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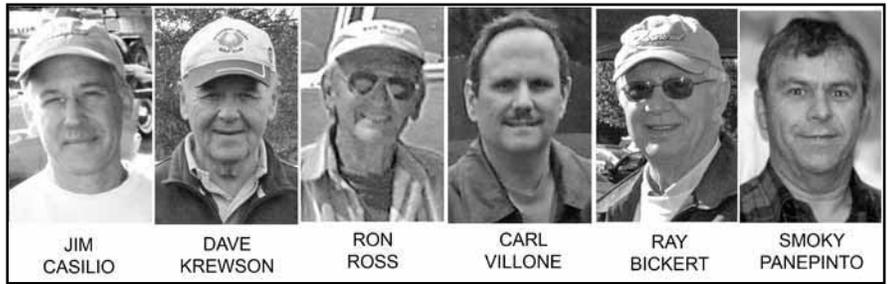
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COULD BE HERE**

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## **Random Thoughts from the Editor**



As the Eastern National Meet approaches - if you haven't noticed, it is coming in early summer, June 10-14 - opportunity is truly knocking for you and all of us. The Meet will be in Glen Mills, PA, in the heart of the Brandywine Valley of Southeastern Pennsylvania. Some easy volunteer opportunities await...and, if you will bear with me for a couple of brief paragraphs, you will learn about the opportunities this brings.

There will be a welcome/registration area staffed by smiling, friendly Philadelphia LCOC members, spouses and friends. This is a coveted spot, as the registration desk is inside, in the AC. As the show attendees arrive, they are eager to meet the host club and learn the details of the Meet. Other areas where we can all help include the show field, the auction and simply being 'around' to pitch in wherever help might be needed. My personal experience from helping at the last ENM we hosted in 2007, is that I learned SO-O much about my car - large and small things - that I remain thankful to this day.

As car collectors, we have all invested heavily in our 'hobby'... sometimes in spite of logic, often in the face of differing opinions from family members... And now, having a National Meet right here -- and HOSTING it, places each of us in a most enviable position. These folks are traveling here to meet each of us and to experience our cars! They WANT to spend time with us, and many of them know more about our Lincolns than we do! Take advantage of the Meet, and ask questions! Make the most of having so much Lincoln and Continental expertise right here in your back yard.

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

## **POLICY ON EDITING ARTICLES FOR THE CONTINENTAL STAR**

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.

# 2015 PHILADELPHIA REGION CALENDAR

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

PHILADELPHIA Region LCOC events in *Italics*

## Month Date Event

February	7	<i>Club Breakfast, Golden Eagle Diner, Bristol, PA 9 AM</i>
	1-8	Philadelphia Auto Show, Phila, Convention Center
	27-Mar. 1	Atlantic City Car Show & Auction, AC Convention Center
March	7	<i>Club Breakfast, Golden Eagle Diner, Bristol, PA 9 AM</i>
	TBD	<i>Club Manager's (Board) Meeting- date/location TBD</i>
April	4	<i>Club Breakfast, Golden Eagle Diner, Bristol, PA 9 AM</i>
	22-26	Spring Weekend, Carlisle, PA Fairgrounds
	30-May 2	AACA Spring Meet, Virginia Beach, VA
May	2	<i>Club Breakfast, Golden Eagle Diner, Bristol, PA 9 AM</i>
June	5-7	All-Ford Nationals, Carlisle, PA Fairgrounds
	10-14	<i>EASTERN NATIONAL MEET, GLEN MILLS, PA - see info and registration info in this issue of the STAR</i>
July	31-Aug. 2	52nd Das Awkscht Fest Auto Show, Macungie, PA
August	5-9	LCOC Mid-America National Meet, Hickory Corners, MI
	8-9	New Hope, PA Auto Show (Lincoln Class on Saturday)
September	5	Wings & Wheels Vintage Plane/Auto Show, Wings Field, Ambler, PA contact Ron Ross (club Manager) for info
	TBD	<i>Club Manager's Meeting, date &amp; location not set</i>
October	1-4	"Fall" Weekend, Carlisle, PA (begins Sept. 30)
	3	<i>Club Breakfast, Golden Eagle Diner, Bristol, PA, 9 AM</i>
	7-10	Hershey, PA Fall Weekend event
	18	<i>Club Event - Peddler's Village Car Show, Lahaska, PA.</i>
	25	<i>Rain Date for Peddler's Village Show IF NEEDED</i>
November	7	<i>Club Breakfast, Golden Eagle Diner, Bristol, PA, 9 AM</i>
	8	<i>Club Event - Annual Meeting-Old York Rd. CC, Ambler, PA</i>
December	5	<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.

# Director's Message



*Dear Members,*

2015 is here, the cold weather is with us, but don't fret! Springtime will be here before you know it!! Plans for the 2015 Eastern National Meet are in full motion. June 10th to the 14th is sure to be a memorable week for all of us!!

The Meet is being held in Glen Mills Pennsylvania, at the Wyndham Garden Hotel on Route 202! As you know, we have a host of activities lined up for your enjoyment; so be sure to reserve your room and send in your registration! For your convenience, the registration form is on page 5 of this issue of the Continental STAR. Please contact the hotel directly for your room reservation. Call them at 610-358-1700 and be sure to mention "The Lincoln Club Rate," which is discounted to \$109.00 plus tax.

The snow is flying as I speak, however I encourage you all -- please get your car ready for the show! It promises to be the best in recent years. We are looking for some volunteers to help at the Eastern National Meet in various easy roles such as hospitality, auction assistants and judges' runners. I encourage you all to PLEASE send in registration forms as soon as possible so you can be guaranteed to have a good time!!

*Yours Truly,  
Carl Villone, Director*



## Welcome New Member

**Anthony Rodilosso**

East Berlin, PA 17316

1979 Mark V

## It Is (*or it was*) That Time of Year Again

Our club is healthy, largely due to you and all of our members. In addition to offering the opportunity to access the LCOC website's forum and direct access to the most knowledgeable Lincoln/Continental experts in the world, the club conducts events such as the Peddler's Village show, presents scholarships to young adults to attend automotive trade school when the club is (financially) able to, and offers numerous social events both casual and more structured, throughout the year. In addition, the multiple-award winning STAR newsletter arrives in members' mailboxes or email inboxes quarterly.

However, producing the STAR alone costs virtually the club's entire annual budget! And this, with volunteer composition/editing and cover development. The point of this? There are a number of loyal members who have not yet sent in their dues for this year...please do so as soon as you can, if you have not yet done so. With postage costs being \$1.20 per copy, we will have no choice but to remove those who aren't paid up from the next STAR and club mailing lists.

No one wants that to happen; so please send that \$20 to Ron Ross, 306 E. Welsh Rd., Ambler, PA 19002 - AS SOON AS YOU CAN. Cash, check, money order or S & H Green Stamps are accepted (hmm; cash, checks or money orders, anyway).

*Smoky Panepinto, Editor*



# Lincoln and Continental Owners Club National Meet Registration Form

Official Use  
Only

This Registration Must Be Received by Michael Rigg no later than m  
May 1, 2015. **Late Registrations Will Require \$25 Late Fee!**

National Meet attending: ( ) ~~Western~~ ( ) ~~Mid-America~~ (✓) Eastern

**ALL SPACES MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL IN ORDER TO PROCESS YOUR APPLICATION**

**-MEMBER INFORMATION-**

MEMBER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE/GUEST \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PREFERRED PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) DAY ( ) NIGHT  
MEMBERSHIP CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**-VEHICLE INFORMATION- **SUBMIT SEPARATE FORMS FOR EACH VEHICLE!!****

VEHICLE YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_  
BODY STYLE \_\_\_\_\_ VIN # \_\_\_\_\_  
LICENSE PLATE # \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ VEHICLE COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK DIVISION ENTERING**

EMERITUS     SENIOR     TOURING/ORIGINAL     PRESERVATION  
 PRIMARY [Includes Modified custom #201 and Professional Vehicles #202]  
 EXHIBITION [Non-judged Lincolns including those less than 10 years old]  
CLASS NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ (See Next Page)

IF VEHICLE IS ENTERED IN CLASS 201, LIST THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE VEHICLE: \_\_\_\_\_

LIABILITY INSURANCE CARRIER \_\_\_\_\_  
POLICY # \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

If you are trailering your vehicle, please indicate full length of tow vehicle and trailer. \_\_\_\_\_  
--- UL Approved fully charged fire extinguisher required for each vehicle. No exceptions. ---

**-LIABILITY RELEASE & SIGNATURE-**

THE UNDERSIGNED LINCOLN and CONTINENTAL OWNERS CLUB MEMBER SIGNING FOR AND REPRESENTING SPOUSE AND GUEST, IN REQUESTING TO ENTER THE ABOVE NATIONAL MEET, DOES **HEREBY** RELEASE THE NATIONAL CLUB AND SPONSORING REGION FOR ANY AND ALL LIABILITY CONNECTED WITH THIS MEET.

MEMBERS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

# Other LCOC/National Meets for 2015

## Plan that Vacation Now!



*Lincoln Motor Car Museum*

### *Mid-America Meet 2015*

The Mid-America LCOC Meet will be held August 5th-9th at the Gilmore Automotive Museum complex in Hickory Corners, Michigan. Hickory Corners, long-time home to the Gilmore Automotive museum, the CCCA, Franklin and other well known museums is also the home of the new Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum (LMCHM). Rich in motor car history, the LMCHM will be the central point of the Mid America National Meet. This Meet will be hosted by all four sponsoring Lincoln Clubs: the Lincoln Owners Club, the

Lincoln Zephyr Owners Club, the Road Race Lincoln Registry, and will be chaired by the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club.

This meet will be open to all Lincoln Clubs' members. Additionally, any Lincoln owner is also invited to register and attend this grand event. All Lincoln Clubs can participate in Concours judging by LCOC - or if the club desires, they may conduct their judging separately, using their own club standards. All Lincolns are welcome, whether it be for competition or for exhibition only.

The host hotel is in nearby Kalamazoo, at the newly remodeled Four Points Kalamazoo by Sheraton. This hotel offers superior accommodations, fine dining and exceptional amenities with true Michigan hospitality. The room rate is only \$109.00/night.

For registration information, please go to the LCOC national website, or contact Dennis Garrett, Meet Chairman at 734-582-0245, or via email at [dgarrett@hinespark.com](mailto:dgarrett@hinespark.com).

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## **Annual Ford Product-Development Car (*and Truck*) Show**

Every year, the Ford Product Development Center in Dearborn, Michigan hosts a special, semi-private show for employees, upper management, retirees, suppliers, media, and special guests, all free of charge. This year, the show will take place on Friday, July 17, 2015. The show enjoys a tremendous amount of interest (and a matching wait list!). The event includes about 500 vehicles of all types - at least half of that amount being 'theme' vehicles. This year, the theme is "An Historical Review of the Cars and Trucks of Lincoln-Mercury." There will also be concept & prototype models and related vehicles. This year, 'related vehicles' means light and heavy Mercury trucks, Frontenac, Meteor, and Monarch Canadian brands.

Each participant will receive a personalized, 11"x17" 2016 calendar of the owner's car along with other 'perks.' Only pre-registered vehicles can enter, with March 1st being the target date. Regular registration begins May 1st. Vehicle condition is a consideration but not an overriding one. For consideration, please submit one picture, and a brief description as soon as possible to:

Dave Glickman, Chair  
[DGLICKM1@FORD.COM](mailto:DGLICKM1@FORD.COM) as soon as possible.

## 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 Regon of LCOC and mail to:**

Ron Ross - 306 Welsh Road - Ambler, PA 19002

## 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.

## 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** - 1956 Mark II Beautiful new paint with gray leather and cloth interior. Car #9 with 18K miles - third owner. New: exhaust system, ww tires, battery, carb., leaf springs, shocks, brakes, fuel system. \$60,000 negotiable 610-217-9515. The DeCesare's



**WANTED** - '66 or '67 Continental Convertible; a nice driver or nicer - in showable condition. Dan Keating, (518) 339-0499 or email at [djkeating62@gmail.com](mailto:djkeating62@gmail.com)

**WANTED** - Secure storage for '67 Lincoln show car. Please call 215-88-5201 and leave a message (Club member).

### *Brian and Carmel McEvilly - Continued from back cover*

I have only had the car for a short time, but have shown it a few times and it always draws a crowd. It has won Best of Show at Newtown, PA and also took Best in Class at New Hope, PA this past year.

My Mark II is a mostly original car with just over 50,000 miles. It has original paint except on the hood, original chrome, interior etc. It was a Washington state car from new until I purchased it. I am the fourth owner and have its history documented from new. It spent much of its earlier life as a show car on the west coast. I plan to continue to show it locally and look forward to driving it on special occasions.



My wife and I are also active in the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA). We still own our '55 Ford, and enjoy touring in it. We have attended many Antique Automobile Club of America tours...and the Ford won the Bennie Bootle Memorial National Touring Award in 2012.

### **Some notes on/about the Continental Mark II:**

The sticker price when new was approximately \$10,000 -- almost twice the price of a new Lincoln or Cadillac. About 3,044 Mark II's were manufactured. The engine was a 368 cubic inch V-8 producing 285 horsepower, driven through a 3-speed Turbo Drive transmission.

The Continental Mark II wasn't made by Lincoln, but by the short-lived Continental Division of the Ford Motor Company. Its general manager was William Clay 'Bill' Ford, son of Edsel Ford and grandson of Henry Ford. It was a hand-built car designed to compete with Rolls Royce. Even though they cost \$10,000 new, Ford lost \$1,000 on each car, and the model was discontinued after the 1957 model year. The Continental Division was folded back into Lincoln in 1958.

The Mark II's elegance and exclusivity made it quite popular with the rich and powerful, though these characteristics also limited its appeal to the more flamboyant tastes of the Hollywood crowd. In fact, when the car was introduced, only 'notable' individuals were able to buy one... Notable owners included Argentine dictator Juan Peron, who was reportedly deposed prior to taking delivery of his Mark II. Other owners were Philadelphia Mayor and US Senator Joseph Sill Clark, Avery Brundage - President of the Olympic Committee, band leader Les Brown, Frank Sinatra, artist Andrew Wyeth, Nelson Rockefeller, Gene Autry, R.J. Reynolds (yes, the tobacco icon), Barry Goldwater, Cecil B. DeMille, Dick Clark, Elvis Presley, and the Emir of Qatar - Sheikh Sir Hafiz Ali bin Abdullah bin Jassim bin Muhammed Al Thani, whose name was only slightly longer than his Mark II.

*(This information appears courtesy of Pat Marshal, historian for the Mark II forum - [www.markiiforum.com](http://www.markiiforum.com)) - Smoky Panepinto, Editor*



# Cover Story: Brian and Carmel McEvilly

by Brian McEvilly and Smoky Panepinto

Historic Washington Crossing, PA is home to members Brian and Carmel McEvilly. Their family includes 3 grown children and 4 granddaughters. Brian is a retired health care Administrator.

They own a 1956 Continental Mark II - black with a red interior. Here, in Brian's words, is the story of their Mark:

I have been a "car guy" since I was a young boy. My grandfather lived with us and decided when I was three to teach me to read by having me "read" nameplates on cars in the neighborhood. I can't remember if it helped my reading skills, but I soon learned to identify every car on the road by a grill, taillight,

chrome molding, etc. In addition, my father would take me with him on his new car shopping expeditions. This was back in the 1950's, when the arrival of the new models was a huge deal. Later, many of my high school buddies bought old cars from the fifties. This further whet my interest in cars.

My first car was a 1955 Ford, an old car when I bought it - but it looked almost new from 10 feet and usually drew a crowd. I discovered car shows like New Hope and the Heart of Bucks show, etc. in the 1970's and set a goal to one day have my own antique car.

My first antique car purchase was a 1955 Ford Thunderbird. This led to joining some car clubs, restoring and showing the car. My second collector car was a 1955 Ford Customline, very similar to my first car. The third was a 1966 Ford Mustang coupe. The T-Bird and Mustang were show cars. After each had been shown extensively and reached AACA Senior status, I sold them since I wasn't comfortable using them as drivers.



I first read an article on the then-new Continental Mark II in Popular Mechanics when I was six or seven and thought it was the most beautiful car I had ever seen. I still believe it is the most beautiful and elegant post-war American car ever produced. I did not see one close-up until the 1990's, when I saw one at a local car show. At the point that I realized that I could own one of these special cars, an intense, three year search began, as the Mark II had moved to the top of my 'list of cars that I must have.'

Fortunately, Carmel endorsed this concept but made the observation that a dark colored car would highlight the Mark's lines and elegance. I started looking for a dark colored Mark II in very good - to excellent - condition. The search continued for about three years, which included several

disappointments. There are usually more than a few Mark II's for sale, but those I found were either in need of a full restoration or they were the wrong color, etc.

I was about to move on to another choice on the must-have list when this car became available. It was in Washington state. After speaking with the owner and reviewing pictures, I flew to Seattle to examine the car and decided it was the right one. I'm glad that Carmel's encouragement kept me focused, because the 3-year search had become tiring; but in November of 2013, I (we) finally had the right car.

This car was quite a nice car when I purchased it, so I decided to preserve the car as original. There was a dent in the hood that was repaired, and the hood was then repainted. Some minor paint touch-up was done along the door edges and fenders. The car was then buffed and polished, and the exterior turned out very well, as the chrome was excellent to begin with.



The front seat leather had a cut in it that was repaired. The leather was then dyed where needed, and blended to a very nice patina. The carpets were cleaned and look good except for a few areas of wear, visible only if you look closely. The steering wheel and all bright work were in excellent condition with no work necessary. The engine bay was cleaned and detailed, with dents removed in the radiator and air cleaner, and new decals were added along with a new battery. The tires and front brake shoes were replaced, as were all fluids, spark plugs and points, etc. At this point, the fun began!

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