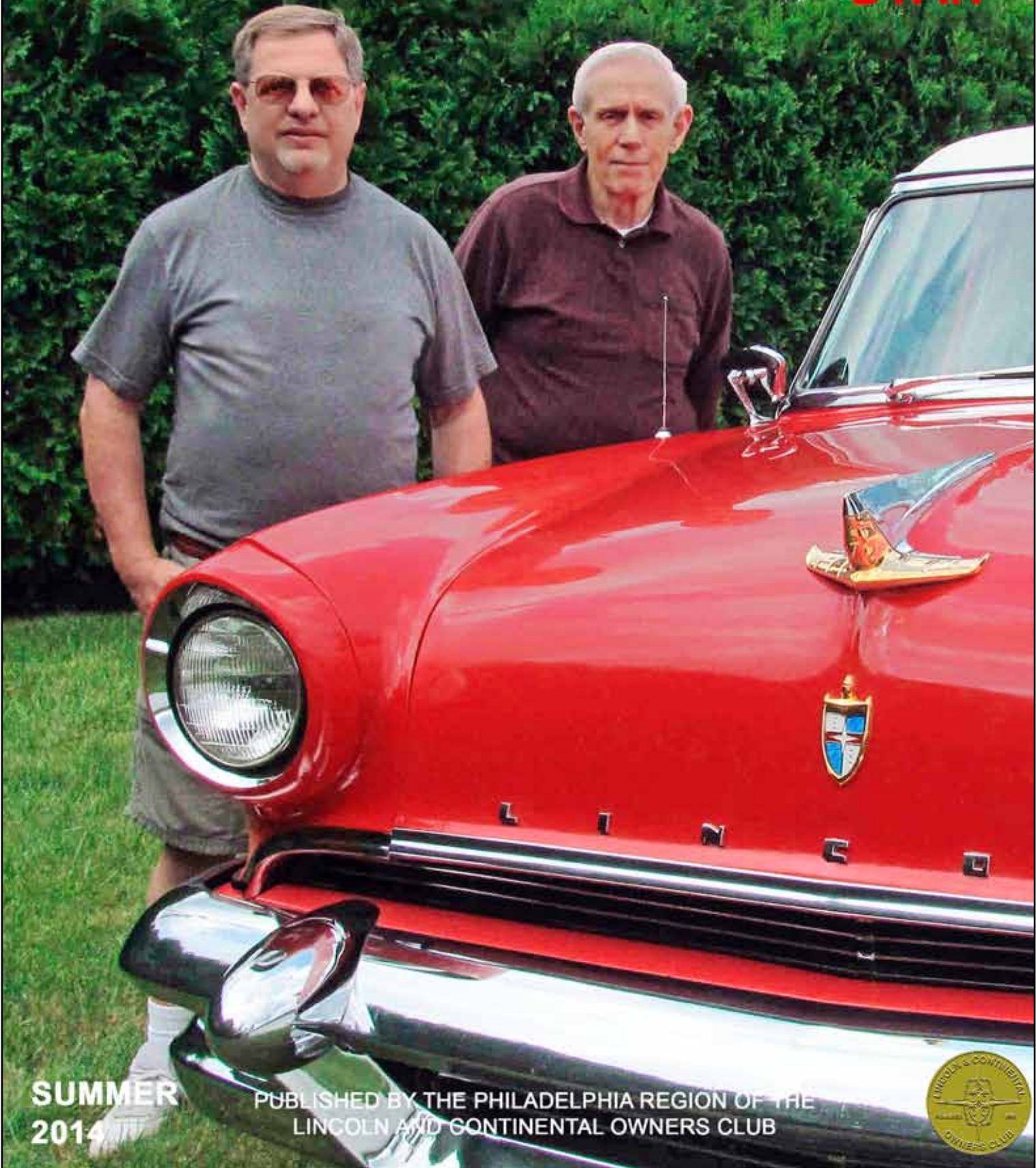


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**YOUR NAME  
COULD BE HERE**

*Contact a manager today!*



## Editor's Message



The June Managers' meeting was noteworthy, as Ron Ross, club Secretary and Acting Membership Chair, celebrated a birthday. Special thanks to Elsa



and Ken Dages, who put things together, including baking a Mark II cake for Ron! The photo shows him as he is carefully calculating the points-total after judging the car...

...Please take a few moments and ponder how you can be a part of the ENM next June, as we are now organizing things. YOU have a special, once-in-a-very-long-time opportunity as ENM 2015 approaches. Contact Mike Rigg (mrigg.techguy@gmail.com) or any Manager; we will warmly welcome your willing hands to the ENM 2015 staff!...

... a reminder - 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.

*Smoky Panepinto, Editor (panepintos@verizon.net)*

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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
July	16-20	Western National Meet, Tacoma, WA. See info in this issue of the STAR.
August	1-3	51st Das Awkscht Fescht Auto Show, Macungie, PA
	6-9	Lincoln Motorcar Museum Dedication Celebration, Hickory Corners, MI. See info in this issue of the STAR.
	9-10	New Hope, PA Auto Show
	17	Old Forge Motor Cars "Cars & Coffee," 8:30-11 AM, Lansdale, PA. See info in this issue of the STAR.
September	6	Wings & Wheels Vintage Plane/ Auto Show, Wings Field, Ambler, PA
	17-21	LCOC Mid-America National Meet, Rockford, IL
	TBD	<i>Club Manager's Meeting, date &amp; location not set</i>
October	1-5	"Fall" Weekend, Carlisle, PA
	4	<i>Club Breakfast, Golden Eagle Diner, Bristol, PA, 9 AM</i>
	8-12	Hershey, PA Fall Weekend event
	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 &amp; 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.

## 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**



# Regional National Meets for 2014

## *Plan that Vacation Now!*

Here is the schedule of remaining Regional National Meets for this year, along with an opportunity to be part of a once-in-a-lifetime event in the life of the Lincoln marque. Any of these would be time very well spent! ...and, with our club hosting the ENM next year, maybe you can pick up a few ideas at one of this year's National events.

### **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](mailto: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!*

### **Lincoln Motor Car Museum Dedication - August 6-9, 2014**

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. A dedicated group of Lincoln enthusiasts are working on putting this Museum dedication together for your enjoyment. 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.

### **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](mailto:ezzy4112@yahoo.com); or contact Carol Whitmire, Meet Registrar, (847) 275-3079 or email [allantegal@comcast.net](mailto:allantegal@comcast.net).



## Director's Message

*Greetings Lincoln Members!!* Plans are full steam ahead for the 2015 Eastern National Meet in Glen Mills, Pennsylvania. Plans are all falling into place. We have a wonderful line-up of tours in the works and it should prove to be an amazing time. If you would like to take part in this historic event please notify Michael Rigg (mrigg.techguy@gmail.com) for more information.

Start looking for merchandise you would like to donate for the Friday night auction. Potential donors are all around you - your favorite garage or other place of business, etc. The auction and judging ceremony is going to be well-planned and will be a good time for all. Please remember to clear your schedules and join us as we are all working hard and diligently to bring you a great Meet.



This summer is shaping up to be a busy time for all Lincoln enthusiasts. In Hickory Corners Michigan on August 6th, the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum will be hosting a Meet as part of its official dedication ceremonies - and YOU are invited, with or without your Lincoln! There are going to be a lot of activities taking place including a ribbon-cutting and a 120-mile driving tour. If you would like to attend be sure to book your room reservations at one of the surrounding hotels. See the article in this issue of the STAR for more.

Closer to home, The New Hope Car Show will be taking place on August 9th and 10th. Please contact member Ron Ross (rross306@yahoo.com) with questions or for registration info.

In September (on Sept. 6th) Wings N Wheels, a visually stunning show combining autos and aircraft, will be held near Ambler, PA. See the article in this STAR for more.

The club's Marquee event of the year is the Peddler's Village Car Show on Sunday, October 19th. The show is open to all makes of cars through 1993, and Lincolns through 2014. A registration flyer is in this issue of the STAR. Be sure to make this fabulous event!

That's all for now, be sure to enjoy the beautiful summer weather and take advantage of it while we have it!

*Cordially,  
Carl Villone, Philadelphia Region LCOC Director*

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## Your Show Agenda Awaits... Enjoy!

"Coming right up" are a number of car shows that are always special in their own right. As an LCOC member, you have a standing invitation to be a VIP for a day at any/all of them!

First up is the renowned New Hope Auto Show, held in historic New Hope, PA - right on the Delaware River near the New Jersey border.

Beginning Saturday, August 17th and continuing every Saturday from 8:30 to 11 AM is "Cars & Coffee," a casual cruise-in held at Old Forge Motor Cars on Broad Street in Lansdale, PA - just off of Rte. 309. For info, contact member Pete Watson at (215) 631-1776.

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September 6th is the 'very visual' Wings N Wheels Show in Ambler, PA, not far from Rte. 309 and the PA Turnpike. This show benefits Angel Flight East, a service providing free air transport for medical treatments. Registration info for both the New Hope and Wings N Wheels shows is available from Ron Ross - rross306@yahoo.com, or (215) 654-9663.



October 19th (Rain date Oct. 26th) brings the club's "Granddaddy of them all," the Lahaska, PA Peddler's Village Show. Stunning fall colors mix with the myriad shades of over 100 cars in a most spouse-friendly environment (read: many great 'cutesy' shops!). See the flyer below for info. Be there or be square!




**PHILADELPHIA REGION  
LINCOLN CONTINENTAL  
OWNERS CLUB  
ANNUAL FALL MEET  
SUNDAY OCTOBER 19, 2014  
RAIN DATE OCTOBER 26  
9 a.m.—3 p.m.  
(Ballots will be counted at 1 p.m.)**




**BANK OF AMERICA PARKING LOT—RT 263  
PEDDLER'S VILLAGE  
Lahaska, PA**

**THIS SHOW IS OPEN TO ALL MAKES OF CARS THROUGH 1994  
LINCOLNS THROUGH 2015 MAY BE SHOWN**

SEVERAL OWNERS' CHOICE AND OTHER AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN AT THIS SHOW  
PRE-REGISTERED CARS WILL RECEIVE A DASH PLAQUE SHOWING A CLASSIC LINCOLN

**PRE-REGISTRATION**  
MAIL THIS FORM AND A CHECK FOR \$10.00—BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2014  
DASH PLAQUES TO THE FIRST 60 PRE-REGISTERED ONLY  
REGISTRATION DAY OF SHOW—\$15.00

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: PHILADELPHIA REGION—L.C.O.C.  
MAIL CHECK AND COMPLETED FORM TO:  
JIM CASILIO, 3412 JACOBY RD., COOPERSBURG, PA 18036**



Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Make of Car \_\_\_\_\_  
Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Features \_\_\_\_\_  
eMail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
I would like to get emails about these shows \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by LCOC  
**CAR NUMBER**

**SIGNATURE REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION TO SHOW:**  
I/we will not hold the Philadelphia Region LCOC liable for any damage incurred while displaying my vehicle at this show  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**"FOR SALE" SIGNS ARE NOT PERMITTED**  
PLEASE PUT YOUR EMERGENCY BRAKE ON WHEN DISPLAYING YOUR CAR



*Back Cover Story - continued*

1955 was the only year that the Capri was offered with both a V-8 and Turbo-Drive. This car has been painstakingly detailed, including having all of the goldwork re-done. It is quite well equipped, including the stoplight 'prism' option on the dashboard, power windows and seat, and a dual heating system.

John and Bill's parts inventory includes everything needed for 'factory correct' AC, though that may or may not see its way onto the car, according to its owners.



John and Bill represented the Allen Organ Company (of Allentown, PA) in northern and central California for many years, and chose to retire to the Allentown area several years ago - which brought them to be members of our Region. It is great to have them, along with their rolling treasures, as part of the club.

## Welcome New Members

**Michael Rigg**

*(IT and Webmaster for the Philadelphia Region LCOC)*  
Blenheim, NJ 08012

**James (Jim) Wickel**

Mullica Hill, NJ 08062

## 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.



**FOR SALE:** personal concerns dictate the sale of my '41 Continental (Burgundy exterior, tan interior) - a fine running car - checked out by John Greenly and in very good condition, \$40,000; AND my 1992 Town Car with only 70,000 miles, and in top condition. Please call Warren Williams (215) - 343-6852



## Cover Story: Talk About A Barn Find!

### *The Cars of John Nelson and Bill Davis*

*by Smoky Panepinto, Editor*



Open the RV-sized overhead door of John Nelson and Bill Davis's car barn and you are treated to quite a sight. There are eight lovelies, all of them remarkable in one way or another, but all with two things in common: They are all road-worthy and they are all low (or very low) mileage cars. There is our cover auto, a 1955 Capri, along with a '48 Lincoln,



a '49 Cosmopolitan complete with a dealer's ID plate 'topper' and only 40,000 miles, a sweet '63 sedan, a '65 sedan with 23,000 miles, an amazing Continental Mark II, a '69 Mark III, and one interloper -- a very rare '54 Buick Roadmaster convertible complete with K-H wheels. All are exquisite, and all have fascinating stories. The Roadmaster, for instance, belonged to

longtime friends Ira and Marion Holt, from whom it was acquired. Apparently Marion was quite well-known in and around Alameda, California for cruising in the massive roadster.



John was born biased towards Lincolns, as he is the son of the first Lincoln dealer in Grand Junction, Colorado, which opened in 1946. Bill, originally from southern Idaho, came by his commitment to the marque in quite a different manner. His family farmed; ALL of their powered vehicles and equipment were Ford products. Simply put, he had no



choice but to love anything attached to the FoMoCo.

Their Cosmopolitan has a one-of-a-kind detail...Take a close look at the photo showing the trunk of the Cosmopolitan - the dealer ID topper is one of two that John's mother kept as



mementoes from owning Grand Mesa Motors. Because of the unique configuration of the Cosmopolitan's trunk brightwork, this was the only way dealers were able to place a dealer's ID plate.



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