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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Here we are halfway through another year. Where does the time go?

We've been fortunate to welcome new members in 2011 and their Lincolns which have been a plus to our group.

We've also experienced some exciting events this year. Those of you who attended will not forget the wonderful hospitality, BBQ and tour of the Grand View Manor Ranch & Winery in March. Everyone enjoyed it, and we've been invited back again next year.

Of course April was our annual All Texas Regional Meet in Salado otherwise fondly known only as "Salado." This year's attendance was abundant with the three Texas region members along with members coming in from California, Florida, Ohio, Massachusetts and Minnesota.

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Salado 2011

Of all the awards at Salado, the most spirited competition this year was for the C. Michael Black Hardship award. Congratulations to **Steve Sawyer** for being the worst of the worst.

Steve spent a lot of time and money getting his 1968 sedan ready for Salado. It's been MIA at our meetings for a while, and we were looking forward to seeing it. But shortly after he left his house, the power steering pump failed. Popeye couldn't drive a '68 without power steering, so Steve turned around and took it home. Fortunately, he was able to attend the meet.

Beau Shulgen's 1963 sedan also acted up. Seems the prior owner shorted Beau about two inches on an exhaust pipe. Maybe the seller found some great use for 2 inches of pipe, but Beau's car started to sound like a 747. **Jim Paine** volunteered to squirm underneath the hot iron. Using some twine, Jim rigged a fix... at least until the twine burned through. A cheerful Englishman at a Tractor Supply store in rural Texas—what was he doing there?--provided some wire to get us by.

Turns out that **Bryan Felt** is a handy guy to have around in an emergency. He was a roadside tool shop, supplying the twine, knife, and wrenches (some wrong, some right) for the repair on Beau's car. If you ever need a heart valve or artificial hip, give Bryan a call.

I just want to mention that I was absolutely no help with Beau's car. But I stood there anyway, and it was kind of hot.

Ralph Keller's 1948 Lincoln Continental cabriolet was just out of the shop, but it had mechanical problems.

Then it was **Mike** and **Frances McNeil's** turn, with a flat tire and a bad spare. Mike was stunned—the tires were fine when he took them off the 1929 Marmon. Again Bryan rode to the rescue.

But we all got there with some good stories to tell at the City Garage. And the stories got better as the evening wore on.

Pictures: [Salado 2011 City Garage](#) [Salado 2011 40s, 50s Cars](#)
[Salado 2011 60s Cars](#) [Salado 2011 70s Cars](#)
[Salado 2011 80s Cars](#) [Salado 2011 Saturday Dinner](#)
[Salado 2011 Awards](#)

Thanks to Gary Birk for the pictures

2011 All-Texas Spring Meet – Salado

OFFICIAL WINNERS

Best Of Show

1950 Lincoln, **Jim & Linda Paine**

Bluebonnet Award

1956 Continental Mark II, **Dean & Diana Forbes**

Betty L. Gray Ladies' Choice Award

1956 Continental Mark II, **Dean & Diana Forbes**

Doc Ellis Founder Award (Best 1st Time Showing)

1950 Lincoln, **Jim & Linda Paine**

Hank (Wrong Way) Henley Award (Longest Distance Driven)

1989 Lincoln Mark VII Custom Convertible, **Bob & Mary Johnson**

C. Michael Black Hardship Award

1968 Lincoln Continental, **Steve Sawyer**

All Years Through 1960

1st Place 1941 Lincoln Zephyr, **Jake Fleming**

1961-1967 Convertibles

1st Place 1963 Lincoln Continental, **Hank & Charlotte Henley**

1961 – 1969 Sedan or Coupe

1st Place 1969 Lincoln Continental, **Pat Corbett**

1970 - 1979 Sedan or Coupe

1st Place 1979 Continental Mark V Collectors Series, **Glenn
Kramer & Dawn Pirone**

1970 - 1979

1st Place 1976 Lincoln Continental Town Coupe, **Mike Lewis**

1980 - 1989

1st Place 1981 Mark VI Coupe Signature Series, **Gary Birk**

Fins, Slabs, and Wings... and Metropolitans!

By Gary Birk

On Saturday, May 7, both the Texas Gulf Coast and Lone Star LCOC Regions met up with some fellow Cadillac Club members at the La Grange, TX Fly-In. The drive was pleasant, and the weather was beautiful with no humidity and sunny skies. We enjoyed visiting with each other and seeing all the different cars. Those who attended enjoyed great BBQ and checking out the various planes.

Just as everyone was getting ready to leave Pat Corbett and I spoke with Lance Herrington (one of the volunteers) and owner of the Timeless Classics showroom and shop just south of La Grange. He invited the group over to tour his facility, showroom, shop, cars, plane & airstrip. This was a pleasant surprise and just made a great trip even greater! Everyone enjoyed themselves throughout the day. Enjoy the photos!

[May, 2011 LaGrange](#)

Thanks for the pictures to Gary Birk

(Ed. Note: Take a look at the Metropolitans lined up like candy jars on a shelf. This reminds me—if you've never looked at the pictures of Bill Prince's Hudson Metropolitan, you have to see them to believe them. This is a real car!)

[Bill's Metropolitan](#)

Texas Swap Meets

From Dean Forbes

For those interest in attending Swap Meets in Texas, I suggest looking at the following websites for location and dates:

www.taillightking.com

www.hotrodwires.com

Or do a computer search on "Texas Swap Meets" for a complete listing.

Lookin' for Lincolns?

1979 Lincoln Versailles - 29,000 actual miles and everything works, except the 8 track is temperamental. It scored 96.5 points at the Mid-America meet in 2009 and won a 1st place trophy. It looks almost like new, and runs great. If you know of anyone who is interested in a Versailles, they will not find a nicer one. I am asking \$10K. I have over \$12K invested. Bill Love, Home: (409) 762-5962; Cell (409) 771-0333. Email: billuv1928@comcast.net

Pictures: [Bill Love's 1979 Versailles](#)

(Ed. Note: Bill's not kidding. This is a real nice car. Of course, you'd have to learn how to spell the damned name.)

1977 Lincoln Continental Mark V – Excellent condition, everything in working order. Cloth interior in excellent condition. Chosen by the Texas Department of Insurance to put on display at the Bob Bullock Museum. Price paid by buyer will be tax deductible as charitable contribution. \$7,995 Ron Money, (512) 343-0649, rmoney@austin.rr.com

1982 Lincoln Continental Mark VI Signature Series – 4 door. In good shape but needs a new computer. Asking \$1,000. Trino (821) 639-0608.

1982 Lincoln Continental Mark VI – With opera windows, interior in good condition. Needs motor and some work on transmission, some exterior work on hood. Electric windows work. Asking \$2,000 Louise Krone, Dickinson, TX (281) 534-3639 lak51757@yahoo.com

The Award Goes to...

...the *Continental Star*, one of several regional newsletters that received a Merit Award from the national LCOC. Thank you to everyone who has contributed stories, ideas, or suggestions!

Director's Report (from page 1)

While we didn't make a profit this year, the main function of the meet was a success which is to get together, have a good time, and enjoy each other's company and cars.

In May we returned to the La Grange, TX Airport Fly-in, this time joined by our Lone Star Region Members and the Cadillac/LaSalle Club. It was great to see all our Lincolns and Cadillacs lined up with vintage air planes. Afterwards we were treated to a personal tour of the Texas Timeless Classics showroom and shop.

This month we braved the heat on a Saturday night and met up at the Niftee50ees car show followed by a scrumptious reception hosted by Glenn Kramer and wife Dawn Pirone. As usual, Dawn outdid herself with awesome food and hospitality.

Next month on the 16th we'll be heading to Brenham for the Brenham's All Ford Classic Car Show which also coincides with the Brenham "Hot Nights 2011 Cool Tunes Concert Series." This plans to be an exciting event and we hope to see members of the Lone Star Region in attendance as well.

The rest of the year promises to go by as quickly as these past six months with fun events planned. I hope some of you will be able to make it to the LCOC Mid America Meet in Pontiac, MI this next month followed by the Western National Meet in OR this coming September. If you haven't attended a National Meet, I urge you to try and make one. You're in for a great time with some awesome cars.

That's about it for this time. Remember if there's anything or anyplace you think our group would like to see or go, please let me know and we'll work it in scheduling this or next year.

As always, happy & safe motoring in our wonderful Lincolns.
Gary Birk

Clyde Clardy Auction, Bastrop, Texas
April 30, 2011

You didn't miss anything.

Don't Ask Me

(Notes from the Editor)

I enjoyed reading **Gary Birk's** Director's Report last month on "Why I (He) Love (Loves) My (His) Lincoln." In fact, I got interested in Lincolns in exactly the same way Gary did. Like Gary, I went to the movies and saw *Goldfinger*. I loved the cars—the Aston Martin, Goldfinger's RR, the CIA's T-bird, and especially, the Lincoln Continental. It took my breath away when the claw bit into the roof of that Continental.

I can't get enough of that movie, and, like Gary, have seen it at least 11 times. Once, there was a double feature—*Goldfinger* and *Thunderball*. I watched *Goldfinger*, watched *Thunderball*, then stayed and watched *Goldfinger* again. All in Spanish.

I, too, am willing to overlook some of the improbabilities in the film. To Gary's list, I'd add: Dropping a 5000+ pound hunk of iron in the bed of a Ranchero/Falcon? (The + in the 5000+ pounds would be the unfortunate Mr. Solo, who learned the true meaning of *permanent* press.)

Anyway, I felt like the King of the World when I finally got a chance to buy a '68 Lincoln Continental sedan (black vinyl top, black paint, black leather interior) off a used car lot. There was a title problem, and the car sat on the lot for about three weeks. This is embarrassing but true: I used to drive up Highway 6, stand outside the lot, and stare at *my* Continental.

When the day came to drive it home, I was at the car lot the minute the gate opened. I'll skip over the part where the car conked out before I got out of the lot and wouldn't run until the alternator was replaced. (But at the parts store, I enjoyed asking for a *Lincoln Continental* alternator.

That was about 13 years ago. We've had the '68, a pink 1960 Chrysler ("American Beauty"), a green 1975 Oldsmobile, a brown '73 Mark IV ("The Incredible Hulk"), a black '56 Mark II, and a turquoise or something '63 Continental sedan. Sharon and I have collected many special old car memories through the years. For example:

- '75 Olds: It had plaid seats in avocado green. Sharon didn't find the color palette pleasing. In an effort to salvage the deal, the salesman said, "Well really, it's kind of a forest green." That's not the memory--the memory is Sharon spitting out her soda when he said that.

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Don't Ask Me

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- Mark II: So many memories... . Years from now, we'll look back and say, "Hey, honey, remember the time it started?"
- '63 Lincoln: Taking Sharon to lunch for its first cruise. And walking back from Beck's Prime, because it wouldn't start after lunch.
- And many others.

But Lincolns are special. **Bill Prince** hit the nail on the head: "Don't you just feel like a millionaire when you drive it?"

2011 Calendar

Saturday , July 16	Brenham, TX – All Ford Classic Car Show (Brenham Hot Nights/Cool Tunes)
July 27 – 31	Mid-America National Meet, Pontiac, Michigan
Saturday , August 20	Otto's BBQ car show night – Stafford, TX
September	Restaurant meeting, Logan's Roadhouse
Sept. 14 – 18	Western National Meet, "Lincolns in Lava Land," Redmond, Oregon
Sept. 30 – Oct. 2	All-Texas LCOC Meet in Waco
October	Northpark Barber Shop (Kingwood) classic car show
Sunday, November 13	Annual barbecue
December 11, 1:00	Annual holiday party, Houston Yacht Club

Mr. Neil Pierson wishes to announce that he successfully completed **3** minor repairs on his old cars:

Power window, 1956 Mark II

Power windows (6), 1963 Lincoln Continental

Wiring glove compartment light, 1963 Lincoln Continental

As a result, his repair percentage has been raised to 0.003.

In lieu of congratulations, Mr. Pierson has requested cash.