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DIRECTORS REPORT

As we inch towards Christmas and a New Year I reflect back on this past year and give thanks for all the great times and memories that we have had together sharing experiences and stories of our Lincoln adventures....be it great tour sights and stories or tales of breakdowns and repairs..... we all share interest in the one thing that brings us all together, the Lincoln automobile. Not to mention the great people that we have come to know better through our association and interaction with each other. I cherish first my relationship with all of our members and the Lincoln automobile experience.

I would like to thank all those who made this a fantastic year for the Texas Gulf Coast Region. There are too many to list, but you know who you are.

It was rewarding to see how everyone pitched in and worked hard on the club's activities and on the Mid America National Meet. My heart felt thanks go out to you all.

As we make plans for the New Year please note that activities, meetings, meets are being planned and this up coming year will be full of great times together and rewarding Lincoln showing and driving events are on tap.

We always welcome new ideas, meeting and tour suggestions and thoughts that

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January Meeting Sunday, January 17, 1:00

Logan's Roadhouse
12950 Northwest Freeway (Hwy 290), Houston
<http://www.logansroadhouse.com/Default.aspx>

Reservation (private room) under the name "Lincoln club".

Plenty of parking, large menu.

Outbound on Highway 290:

Exit at 43rd St./Bingle/Pinemont

Stay on the outbound feeder

Look for Logan's Roadhouse on the right

Director's Report *(from page 1)*

will make our organization better.

Thanks again to all who contribute to make this club a vibrant, exciting and fun group. May you all have a Blessed Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Happy Lincoln motoring and I'll see you on the right side of the road!

Bryan Felt, Director

Type F – As In “Found”

A while back, I was looking for Type F automatic transmission fluid. I tried several local auto parts stores—NAPA, Auto Zone, O'Reilly, and two independents--but no luck. I did find it at Advance Auto Parts, 11107 South Highway 6, Sugar Land. There was also a Type F sighting at the Wal-Mart in Tomball.

Low Carbs?

Many of us have first-hand knowledge of why engines aren't built with carburetors anymore. I get a little reminder every time the temperature drops below 50 degrees.

Good carburetor work involves the right parts, experience, attention to detail, and, I think, a little magic. A good carburetor rebuilder should make as much as the greatest heart surgeon (even if it would be a cut for the carb guy.)

The carb on Jonathan Liston's '66 convertible needs a rebuild, and he asked for suggestions about where to take it. Thom Liston shares the list with us:

Thanks to the internet and a great bunch of old car enthusiasts in the Texas Gulf Coast Region and Space City Cruisers we turned up the following sources for carburetor rebuilding. Price quotes ranged from \$165 to \$450 depending on condition and requirements. A phone call to either Steve Zepeda at S Z Carbs or Warren with Tom Teske can give you a basic course on the subject.

Steve Zepeda
S Z Carburetors
3800 Halik, Suite 15
Pearland, TX 77581
281-484-6648
(carry in)
*recommended by Ed Oppermann
and others*

Tom Teske
Joanel off Westheimer
1 block east of Edloe
Houston
713-622-5800
(on car)
Rob Landes

Tom Whittlesey
Campbell Automotive
9121 A Spring Branch Drive
Houston
713-932-6001
(carry in)
Mike Weltzien

Jeff Driebus
Old Carb Doctor
1127 Drucilla Church Road
Nebo, NC 28761
800-945-CARB
(mail in)
Mike Cumby

Pony Carburetors
Call Bill for details
Bill Prince

A San Antonio source
Call Carroll for details
(carry in)
Carroll Brown

Adopt a Homeless Lincoln

1976 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL MARK IV; very good condition; 93,000 miles; original paint, never wrecked. Everything is in good condition. AC works. Interior is very nice- dark brown leather. Good tires & battery. Serviced regularly, currently inspected. Purchased new in Austin. \$6,500 Jerry Tucker, 512 924-0053

Links to pictures on page 8. Thanks, Pat!

Here's a note from Pat Corbett, Lone Star Region Director, about this car. Thanks, Pat, for passing it along:

The other day when I was driving thru Buda, I spotted a beautiful Mark IV approaching me on Loop 4. I immediately did a police-in-pursuit U-Turn and followed the car into a subdivision. The driver pulled over and I introduced myself. The owner, Jerry Tucker, literally inherited the vehicle from his neighbor who passed away a few years ago. Jerry is a realtor and drives the car regularly in the area. He likes the car but does not have a garage big enough to house it, so he keeps it under a car cover. He would like to sell it **IF** he can be assured the buyer will take proper care of this Lincoln. I told him LCOC members would appreciate the car and certainly take good care of it. His comment to me was, "*if I can't find the right buyer, I may just join your club.*" Either way, I want to assist him in this endeavor.

While visiting with him on the roadside, I listened to the engine and it is quiet and smooth. The only thing he is aware of that needs attention is the Low Fuel indicator light remains on. I will be honest. If I had the money and the place to garage it, I would have written him a check on the spot.

He sent me few pictures of the car, which do not do it justice. I told him I would pass the word around the club. This car is, in my opinion, a find and near show ready, and certainly a dependable ride. If you are interested or know someone that is looking for a really clean '76 Mark, this is a great opportunity. Please feel free to contact Jerry if you would like to arrange to go see it.

Happy motoring,
Pat

'78 Mark V Body Parts

Jim Richardson met a guy at a car show who has a '78 Mark V. He told Jim that he has pulled the running gear out of it and has the body parts available for anyone who might want them. He is rebuilding a Zephyr using the Mark's running gear. He said he has a good grill, fenders, etc. Here are the contact details:

Name: Eddie
Phone: 832-398-4206
Email: balded@sbcglobal.net

At Least It Didn't Rain On Saturday...

[Links to pictures on page 8. Thanks, Gary!](#)

...very much. But coming and going to the All Texas LCOC Fall Meet in Fredericksburg (October 9-11) was a pretty soggy experience for many of us. Happily, the rain didn't cause any mechanical problems for anyone, and we had a great time during the meet. There were even a couple of new Lincolns—a red MKS that belongs to Tommy Glazener and Tim Bagley, and a red MKX whose happy owners are Sharon and Neil Pierson.

For the second time in the last few years, Sharon and I won the C. Michael Black Hard Luck Award. And it wasn't because of the payments on the MKX. Our '63 sedan wasn't available for the Meet because it spent the summer at Transmission Camp. It took 3½ weeks to get it back the first time, and the car didn't even make it home before the transmission failed. It was towed back to the shop where it idled away another 3 weeks before being ransomed. The trans still isn't right, and we're resigned to having it redone—somewhere else!—in the near future.

With two Hard Luck Awards on the mantle, we eagerly look forward to winning three more and achieving Emeritus status.

See the Fredericksburg awards list on page 6.

Barbecue on Brittmoore

[Links to pictures on page 8. Thanks, Gary!](#)

As always, we had a great time and some good barbecue at the Vagues' house in November. There was a large collection of old Lincolns to admire. I especially enjoyed seeing Joe Wilson's 1966 Continental coupe in Emberglo. Relatively few coupes were produced in 1966-67, but they don't attract collector interest the way suicide door sedans and converts do. I think the coupe's lines are an inviting blend of sportiness and elegance. They make me want to hop in and drive hard. Joe's might be the only 66-67 coupe in our local club. Thank you, Jim and Mary Jo.

Holiday Party

[Links to pictures on page 8. Thanks, Glenn and Dawn!](#)

Lots of fun at the holiday party, held again this year at the Houston Yacht Club. Thanks to Thom and Roberta Liston for making these annual festivities possible.

Fredericksburg Award Winners

(from page 5)

Best of Show

Bernard, Eileen Birk - 1997 Lincoln Cartier

Best Engine

Paul Youngjohn, Dean Theiss - 1977 Lincoln Town Car

Best Interior

Joe, Lana Hill - 1962 Lincoln Continental Convertible

Best Paint

Rann Allen - 1976 Mark IV Lipstick

Most Distance Traveled

Paul Treen

Best Car Never Shown Before

Eric Jackson – 1988 Lincoln Town Car Signature

Class Winners

2000 BC – 1960 All Models

Jake Fleming
1941 Lincoln Zephyr Opera
Coupe

1970-1979 Lincolns

Paul Youngjohn, Dean Theiss
1977 Lincoln Town Car

Lincoln Convertibles, All Years

Joe, Lana Hill
1962 Lincoln Continental
Convertible

Lincoln Continental Mark III, IV, V

Rann Allen
1976 Mark IV Lipstick

1961-1969 Lincolns

Pat Corbett
1969 Lincoln Continental

1985 or Newer Lincolns, Continentals

Bernard, Eileen Birk
1997 Lincoln Cartier

September at Glenn and Dawn's

[Links to pictures on page 8. Thanks, Glenn and Dawn!](#)

After Niftee Fiftees, Glenn Kramer and Dawn Pirone hosted a soiree at their home.
Thanks to Dawn for the fabulous food!

Have You Renewed Your TGCR Membership?

Now is the time to send in your renewal form and dues. For your convenience, a copy of the form is included at the end of the newsletter.

As a special incentive for prompt renewals, I'm announcing that the **last** member to renew gets one of our cats. Don't let this happen to you—renew now!

If you are the last to throw in, a word of advice: Don't take the 20 pounder unless you buy your cat chow in bulk. He does to food dishes what Lincolns do to gas tanks.

Of course, that leaves you with our demure, quiet little kitty, which Max describes as "seven pounds of fury." That may be an exaggeration, but she's pretty quick with the teeth.

Six-two and even, over and out

If you have never seen it, you **MUST** go to the website and look at Bill Prince's Hudson Metro, dressed up as a Dick Tracy wind-up toy. From the pictures, you will not believe it's a real car. Bill came up with the ideas and made all of the toy parts himself. He says the car is so toy-like anyway, it's a natural. He's right.

[Links to pictures on page 8.](#)
[Thanks, Bill!](#)

Don't Ask Me

The Texas Gulf Coast Region holiday party has passed. Highlights:

- Everyone was well-fed.
- The gift exchange generated the usual confusion about rules and genders.
- The Houston Yacht Club is updating its Never In A Million Years list of potential members.

Speaking of the gift exchange, any gift-giving occasion makes me nervous. Sometimes, even the best ideas don't work out.

For one of her milestone birthdays, I gave Sharon a set of '63 Lincoln wiper arms. I've been on Birthday Gift Probation ever since.

ME: It's not just blades or refills!
It's the whole arm!

SHARON:

ME: One is more curved! That's for the driver's side...

SHARON: Will that make it easier to shove up your nostril?

ME: ... and NO PITTING!

I mean, what was she expecting? We already had a good shop-vac.

Gary Birk reports that he sold his 1965 Lincoln Continental convertible. It now lives in Colorado where it's making its new owner very happy.

The Photo Album

Hold –CONTROL- down and click on any of the links in blue:

Click on any picture to see a larger image, or click on “Slideshow”
in the UPPER RIGHT HAND CORNER.

References below are to the manufacture dates of the cars, not the age of the
owners.

Thank you!!! to Gary Birk, Glenn Kramer, Dawn Pirone, and Bill Prince for the
pictures.

For Sale
[76 Mark IV For Sale](#)

Barbecue on Brittmoore
[11-09 Barbecue](#)

10-2009 Fredericksburg
[80s, 90s, 2000s](#)

Holiday Party
[12-2009 Holiday Party](#)

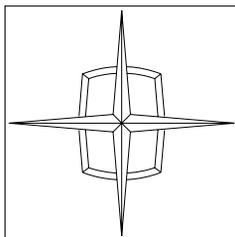
10-2009 Fredericksburg
[70s](#)

September at Glenn and Dawn’s
[9-2009 Glenn & Dawn](#)

10-2009 Fredericksburg
[60s](#)

Bill Prince’s Hudson Metro
[Dick Tracy Metro](#)

10-2009 Fredericksburg
[40s, 50s](#)



Texas Gulf Coast Region
Lincoln and Continental Owners Club

2010 DUES INVOICE (LOCAL ONLY)

2010 T.G.C.R. Dues: \$30.00
(January 1 thru December 31)

Make Check Payable To: TGCR-LCOC

Mail To: Malcolm Perry
LCOC - Treasurer
3118 Richmond Drive, Suite 100
Houston, Texas 77098

National dues are billed direct. You will receive an invoice for your 2010 National dues on the date you join the club, based on a 12 month period. These must be mailed to the National address listed on their billing.

If you are a member who joined in the last quarter of 2009 your Local dues are paid thru December of 2010.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 850-1488 day, or 664-1415 evenings. Thanks Malcolm Perry

Please Make Corrections Below:

National Membership # _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Office _____

Fax _____ Cell _____

E-Mail _____

Autos#1 _____

#2 _____