



Some of the Lincolns/Continental at the 2015 Mid-America National Meet.

2015 Mid-America National Meet

They said it couldn't be done - 100 cars at a LCOC National Meet - considering attendance at all three National Meets in recent years. Well, 104 cars were registered for the 2015 Mid-America National Meet in Hickory Corners, Michigan August 5-9 and approximately 94 showed! It was billed as a "Lincoln Homecoming, Celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of the Lincoln Continental." While the Michigan weather was mostly overcast every day, heavy rains held off until the Monday after the event. Sponsor of the Mid-America was LCOC National with members of the Michigan and Northstar Regions really pitching in to bring it all together. Special kudos go Dennis Garrett, Director of the Michigan Region and Bob Johnson, Director of the Northstar Region.

The host hotel was the new Four Points Sheraton, at the east end of Kalamazoo, which went out of their way to accommodate our crowd of nearly 200 LCOC members, families and friends. This hotel is approximately 15 miles of scenic country roads from Hickory Corners and the Gilmore Museum, site of the Saturday concours.



visiting with friends, visiting the Lincoln Museum, (Continued on Page 4)

Aboard the Saugatuck II.

Leaving the Saugatuck II.



Events began Thursday with a 60 mile driving tour to Saugatuck, Michigan for nearly two hours aboard the Star of Saugatuck for a sternwheeler tour on the Kalamazoo River and Lake Michigan. Lunch was on board the boat while viewing magnificent Michigan waterfront homes, legendary Michigan sand dunes, the beauties of Lake Michigan, and even the 'old lighthouse' on the north end of Oval Beach.

The driving tour up to Saugatuck wasn't all peaches and cream. Bill Wybenga's 1921/1926 Lincoln limousine suffered vapor lock and other problems and only made it to the boat by trailer. The car encountered the same problems Saturday and had to be carried by van to the show.

Friday, many of the cars drove to the Gilmore Museum for an informal day of

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Director's message

In my July Director's Message I invited members to consider participating in the 2015 annual election for our LCOC Western Region Board of Managers. As you see in this edition of *Confab*, Elayne Bendel has joined the two incumbents, Tom McCarthy and Jim Findley, to round out the ballot for the 3 seats available for board service from 2016 through 2018. Thank you Elayne for your work on the San Diego meet, and for offering to serve over the next few years! Even though this is not a "hotly contested" election, I ask you all to show your support by e-mailing your votes according to the instructions on page 5.



By the time you get this, our Western National Meet in San Diego will be only weeks away. It is taking place from October 14 through the 18th at the Town and Country Resort Hotel. When we think about dates and the hotel there is one date that you must remember....September 23rd. This is the date after which the LCOC special rate of \$119 per night will no longer be available. However, there is another number of great importance, and that is the 300 "room nights" that earn the club significant benefits and savings. The good news is that we need only 32 more meet participants to sign up for the 4 nights each during the week of the meet. The bad news is that once we get to this level we can't guarantee that the hotel has more rooms available at our special rate or any rate. To protect against finding the hotel sold out, I encourage you to make your reservations immediately. Don't get caught having to stay down the street because you signed up too late!

The same thinking goes for some of our meet events. While we have tried to make sure that we have room for everyone who wants to participate in all of our events, I encourage you to register now so that we can plan for the actual participants who want to attend. Another date of great importance for your car is September 27th. This is the last date to register cars for judging. Like I said about the hotel, don't get caught not participating in something because you signed up too late! Until next time.....*Stacy*



Mark IIs at Huntington Beach, 2015.

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Western Region Events 2015

August 23: Annual Region Wine Country Picnic, Sonoma, California.

October 14-18: Western National Meet, San Diego, California.

2015 July 6 Western Region Board Meeting by phone

In Attendance: Stacy Roscoe, Jim Ayres, Jeremy Sanford, Jan McNeil, Jim Finley, Ron Cressy, Bruce Hutchinson, Jim Higgs and Tom McCarthy. Tim Howley representing the Confab. Guest: Elayne Bendel

Financial Report: As of 6-30-2015 there is \$ 1857.17 in checking account and \$4203.58 in savings for a total: of \$6060.65

Membership: virtually all of returns for dues for 2015 have been received.

Expired members:	
Expired prior to 1-1-2015	4
Expired members 1-1-2015	47
Members in good standing	115
Complimentary	7
Lifetime	1
Total	174

Stacy Roscoe is to originate a letter to be sent to members who have let membership lapse over last three years and have not rejoined.

Nominating Committee: The following Board Members agreed to be on the 2015 Nominating Committee: Bruce Hutchinson, Jim Ayres, Stacy Roscoe, Jeremy Sanford and Tom McCarthy.

2015 Ballot: deadline for candidates to get their picture and bio to Tim Howley was August 14, 2015. Looking for a minimum of 3 candidates. Jim Higgs has elected to not run.

San Diego Meet: registrations coming in slowly but expect strong pickup as we get closer to the Meet date. Encouraging early signups.

Upcoming Events:

North: primary event is the Annual Wine Tasting scheduled for August 23rd. Tasting will be at Sebastiani Winery.

South: primary activity centers around San Diego Meet. Jim will continue to send out e-mails re various Shows or Meets in Southern California.

Kick off Brunch / 2016: Jim Ayres to negotiate a return to the Proud Bird Restaurant at Los Angeles Airport for early 2016.

Next Board Meeting: September, 2015 by phone. **Annual Meeting:** will be at the San Diego Meet in October.

Submitted by Tom McCarthy
Secretary



Lincolns at Huntington Beach, 2015.

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Seventies Lincoln Town Cars at the Mid-America Meet.



Judging.



Road Race Era Lincolns.



Pre World War II cars in front of the Lincoln Museum.

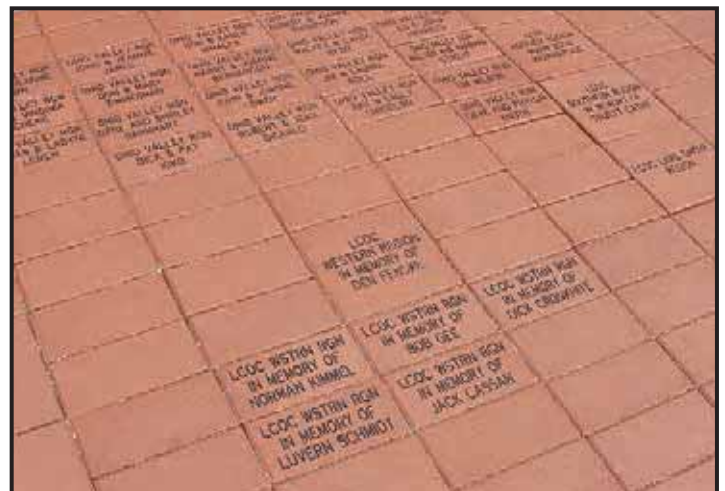
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strolling the Gilmore grounds, and visiting the three other new museums surrounding the Lincoln Museum. They are the H. H. Franklin Museum, Model A Ford Museum, and Cadillac-LaSalle Museum.

Saturday was show day on the grass directly in front of the majestic Lincoln Museum, crown jewel of all the attractions on the Gilmore campus. LCOC had invited the other three Lincoln clubs to this show, and the Mexican Road Race Register took us up with about a dozen 1950-57 era Lincolns entered.

The field was wide and varied with an impressive array of pre World War II Lincolns and Continentals, sixties slabsides, more Marks III thru VIII than you could count, and a wide assortment of seventies, eighties and nineties Town Cars.

The day ended with a gala awards-banquet back at the Sheraton Hotel and Sunday morning photos of winners on a hill at the north end of the hotel parking lot.



Western Region bricks in front of the Lincoln Museum.

LCOC WESTERN REGION 2015 ELECTION BALLOT

This ballot has candidates running for three seats for the Western Region Board of Managers beginning on January 1, 2016. **VOTE FOR THREE.** Vote by e-mail or mail. Send your votes to: Tom McCarthy at tfmccarthy85@verizon.net or mail to 28783 Fall Creek Ct., Menifee, CA 92584. The deadline for returns is Friday, October 2. Results will be announced at the Annual Meeting in October. Tom McCarthy, Secretary, will tally votes as in the past however, since he is a candidate the results will be checked and verified by Stacy Roscoe.



I am Jim Finley, and I am running for re-election to the LCOC Western Region Board of Managers. In last year's election I was elected to complete the term of a former Board Member, and I was seated in October, 2014. Thus, this year's election finds me running for my own full term. I have been a member of LCOC since 1992 (and other local and car clubs) and the LCOC Western Region, and this year I am active on the Regional Meet's planning committee. I am the proud owner of five Lincolns and Continentals. I live in Northern California.

I look forward to increasing my involvement and participation in a leadership role on the upcoming Board if re-elected. Thank you for your consideration.



Hello, I am Elayne Bendel, a member of the LCOC for many years. This year I became active in the Western Region, helping the planning team with publicity for the Western National Meet in San Diego. I am a retired media relations manager and former news reporter. I am excited about the prospect of serving on your board and helping with enjoyable projects for the membership, as well as continuing restoration of my 1964 Lincoln Continental convertible.

Thank you for your vote.



I am Tom McCarthy and a 20 year member of LCOC. I live in Menifee and currently am Secretary of LCOC Western Region. Recently, I sold my classic Lincoln within the Club and it is now in the Boston area. I look forward to participating in the Western Meet in San Diego in October.

Thank you for your vote.

Write in Candidate _____ Must have Member's permission



San Diego – The Perfect Place to Bond this October!
Western National Meet
October 14-18, 2015

This issue, in our continuing series of Lincolns and stars in San Diego, we feature Sean Connery and Honor Blackman, cast as James Bond and Pussy Galore in Ian Fleming's spicy 1964 espionage thriller, *Goldfinger*. This was the first in a series of thrill packed Bond films, featuring beautiful destinations, beautiful women, and beautiful automobiles. Although San Diego may not have been on their list of locations to rival Monte Carlo, Hamburg, or Moscow, San Diego is the perfect location for the 2015 Western National Meet.

As San Diego celebrates the Centennial of the 1915 Panama-California Exposition in Balboa Park, we will be celebrating along with the Lincoln Motor Company, the 75th anniversary of the 1940 Lincoln Continental and the debut of Lincoln's first big new Continental in over a decade

The 2015 Western National Meet is being held October 14 – 18 at the Town and Country Resort in San Diego's Mission Valley, just a few miles north of Balboa Park. The meet will also be featuring the 50th anniversary of the 1965 Lincoln Continental and the 25th of the 1990 Lincoln models – the biggest sales year ever for Lincoln - with special awards for the best representation of these years. The official meet poster features the anniversary Lincolns and Continentals, along with the famous California building in Balboa Park. This month's featured image of what might have been – a 1965 Continental Executive sedan - will be one of many available for sale at the meet by artist Steven Erler of Auto-Visuals.com, along with signed and numbered original prints of the meet poster and a commemorative set of note cards designed especially for our meet.

There will be a week full of activities before the big concours show on Saturday October 17, including a driving tour to Ramona, and a luxurious Mission Bay dinner cruise on Thursday evening. Not to be missed Friday morning will be the Grand Caravan Parade of Lincolns into Balboa Park, crossing the picturesque Cabrillo Bridge and entering through the famous California Arch into the Plaza de Panama.

The official meet days are Wednesday October 14 through Sunday October 18, 2015. Attendees should plan on arriving Tuesday to be ready for the scheduled activities starting Wednesday AM. Many events will have limited availability, so register early! Go to LCOCWestern.org/meet for a detailed schedule/overview of the meet and click on Register to link to our online meet and hotel registration. Please contact John Kiszla, LCOC Western Region Meet Registration Chair, at john.kiszla@yahoo.com, or give him a call at 415-215-1701 if you need a registration form mailed to you. You may call the Town and Country Resort direct at 800-772-8527 to make your reservation, and ask for the special LCOC2015 rate.

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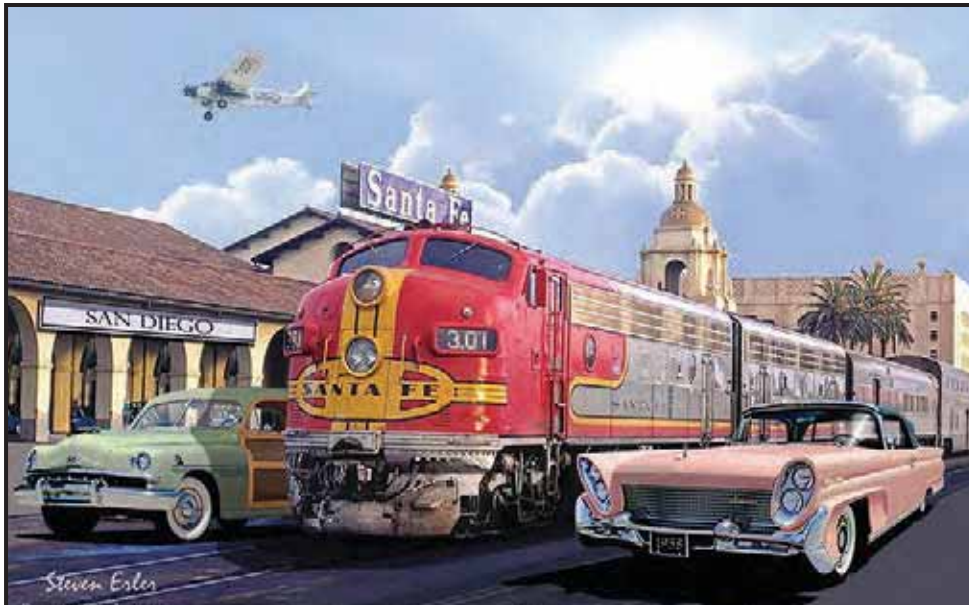


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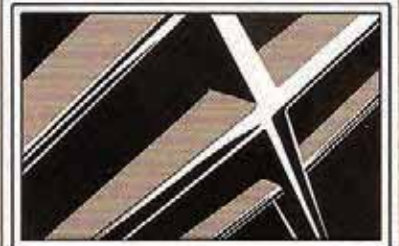
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