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# Southern Region Banner

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## Calendar

### 2013 Events

June 2013—

National  
Lincoln Highway Tour  
Begins June 22 from  
New York City

Date unknown—  
Rumor has it the 2013  
Eastern National Meet  
will be in  
Roanoke, VA!

September 2013—  
Biltmore is planning  
a car club weekend—  
and we are going to  
be there! Details to  
follow early in 2013.

SEE DETAILS INSIDE  
OTHER EVENTS ARE  
COMING LATER IN  
2013--

SO—

Check our website for  
calendar updates

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## REGION YEARLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING- November 3<sup>rd</sup> in Charlotte

The Southern Region's membership meeting will be held in Charlotte, Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 AM—and all Region members are encouraged to attend. We'll meet, then continue meeting and planning at a local restaurant, then visit either the NASCAR Museum or a local classic car showroom. Lunch and museum will be covered by the Region for the member and their spouse/ guest. To plan lunch, please let John Fryday know by November 2 at 6PM if you plan to attend and directions will be given as they are still being arranged.

The Chattanooga Meet was great success but took our focus away from the month to month activities of our Region---- and the leadership would like to return to more regional activities!



Working to involve more members from our 5 state region, and providing activities for meeting 'close to home' will be the direction for 2012 and beyond.



## ELECTIONS FOR 2013- BALLOT ENCLOSED

The enclosed postcard ballot should be returned to the Secretary IMMEDIATELY to elect members for the Board of Managers. Deadline for arrival is Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>! See enclosed information on the ballot, process and members who have agreed to serve.

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**Election of 2013 Board of Managers**

In the last newsletter a request was sent out for members willing to serve on the Board of Managers—which runs the Southern Region, fills the Officer positions and works to give our members activities—and produces this newsletter.

Unfortunately, there was underwhelming response so that those on the ballot for the positions do not even represent all 5 states. We hope some others seeing this condition will offer themselves as candidates at or after the membership meeting---as the Board can vote to add managers as needed.



*Our 2011 Membership Meeting in Atlanta!*

Enclosed is your 2013 Ballot, with the names of those who agreed to serve, and two lines for write-in candidates. A write –in candidate must simply have agreed to serve by calling the Director or Assistant Director prior to the ballot submission—as an un- announced ‘draft’ might not be accepted by the one written in!

At our 2011 meeting many items were discussed, and below are some excerpts from the meeting minutes:

***Treasurer’s Report- Rod Moore***

Given steady membership renewals, the

Southern Region continues to be financially solid. The current balance is more than respectable, especially when compared to some other regions. Mr. Moore stated that even if the Southern Region were to break even with the 2012 Eastern National Meet, it would still be fine from a financial standpoint.

***Membership Report-David Hardee***

David Hardee presented the annual membership report, showing a total of 125 members (a loss of 2 from 2010). We are currently paying our webmaster, Richard Kiraly for his services. In addition, we pay “godaddy.com” \$3.95 per month. ... it is the unanimous opinion of the meeting attendees that we should inquire about the number of “hits” on our website. The topic of “associate members” came up as did offering special deals (\$10 renewal) for those members who chose not to renew in a given year.

Note that those present gave David a round of applause for the excellent and time consuming work of looking after the membership. It was noted his diligence is the reason our membership has declined so little compared to most single-brand clubs.

***Old (&New) Business – mostly pertaining to the 2012 Eastern National Meet***

James Kaster, the Southern Region’s meet chairman, presented an abundance of information that he had compiled in preparation for the May 16-20, 2012 meet. In addition to being the meet chair, he also volunteered to be the registration chairman. Rod Moore suggested that a new separate checking account be created just for meet purposes. James handed out draft copies of the meet application packet, which appeared to be 90% complete. Everyone was in agreement that the plans for the meet were coming together quickly and in an organized fashion.

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**2013 Candidates for Election**

Here are descriptions, from the candidates themselves, of their backgrounds:

**Jimmy Alston-** *I currently serve as Alabama State Manager) as well as Secretary for the Southern Region, and have been an LCOC national member since 1997. Residing in Birmingham, ALa since 2002, I have been riding in Lincolns since the day I was born! I remain familiar with any model made after the late 1970s. Current Lincoln cars include a 1978 Mark V, which his parents purchased new, and a 1987 Town Car.*

*Duties as Alabama State Manager attempting to build membership within the state. I would like to get more people together for an occasional weekend event, but that is difficult to do with membership being so spread out across Alabama.*

*His current role of Secretary includes producing the "minutes" for the Southern Region's annual membership meeting.*

**John Bailey-** *I am an LCOC member since 1984 and became a charter member of the Southern Region in 1985. I have been elected Director of the Southern Region three different times, serving in that capacity a total of 5 years. In 2004, I was elected to the National Board of Directors and am now in my 9th year as Publisher of Continental Comments and Editor of the LCOC Directory. I have attended and judged at many National Meets and have been involved in every National Meet that the Southern Region has hosted. Involvement in the Southern Region has been very rewarding for me over the years. My goal is to get more of our members to find out how much fun the LCOC can be!*

*I currently own a 1956 Lincoln Premiere Convertible, a 1969 Mark III and a 1999 Continental.*

**'Woody' Fleenor-** *I am executive vice president of Micky Smith Motor CO., a Kingsport Tennessee based dealership that specializes in used cars and trucks. I belong to several organizations including the Lincoln & Continental Owners Club, and I also began a chapter of the National Safety Council. I credit my success to ambition, passion, and hard work, which I strive to exercise in all endeavors. I maintain an active profile within the local community and donate generously to Meals on Wheels. In my spare time, I enjoy travel, being with friends and family, attending local car shows, and driving his 1972 Lincoln Continental."*

**James Kaster** – *I've been a long time member of the LCOC, joining around 1998 or 1999 and attended my first meet at the "Lincolns for the Millennium" show in St. Louis. Over the years I have acquired 3 Lincolns: '69 Mark III, '77 Town Car and '80 Versailles. Since 2002, I have lived in the Southern Region and have participated as a newsletter editor, state manager, 2012 ENM chairperson and associate director. I look forward to continuing my role and, with the meet behind us, focusing on our region's activities for 2013.*

**Rod Moore-***It has been my pleasure to be a member of the LCOC and the Southern Region for 20 years. For many years a follower; I became a more active member of the Region about 7 years ago. My 1968 Lincoln Continental sedan was restored in 1998 and it still wins as it did this year, in Chattanooga, when it took the L. Dale Shaeffer Trophy for the 3rd time in 6 years.*

*I have served as Treasurer of the Southern Region for about as long as I can stand it! The ENM we hosted in NC in 2003 was a great time for our Region and the one in Chattanooga, was clearly proof that 5 or 6 guys with real determination (and the help of wonderful members from all over the country) can run a national meet. I am once again glad to run for Southern Region office because these men are the finest kind of people and a great deal of fun.*

**John Fryday**—See Director's Letter

**Tech Tip!**

**Door Striker Bushing- by James Kaster**

Many of us have experienced this minor problem. Some of us may have this issue and may not be aware of it. It's the missing door striker bushing. Now, before you run out and check your cars, note that not all years and models had this bushing. But for those cars that did, you'll be glad to read about this simple fix.

The door striker is the bolt on the wall of the door opening to which the door latch grabs. Below are two examples of the door striker, with and without the bushing.

Striker with bushing



Striker without bushing

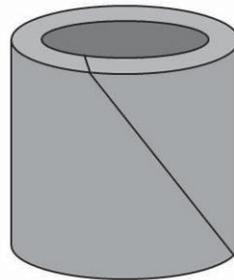
The door striker bushing makes a significant difference in the quality of the ride. It secures the door more tightly, reduces door rattles, mitigates outside noises and provides a more satisfying door closing sound.

Your local auto part store sells both the bushings and the strikers with the bushings. The frugal choice is to purchase the bushings and install

them. It sounds simple, until you remove the bushing-less striker and find that you can't remove the washer from the bolt and with the washer in place, you can't install the bushing.

You can buy the complete bolt and bushing combo, but the cost adds up. In my area, the striker with bushing cost about \$9.00 each. One package of 4 bushings costs only \$4.00. The solution is rather easy, though not explained on the bushing package

Take a razor blade and carefully cut a diagonal slit on side of the bushing, as shown. If you make a straight cut instead of diagonal, the bushing may come off with the opening and closing of the door.



This is easy to do as the bushing is made of a soft plastic material. Then, open the slit and fit it over the bolt. No need to remove the bolt from the car. I did this on my '77 Town Car and it made the car feel even more vault-like than before.



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**Shipping a Car?? Just what does Insured mean??**

I learned a lot about shipping a car and how 'insurance' works—and thought I'd pass on the information!

In this instance it was not a show car, and not even a Lincoln ( so maybe Karma was at work on me??) but the situation, the effort it took to resolve and what COULD have been the outcome opened my eyes—and those of friends who thought they knew how this worked....

I purchased a car on Ebay, on an impulse and with not much planning ahead---something I'm sure no one else has ever done! ☺ While the car itself doesn't matter, for the record it is a 1972 Citroen D Special—"the Mentalist" car on TV. It goes nicely with my 61 Lincoln Convertible—the 'Entourage' TV series car



*A typical car one might buy on a website—and ship—so beware*

The car was in Michigan, and given my schedule and upcoming vacation it had to be shipped. No problem—other friends had successfully used car transporters from online—and so would I.

. And all shipping was “ **fully insured**’ so nothing to worry about—right?? I worked for several days with the shipper to coordinate the pick-up and drop off, paid a portion of the fees on my credit card—with the rest to be paid in cash/ check to the driver.

Because it was going to arrive while I was out of town, I switched the drop off to friend's house nearby—and awaited the phone call as I traveled to let me know it arrived safely.

The call I got was not that--- but instead to tell me it was gushing vital fluids all over the street, but was off and safely parked. The driver hightailed it away—just as my friend found the hood badly damaged ( hardly seen trying to get the 'gusher' parked before the sound of engine grinding was heard!) Since the driver said he only had the original pick up ticket—no copy to leave—luckily my friend took a photo of the ticket when it was resting on the trailer edge.

When I called the transporter company I learned they were just a broker. They called the driver who produced a ticket marked up and signed agreeing there was damage all over the car—and clearly marked. That we had a photo of a ticket showing no such thing was his undoing. In contacting his insurance company, Progressive, I was told he had 'cargo' insurance with a \$ 1000 deductible—and he had to pay ME the first \$ 1000 before he technically had insurance I could use. My insurance- State Farm—said that was ridiculous, but could not assist. I did, in fact, receive payment from the driver—after holding my breath 3 weeks and several phone calls.

My advice? Get copies of the insurance certificate up front, before letting the car be shipped, and ask your agent about a rider to cover it during transit. Have the person on the other end take photos of the car ON the trailer before it leaves—for proof of its condition at the time it left ( and of the trailer itself—my car was moved to another trailer during the trip!) Do NOT let the driver leave without taking photos of the car upon deliver and coming off the trailer, and get a copy of the ticket that was signed by the seller and by you—so it cannot be changed after the fact.

Or go drive it home--- and enjoy the trip!

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**2013 Event at Biltmore Estate Planned**



*A past event at Biltmore*

Nearly a year away, but Biltmore Estate has contacted us and a number of clubs about participating in a show on the lawn in front of the famous Biltmore House! If you have a Lincoln under restoration, get it finished for a September 2013 2 day-1 night event in Asheville! More information to follow. We are hoping to have a dinner and nearby host hotel with special packages for our members!

More information will be available as soon as The Biltmore confirms the dates and activities.

**Plans for 2013 Activities**

*Last issue we asked---What would compel you to participate in a Southern Region event??*

*Here are the results of the few responses received:*

- 1) A one day or overnight trip with dinner to:  
Asheville?  
Raleigh?  
Atlanta?  
Callaway Gardens?  
Wilmington?  
Charleston?

Columbia?  
Knoxville?

- **Greatest response was for Asheville and Charleston**
- 2) What areas of our Region should we plan visits to?
    - **Near me was the general response, as those that answered selected their own environs**
  - 3) Should we resurrect participation at the Charlotte AutoFair? It would mean committing one month in advance to attend with your car, arriving no later than 9 AM, and making sure you attended if you sign up?
    - **Only 5 said they wanted to attend ( and we really need 10 firm commitments to try and return**
  - 4) For the above items, if the club bought dinner for the members attending—would that be a deciding factor in your participating?
    - **Appeared 'yes'- but needs to be within a 2 hour drive one way as well**
  - 5) Are the car collections something you would attend? Do you know of any we could call to try and open up to our members??
    - **Attendance yes, but no one offered up a new collection**
  - 6) Would you have an interest in a Region mid- day Saturday picnic within 3 hours of your home? If that is too far, how far will you drive each way?
    - **Picnic received support, but clearly a 3 hour round trip was the 'max'**

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**Director's Letter-**

I have enjoyed serving as Director of the Southern Region these past two years, taking over from Roger Carlson and continuing the plans for the 2012 Eastern National Meet in Chattanooga. Thank you for the opportunity, and I will be on the ballot for the 2013 Board.

I talked to Roger last week, trying to enlist him to serve again, but his new job will be long hours and many weekends—so he understandably declined. He has served his 'time' but those of us currently running the club really hope there are others of you out there with time, interest and inclination to become an active part of the Southern Region.



*A line-up of 60's Lincoln Convertibles at a Regional Meet*

The newsletter may not seem that difficult to produce, and it isn't terribly--- but an article from a member ( like James' in this issue) or photos from someone at a non- Region car show would make the job of Editor easier and more rewarding. So please send in a contribution

Being Director is not –in a typical year—an overly challenging job. In the year of a National Meet put on by the Region it can be overwhelming!!!! If James' had not worked so hard, and had everything organized down to the minute each day of the Meet, it would have made me a basket case.

Roger and I talked at length about the club—where it has been and where it is going, and the fun we have had over the years. Like most clubs—especially of 'old' brands that are not drawing young kids to their current showrooms—our membership is declining and frankly growing older. Yet we have so many places of interest in our Region, great cars and really wonderful members throughout—it just seems a shame the distances within our region keeps us from developing a cohesive nucleus.



*The 1948 Continental remains a Classic that inspired a generation of automotive designers*

At the ENM in Chattanooga we didn't have a large group from within our Region—but we had great fun, enjoyed each other and members from around the county, and talked about cars, life, the area ( and of course each other!) I invite you to attend at least one event in the next 12 months, as we try to diversify our activities to more closely meet the 'responses' to the questions posed ( see page 6.)

We'll try our best as your Board of Managers to deliver opportunities for our club members to enjoy the camaraderie of each other, see lots of cars, learn from each other, and provide lots of fun along the way.

*John Fryday*

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Southern Region Website – BE SURE TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR UPDATES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS!



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**News and Information**



January, 2010

- Updated 2009 Officers
- South Carolina International Auto Show
- January 15-16-17, 2010
- Greenville, SC






### Lincoln and Continental Owners Club Southern Region National / Southern Region Membership Application



First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Significant Other: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**About Your Lincolns:**

Year	Model	VIN (required for National LCOC)	Condition: Circle one
			Original / Restored / In Restoration / Parts Car
			Original / Restored / In Restoration / Parts Car

**National and Southern Region Annual Dues (National LCOC Membership is a pre-requisite to Regional membership)**

**National Membership Dues:** \$42.00 Annually (Member – 1 vote, spouse is an Associate Member).

**Southern Region Membership Dues:** \$15.00 Annually. New members joining between July 1 through October 31 (½ year membership initially) will pay \$7.50. Renewal membership will be \$15.00 thereafter. You may join the National LCOC and the Southern Region using this form, and submitting one check for \$57.00, or \$49.50 for ½ year Southern Region dues, depending on date of application. The Southern Region will forward payment to the NATIONAL LCOC Membership Office for you.

**Please INITIAL one of the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I'd like to join the Southern Region LCOC. I'm **already** a NATIONAL LCOC member, and I have paid my NATIONAL dues. (\$15.00, or \$7.50 for ½ year initial membership).

\_\_\_\_\_ I'd like to join the NATIONAL LCOC **and** the Southern Region. I'm submitting **both** dues. Please forward my membership information and payment to the NATIONAL LCOC Membership Office.

Please mail check (made payable to Southern Region LCOC) and application to:  
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