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More on the 2015 San Diego Western National Meet

By all accounts the October 14-18, 2015 Western National Meet in San Diego was a major success. In addition to a huge variety of cars, there were more events to choose from, more places to go, and more things to do than we have experienced in recent times.

We hosted 91 club members, 21 members of other Lincoln clubs, and 70 guests and sponsors for a total of 182 registered participants. A record breaking number of hotel room nights



John Ellison's 1937 Lincoln K Judkins Limousine.

booked earned benefits for the meet such as free continental breakfast, free hospitality rooms, reduced room rates, and over \$2000 to help cover meet expenses.

The Friday night Buffet and Auction were attended by 108 people, and the Saturday night Gala Awards Banquet attracted over 145 club members and guests. The Saturday night guests walked away with an exciting understanding of the future for the Lincoln Motor Car Company thanks to an outstanding update on the business over the next few years by Lincoln Executive Robert Louisell.

Throughout this edition of *Confab* you will see some of the outstanding vehicles from the 57 judged and the 27 exhibition cars that were entered. Many of these cars from the '20s, '30s, and '40s were brought to us by the Lincoln-Zephyr Owners Club and the Lincoln Owners Club.

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*More photos
of the field
Saturday.*



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Director's message

Is there life after an LCOC National Meet? As consuming as the task was, and as satisfying as the results were, our club members are indeed finding that there is plenty of life and energy ahead for our LCOC Western Region in 2016.

We begin our new year on January 31st with our annual Kick-off Brunch being held at the 22nd Street Landing in San Pedro. Please see the flyer inside this edition of *Confab* for all of the details and sign-up instructions. This ocean front venue is not only beautiful, but it has terrific food and plenty of parking for our Lincolns. As a special benefit, the restaurant is just a short distance from the USS Iowa tour that will take place after our brunch. Don't miss this wonderful event. Sign up now!

During our Western Region Annual Meeting in San Diego, we confirmed the board members who begin their 3 year terms on January 1st. Jim Finley and Tom McCarthy were reelected, and we thank them for continuing their service. Elayne Bendel was elected to fill the seat vacated by Jim Higgs who announced his retirement from the board this summer. We thank Jim for his service and welcome Elayne as a team member who contributed significant time, energy, and results to our Western National Meet.

In our final board meeting of 2015, the board reelected our current board officers:

Director: Stacy Roscoe
Assistant Director: Jeremy Sanford
Secretary: Tom McCarthy
Treasurer: Jan McNeil
Membership Chair: Jeremy Sanford.

The Board of Managers has agreed to again create a "meet within a meet" by designating the June 5th Huntington Beach Concours as our LCOC regional event this year. We will keep it very simple, and build on all of the planning and logistical work done by the Concours committee so that we can just pay our fee, bring our cars, and have a relaxing meet in conjunction with all of the structure and excitement of the full Concours. Look for more information on this starting with the first *Confab* of 2016.

We are excited to share the good news that several members of our Western Region are working with members of LZOC on some joint activities in 2016. We all saw the benefits of having LZOC participation in our Western National Meet, and I want to build on that spirit of cooperation to advance our experiences as owners of classic Lincolns. More details regarding this will follow in the months ahead.

Have a Happy New Year!!

Until next time.....*Stacy*



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Visiting "Only Yesterday."

One of the five auto collections we visited on our museum tour on Wednesday, October 14 was "Only Yesterday" in Sorrento Valley. This is a very private collection of classic automobiles and is not open to the public. It has an incredible assortment of rare and exotic cars including rare



1935 Lincoln Roadster at Only Yesterday.

Rommel and Normandy Invasion artifacts such as a letter by General Eisenhower to President Roosevelt apologizing in the event the invasion failed.

This auto collection seems to be focused on investment. The owner and his tour guide spoke at great length on how they make their car profit selling at the big time auctions, but they never buy at them. They look for cars that are extremely rare and desirable but are only 90% restored, then they make their return bringing the cars the final 10% of the way to super fabulous condition. They spoke on what makes a car rare and desirable to auction buyers and how so many collec-



A row of rare Shelybs at Only Yesterday.

Shelbys and other muscle cars.

There is a 1935 Lincoln K roadster that has only 10,000 miles and is body #1 from the custom builder. There is also a section of the museum dedicated to military veterans. Among many World War II artifacts, are letters to and from German General

Western Region 2016 Events Identified to Date

January -

January 9th car show in Palm Springs with the Imperial Club.

January 31st 2016 Kick-off event - Brunch and Car Show - at the 22nd St. Landing in San Pedro which will be followed by a tour of the the USS Iowa, located near the restaurant.

February -

February 27th visit to the Mike Malumut Collection in Thousand Oaks with the T-Bird Club.

April 17th Knotts Berry Farm Annual Ford products Car Show.

May - LZOC Western Regional Meet.

June - LCOC Western Region Spring Meet - a "meet within a meet" at the June 5th Huntington Beach Concours.

September - Annual Mike Cunningham Wine Tasting and Picnic Event.

October - Participation in the California Mercury Owners event.

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Arriving at the William D. Evans for our 3-hour Mission Bay Dinner Cruise Thursday night.



A letter that LCOC President John Talbourdet sent to several members of the National Board.

Gents and Carol: We just returned from a wonderful meet in San Diego even if the weather was not typical, as it was very humid! There was only slight drizzle one morning but that certainly did not dampen the spirits of the attendees. The Western Region outdid themselves with great events and a convenient location with a great show field that was adjacent to the hotel rooms and the Hospitality suite. There were many tours both long and short that allowed the members to pick options that suited their needs which included some stunning private automobile collections. The harbor cruise (which we did not attend) was a hit with the people who enjoyed the views from the harbor and the food.



Some of our gang in the dining room on the Dinner Cruise.

The show field was one of the best I have seen in a long time, actually rivaling the display at the Museum dedication with at least 7 greyhounds representing the Ls and Ks in the first row. This was followed by many Zephyrs and Continentals, several Mark IIs and another long line of the 58-60 land yachts continuing on to the slab sides with 10 competing for a Lincoln Trophy! The modern Lincolns up to a 2006 LS rounded out the field.

Witt Lincoln, the local dealer who was around the corner from the hotel, provided a suite of new Lincolns to grace the show field and even participated with their 1964 convertible and attended the banquet in force. It was great to see such participation from a local third generation dealer that has the highest customer service satisfaction rating in the country!

The hard work by the Western Region to reach out to other Lincoln clubs and owners paid off in spades. The LZOC was well represented with Editor Dave Cole, his son, Richard, Ken Tibbot who is the current caretaker of Dave Cole's 40 Cabriolet and

Sumptuous dining on San Diego's Mission Bay.



LCOC cars line up Friday morning for the drive over the Cabrillo Bridge into Balboa Park.



Mini Concours Friday in front of the San Diego Auto Museum.



Harold Norton, LZOC West Chapter President. I am sure there were others but an interesting thing happened at the banquet. Harold Norton asked Stacy Roscoe if he could address the group. Harold offered the nicest compliment to the LCOC and particularly the Western Region by thanking the LCOC for extending the invitation to the LZOC and other clubs to participate in this event and share a common passion. This was a moving tribute to the goal of fostering relations with all Lincoln clubs and received a warm round of applause.

I believe this is that start of something that will benefit all Lincoln clubs as we move towards the future. This type of unification was the highlight of the meet for me as it represents many years of laying the ground work starting in earnest with Glenn Kramer's meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina. We need to continue to foster these relationships for the benefit of the Lincoln aficionados.

The museum has some exciting news that needs to be shared. Jerry Capizzi and Chris Dunn have offered to match foundation donations earmarked for the endowment up to a total of \$300K! This was presented to the members present with recognition given to Chris who was in attendance. I will be working a plan in the near future to encourage members to contribute to this critical need and to "double" their contribution.

This was a great conclusion to the National Meets for 2015 and we need to make sure that 2016 is even better.

*Sincerely,
John Talbourdet*

Special thanks to Jim Ayres for the many photos sent in since the last issue of the Confab.

Members with the Lincoln Continental Concept Car Sunday,



Cars at the San Diego Auto Museum Friday.

Nancy and Norm Hoskins on the show field Saturday.



Dave Cole and Ken Tibbot's 1940 Lincoln Continental at the Auto Museum Sunday.

AAA getting ready to give John Walcek's 1940 LC Coupe a free tow back to Placentia after the show.





**Wake up!
Start your morning out right!**

**Join us for brunch
on
Sunday, January 31, 2016
10:15 AM: Gathering of Lincolns
11 AM: Social Hour
Noon: Brunch is Served**



**141-A West 22nd St,
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The LCOOC WESTERN REGION is planning this year's annual Kick-Off brunch with a Nautical theme. Join us overlooking the marina for free flowing mimosas or champagne and pre-order your selection from 4 brunch entrees: Steak & Scrambled Eggs, Poached Eggs Florentine, Lobster Fritters w/Poached Eggs & Hollandaise Sauce, or Chicken Marsala. Each of the 4 entrees is accompanied by fresh fruit, coffee cake, bacon, onion-herbed red potatoes, and sliced tomatoes with basil & balsamic vinegar. Plus coffee or tea.

Following the brunch there is the opportunity to visit the nearby USS Iowa, moored at Berth 87 at 250 South Harbor Blvd. We encourage everyone to join us and are working on a docent led tour if we have enough people. Please indicate your interest below. Parking on site. Check it out at www.pacificbattleship.com Details & cost info to follow. . .

We had an incredibly successful meet in San Diego in October, so the club is subsidizing this buffet to give you a 40% discount with a special price of \$30 per person as a **Thank You to our members for your support in creating and/or attending the meet.**

Questions: Call Jim Ayres at 949-689-8471 or email him at jayres01@ca.rr.com

Please return the form below **no later than January 22** with a check payable to LCOOC Western Region.
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Kick –Off Brunch Reservation Form

Deadline for Registration is January 22

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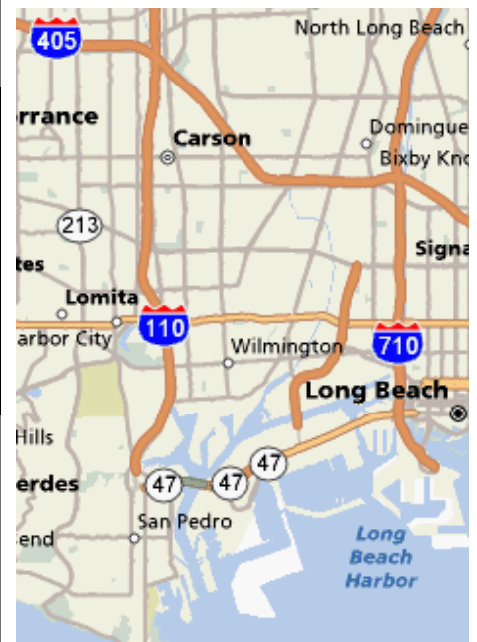
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