer to home, plans are in place for our annual **Peddler's Village car show** which will take place on **Sunday October 19th**. The show is open to all makes of cars through 1993 and Lincolns through 2014.

Enjoy the beautiful spring weather as we drive our Lincolns and Continentals!

*Cordially,
Carl Villone, Philadelphia Region LCOC Director*

Lincoln Motor Car Museum Dedication August 6-9, 2014



Dear LCOC Members & Friends:

Mark your calendars: August 6-9, 2014 (Wednesday thru Saturday) will be the building dedication of the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum on the grounds of the [Gilmore Car Museum](#) in Hickory Corners, Michigan. The previous information was August 9 and 10, and that is changed

In addition, all Lincoln Clubs together are organizing a series of activities that culminate with the ribbon cutting of the museum building to the public on Saturday August 9, 2014. Complete information will be available shortly, by the first part of April. A dedicated group of Lincoln enthusiasts are working on putting this Museum dedication together for your enjoyment. Details of the events are forthcoming, but for those who are so motivated, we recommend making any hotel reservations as soon as you are able. Reserved rooms are limited and a great rate for this event.

The host hotel is the [Four Points Kalamazoo by Sheraton](#) in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Call 269-385-3922 and use the code LINCOLN OWN (as in Lincoln Owners Club) to get the room rate of \$99 + tax per night. Each room night reservation includes two hot breakfasts (one for you and your guest) so it is a great deal. You can cancel your room by 4PM the day of if your plans change. The backup hotel is the [Holiday Inn Express](#) which is located right next door to the Four Points. Call 269-373-0770 and use the code LINCOLN OWN to get the rate of \$99 + tax per night plus two breakfasts.

Welcome New Members

Garry H. Morton

(Director, Mid-Atlantic Region of the LCOC)

325 Den Rd.

Stamford, CT 06903

Cars:

1963 Lincoln Continental Sedan

1987 Lincoln Town Car "Sail America"

Alex & Donna Tompa

2 Merrick Pl.

Pennington, NJ 08534

Car:

* 1960 Lincoln Continental Sedan

George H. Watts

18 Berlin Cross Keys Rd.

Williamstown, NJ 08094

Car:

No Lincoln at the moment

Regional National Meets for 2014

Plan that Vacation Now!



The entire schedule of Regional National Meets has become available in time for this issue of the Continental STAR, so it seems only right to include the info on each. Perhaps you are wrestling with where to go and what to see on a vacation get-away this year... Not to worry! Your LCOC has options right on through the year. Hey; with our club hosting the ENM next year, maybe you can pick up a few ideas at one of this year's National Meets.

Eastern National Meet - First up is this year's Eastern National Meet, coming up NOW in St. Pete Beach, Florida April 30th to May 4th. Hosted by the Florida Region, the show is "Lincolns Touring the Gulf" at the Sirata Beach Resort and Conference Center, 5300 Gulf Blvd, St. Pete Beach, Florida. The Meet is 'right down the street' from Chris Dunn's Lincoln Land - one of the most significant Lincoln parts suppliers in the country, and an attraction in its own right; the Meet will be visiting the Lincoln Land spread as an official event.

Western National Meet 2014 - This year's Western National Meet, "Discover Lincolns at Discovery Bay," will be held July 16-20 at the Best Western Plus Hotel in scenic Tacoma, Washington. It will feature a driving tour of Mt. Rainier, with the show field being at the LeMay Auto Museum in Tacoma. For information/registration info, please email to lincstar61@comcast.net. Editor's Note - My family camped and hiked Washington State last August. It is spectacular - and not fully appreciated 'back east.' If you have a chance, make the trip!

Mid-America Meet 2014 - The Lake Shore Region is celebrating its 25th year by hosting this year's Mid-America Meet in Rockford, Illinois September 17-21. The Meet will be based at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Rockford. The reservation phone # is 815-226-2100. Events will include a tour of 'Historic Auto Attractions,' an eclectic museum featuring Conway Twitty's '56 Continental Mark II. Other activities will include a visit to Ronald Reagan's boyhood home and also a visit at the John Deere Historical Site. For Meet info, contact Barb Esdale, Meet Chair, (847) 831-2544, email ezzy4112@yahoo.com ; or contact Carol Whitmire, Meet Registrar, (847) 275-3079 or email allantegal@comcast.net.

PHILADELPHIA REGION PROJECTS



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MARK II CLOTH TIE DOWN STRAP

An excellent reproduction of the Mark II cloth tie down strap, complete with the footman 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

Troy Kasick - COntinued from back cover

My grandmother is a saver. She saves just about everything; so the trunk and glove box contained every single document for this car - including the window sticker, bill of sale, receipt for the purchase deposit (with my grandfathers signature), all warranty info, odometer statement, original registration, manuals and even the salesman's business card! The only thing that remained to be found was the elusive build sheet; I found that this past year. I blindly probed under the backseat until I felt paper between the springs. I gently pulled, and out came two copies of the build sheet -- like something out of a time capsule.



I now look forward to showing the car as it is now - finally - coming into maturity as a classic. Beyond that, the car means an awful lot to me, as my grandparents did. It is a symbol of their hard work, and one that they never really took the time to enjoy. Because of this the car has less than 13,000 original miles. My grandfather has since passed; 8 years (to the day) that I am writing this. I hope he is happy about the interest and care I have taken of it. My grandmother still lives in Palmerton and the car still sits in her garage, under a cover. Every single time I get in the car it reminds me of them and of my childhood. This past week my wife gave birth to our first son (she was pregnant when pictured in the photo with the car from Das Awkscht Fescht). In the future, I hope he has memories of the car just as fond as I do.

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: 1976 Mark IV Cartier Edition; 2-owner car with 48,000 original miles. Documented from day of delivery. AACA National 1st Place Senior Winner, 2011. New tires (5), new shocks, battery and more. The car needs nothing! It was also featured on the Autumn, 2011 STAR cover. \$20,000 firm. Call Bob Shaffert @ 609-654-6690.



Notes and News

The following was in an email from long-time member Bob Aquaro, now living in Florida. Bob was quite involved in the 2007 Liberty Bell Meet, held by our Region in Cherry Hill, NJ:

Star was great reading, as usual, Smoky! Thanks! Nice to hear that the 2015 ENM will be back home! If I am still alive and driving, I will attend! I may attend the St Petersburg Beach Meet this April. I will send pictures if I do. Any PHILA REGION guys coming down for that?

Happy New Year and all the best to everyone, RJA (Bob Aquaro)



Cover Story: My 1979 Continental Mark V Bill Blass Edition

by Troy Kasick

Editor's note: I had the pleasure of meeting Troy Kasick at the Fall Meet at Lahaska. The story of his car is compelling! I hope you agree. Troy put the article together within a week of the birth of a bouncing baby boy. (The accompanying photos were provided by Troy Kasick.)

My car is a 1979 Mark V, the Bill Blass Edition. It belonged to George and Dolores Kasick, my grandparents, who lived in Palmerton, PA. It was a

gift to my grandmother for Christmas 1979 in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary. It was purchased out of the showroom of Lehigh Lincoln Mercury. To this day, it still smells the same as it did back then, when new.

My grandfather, a former Bethlehem Steel worker, had a steel fabricating business in Palmerton and was a very hardworking man. My grandmother ran the books and the household. They worked virtually 7 days a week and rarely if ever vacationed. The Lincoln was the only luxury vehicle they ever owned. Born in 1976, I was around 3 years old when they got it.



My first memory of the car is of my grandfather picking me up one summer when I was quite young; we lived across the state at that time. I remember falling asleep in it while he drove, listening to Eddy Arnold and Elvis on 8-track tapes.

My grandmother, on the other hand, rarely drove the car very far. In fact, she was scared to park it due to its size, and she didn't want to damage it. As a result, it sat for many years in their garage. The only time the car has been in inclement weather to date was the day of my great grandfather's funeral, when it rained.

It wasn't until my mid- to late teens that I took an interest in the car. My grandparents owned a car wash, and I spent my summers detailing cars on the side, alongside of it. In 1993, I got the courage to ask my grandparents if I could enter the Mark in the annual Palmerton Car show, held in the town park. This, of course, was met with some skepticism! But, they agreed, and so I spent many days washing, waxing and polishing the car for its big day. While most kids my age were into Mustangs and other muscle cars, I was often laughed at because of the size and type of car the Mark was. Even my family could not understand what I saw in it. I always felt it was beautiful.

I entered it into several local cruises and shows until I went into the military, followed by college. With me away, the car sat, untouched, for many years in the garage. It wasn't until about 5 years ago I decided to get it back on the road, flushing fluids, installing new hoses, belts, a new battery, new whitewalls, springs, and a LOT of detailing!!

