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Our monthly meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of each month unless otherwise announced.

Membership in the national Club (LCOC) is a requirement for joining the local club (TGCR). Annual membership in National is \$36 and Local is \$30. National dues run for a year from the time you join regardless of month. Members joining the local club in the last quarter of the year have their local dues automatically renewed for the next year.

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DIRECTORS REPORT

Where has this last year gone? Time really is passing more quickly with every year. Since our last newsletter we have experienced a devastating hurricane especially to those on or near the coast. Our members in Galveston, Bill Love and G.W. Cornelius experienced Ike's wrath first hand and suffered some damage but witnessed much worse. Our thoughts and prayers have gone out to all who have been negatively impacted by the hurricane and following rains.

I understand that one of our members seems to always ease the closed in feeling of being cooped up without electricity and modern conveniences by purchasing another car. I will let him share his new purchase with the club on his own....and I understand he is having a significant birthday this month as well. Can you guess who I am taking about?

The Texas Gulf Coast Region of the LCOC was well represented in Athens at the Fall Texas Lincoln Meet. Most of us traveled in a caravan from Huntsville up the back roads to Athens and saw the beauty of the countryside and small towns along the way both to and from Athens. We experienced a wonderful meet and there were fewer cars than

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New Parts

TGCR welcomes Jay Palmer of Houston and his 1967 Lincoln Continental Convertible (sliver with black top.) Jay is working on making the car a more reliable driver right now and planning for a restoration. Pictures:

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[Jay Palmer's 67 Convertible - a set on Flickr](#)
Click on any of the pictures to see a larger image, or click on "Slideshow" in the UPPER RIGHT HAND CORNER.

We also welcome Sal and Leesa Gotlieb, currently of Knoxville, Tennessee. They have a black, 1956 Continental Mark II.

Dick Mackintosh

Thom Liston informs us of the passing of club member Dick Mackintosh of McAllen, TX on October 17:

An avid Lincoln lover, Dick had been a member of the Rio Grand Valley Region before joining the TGCR. In addition to our mutual love of cars, he was a personal friend who stayed with Roberta and me when he exhibited cars at Keels and Wheels. I was told a memorial service will be held sometime in November in McAllen.

Dick was a genuinely nice guy with a great sense of humor. We'll miss him.

2009 Dates:

Salado, Fredericksburg

Can't get a date? Well, here are two:

The dates for the spring All-Texas LCOC Meet in Salado are April 3, 4, and 5, 2009. You can make reservations at the Stage Coach Inn at any time. Like now!
(800) 732-8994

The dates for the fall All-Texas LCOC Meet in Fredericksburg are October 9, 10, and 11, 2009. Make reservations at the Fredericksburg Inn, (800) 446-0202.

Wanted - NOS, or Absolutely True Turbine wheels for my Collector Series Town car. Just e-mail me at GKAlexdcbusiness@yahoo.com. Thanks Everyone.
Greg Alexander (281) 798-2460

November Barbecue at the Vague's

Sunday, November 16

2:00

Join us for this year's barbecue at the home of Jim and MaryJo Vague. That zany exterior decorator Ike has worked his magic in their back yard, but the folks and food will be fine. See you on the 16th!

Address:

726 Brittmoore

Houston 77079

Take I-10 west from Houston

Take the exit for the Sam Houston Parkway frontage road

Turn left (south) onto the Sam Houston Parkway frontage road

Turn right on Memorial Drive

Turn right on Brittmoore

December Holiday Party

Houston Yacht Club

Sunday, December 14

1:00

Watch for your invitation to the December Holiday Party. Coming soon...

The Sun Also Shines in Athens

Perfect weather greeted us in Athens for the Fall All-Texas LCOC get-together. I had to miss the caravan and Friday night due to a command performance at work, but reliable sources indicate that the poolside

party was a good time. The hotel must have heard about our Friday night affairs, because they put a cover on the pool, which prevented club members from falling or being thrown in.

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Under sunny skies, a total of 23 Lincolns and Continentals were on display on Saturday morning, including old favorites and some new additions. Bryan Felt drove his 1979 Mark V Cartier to its first meet. The beige color scheme is very elegant, and it's in great condition. Speaking of spiffy beige cars, Bill Love's and GW Cornelius' '79 Versailles is another exceptional car.

Besides Bryan's car, another debutante was a 1970 Lincoln Continental coupe in burgundy with a black vinyl top. The dark colors accentuate the long, sweeping lines and horizontal grille treatment. Tommy Glazener and Tim Bagley brought this beauty to the show.

At the awards dinner, Glenn Kramer, *en absentia*, received a robust round of applause for being elected President of the National LCOC. Actually, it wasn't clear if the applause was for his being elected President or for his being *en absentia*. But whatever.

Since Glenn wasn't there, Mike McNeil was missing his straight man, but Mike made do. Joe Hill, as Master of Ceremonies, tossed him a few lines.

Class winners:

Class A: Bob & BJ Hardisty, 1956 Premiere Conv.

Class B: John McNabb, 1963 Lincoln Continental

Class C: Tommy Glazener & Tim Bagley, 1970 Lincoln Continental

Class D: Rann Allen, 1976 Mark IV Lipstick

Class E: Wayne Orr, 1978 Mark V

Class F: Bernard & Eileen Birk, 1997 Cartier Town Car

Best Engine Compartment: Pat Corbett, 1969 Lincoln Continental

Best Paint: Rann Allen, 1976 Mark IV

Best Interior: Joe & Lana Hill, 1960 Mark V Conv.

Best of Show: Bob & BJ Hardisty, 1956 Premiere Conv.

Here's how well the meet went: All arrived in fine shape, and no one's car peed fluids all over the parking lot, so the Hard Luck trophy could not be awarded. James Simmons' creative effort went back into the box for another meet. After dinner, Sharon said she thought Glenn Kramer would be the most deserving recipient since General Custer, but by then the crowd had dispersed.

Many thanks to those whose hard work makes these get-togethers so enjoyable. We had a great time. Make your reservations for next year now—see page 2.

Pictures from Athens

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[Athens 10-2008 \(Houston\) - a set on Flickr](#)

[Athens 10-2008 \(other\) - a set on Flickr](#)

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Thank you!!! to Gary Birk, Tommy Glazener, Mike & Frances McNeil for the pictures.

Unclassified Ads

1942 Lincoln Zephyr - Rolling body, no engine or transmission. Would need complete restoration. George Maida (409) 762-5873. Or for more info, call Bill Love, (409) 771-0333

1979 Lincoln Town Coupe, 53K miles, 3rd owner. Original Texas car from the Fredericksburg area, no rust. New distributor cap, rotor, EGR valve, and tires. Price \$4,000. (281) 232-2530 Pictures—see below.

1969 Lincoln Continental - 16000 miles, stored since 1973, asking \$1200. Car is in Huntsburg, OH. Originally from S.C. Contact Lew @ (440)781-6200. E-mail address is bnk1@windstream.net. Pictures—see below.

Hold –CONTROL- down and click on either of these links:

[Bob Whistle's 79 Town Coupe - a set on Flickr](#)

[69 Lincoln For Sale - a set on Flickr](#)

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From Also Ran to First Place

Many of us have admired Jonathan Liston's Ivy Gold 1966 Lincoln Continental convertible, and it has won many local and national trophies. Some time ago, Jonathan wrote an article for the Continental Star about finding the car and bringing it up to its current condition. Here is the article.

For more than a year before I knew anything about the Lincoln & Continental Owner's Club (LCOC), I had been considering the purchase of a 1966 Continental 4 door convertible. After looking unsuccessfully in the local area, I found one listed in *Hemmings Motor News* that sounded right for me. So I made arrangements to go see it.

The car looked in fairly good shape to the novice that I was at the time. All the parts were there; some were worn, pitted, etc., but the bumpers were straight without dings and had been recently rechromed. All the other chrome and stainless steel trim was present and in fairly good condition.

The top worked, the fabric was in good condition and it fit well. The rear deck and back shelf systems operated but were out of adjustment. Three of the four windows ran up and down with the door panel switches. I had yet to learn the importance, complexity and variety of the other switches and relays, which also control the windows.

The engine ran well without any smoke or unusual noises from engine or accessories. Documentation indicated that a reputable service company had recently overhauled the transmission, which performed well. The tires were reasonably sound, though of three different manufacturers.

The original black leather upholstery looked very good, considering it was in a 24-year-old convertible. The leather had hardened, but the seams were tight and the stitching had not failed anywhere. The AM/8 track radio and power antenna worked, so did the Automatic Temperature Control air conditioner/heater, dash instruments and most of the interior lights, etc.

The worst part was the paint job. From 20 feet away the overall effect was great, but within 5 feet it was readily apparent that the car had been recently and rather hurriedly painted to enhance its showroom appeal. The color was the same as the original – Ivy Gold. However, the paint had been put on very thick and paint overspray was everywhere.

I bought the car and brought it back to Houston. The first task was to get the top, windows and related systems fully operational. The owner of a local BBQ

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restaurant, which I frequented, was also an old car aficionado and referred me to a nearby mechanic who helped me get the top and windows working properly. The same mechanic also introduced me to LCOC.

I spent the next five years working on making the car a very good-looking driver. As I attended LCOC meetings and events, I gained information and helpful advice from fellow LCOC members and friends. I continued to improve various mechanical systems, replacing pitted door handles, repairing the water pump and the A/C clutch, and mounting a new set of proper width white wall radials.

My first experience in showing the car was in the spring of 1991 at a joint meet of the three Texas LCOC regions in Salado, Texas. I drove nearly 200 miles in a torrential Gulf Coast rainstorm. The inside of the car stayed dry, but the trunk area was soaked because of a poorly fitting weather-strip seal at the front edge of the rear deck lid.

That outing and several years of local showings, made me realize the car would always be an "also ran" without a complete "doors off" paint job and major restoration. By late 1995, I was considering the possibility of such a full restoration when news of the 1997 LCOC Mid America Meet, to be held at South Shore Harbor Resort less than five miles from my home, provided me with just the right incentive to act.

So with suggestions from fellow LCOC members, I contacted several local restoration shops to evaluate their capabilities and determine if the car was really as good as I thought for restoration.

It was quickly confirmed the vehicle was worthy of restoration. The body appeared to be in very good shape, seams were reasonably straight and even. There were no signs of major body-wrenching damage. Some waviness from poorly done minor repairs and door dings, and a few spots of "bleed through" rust were evident, but overall the car appeared in good condition.

It was apparent after visiting several Houston area shops that while they all had done excellent, even award winning work, none that I contacted had done a complete restoration of a '60 vintage Lincoln 4 door convertible. My previous efforts to repair the various top and window systems, made me realize how critical it was to have someone who could not only do excellent body and paint work, but who could reassemble the repainted unit and have it all work properly.

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Over the years of bringing the car up to standard, I had been in regular contact with several of the Lincoln specialty shops around the country. I realized that any local shop working on the car would probably be on the phone to one of these national

Lincoln specialty shops to get the right parts and advice on installation and authenticity. So next I talked with several of the Lincoln specialty shops to get their cost and timing estimates for a complete restoration.

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Director's Report

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normal, but a good time was had by all. To my knowledge there were no breakdowns and it was an enjoyable trip for all. One of our members also made a purchase at the meet adding another car to his stable of fine Lincolns. I will also let him (keep guessing) make the announcement and have a show and tell.

Also, upcoming, is our annual family style picnic meeting at the Vague's on November 16, at 2:00 PM. Please contact Carol Pariza and let her know what your food assignment is. This is always a great gathering with terrific food, wonderful people and amazing cars to look over. I look forward to the Vague's party every year.

Don't forget about the upcoming Christmas Party at the Houston Yacht Club on December 14th at 1:00 PM. The food is always fantastic, a great time is had by all and more information will be forth coming along with a registration form and information.

We are proud to have the President of the National LCOC in our midst...a member of our own club...our Assistant Director, a National Director at Large, and now we will have to address Glenn Kramer as Mr. President. He will do a fantastic job as President and we are glad to have him as a valued member of our Texas Gulf Coast Region. Hats off to Glenn and to Dawn for her support.

At this time of year I am very thankful for all of our members, managers and all that they do. It is the contributions of all that make our club great.

Happy motoring in your Lincolns and always take the safe route!

Bryan Felt, Director