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Fabulous Fords at Knotts April 17, 2016

The 2016 31st Fabulous Fords Forever Show at Knott's Berry Farm in Anaheim was another sellout with 1,800 Ford built cars of all description in attendance. There were 57 classes including Lincolns and Continentals. Mustangs made up the largest class with over 1,000 cars.

As usual, there was a good showing of Lincolns, but most were non-LCOC cars.

Western Region members in attendance were Bob Blevins with his Mark VII, Don Torrence with his Mark III,

William Kerfoot with his 1977 Lincoln Town Car and Jim Ayres with his 1994 Lincoln Continental convertible. John Walcek and Elayne Bendel were in attendance without cars.

As usual there was a LCOC tent for membership recruitment and LCOC public relations.

As you can see from the photos most of the Lincolns were modern custom cars which has been the trend with all makes at the Knott's show in recent years. Other popular makes at the show were Broncos, F-Series trucks, Thunderbirds, Crown Victorias and Falcons.

For more photos of Lincolns at the show see Page 4.



Photos by Jim Ayres.



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Director's message



I was able to attend the 26th annual Lincoln-Zephyr Owners Club (LZOC) West Chapter "Gathering of the Faithful" in San Diego. LCOC members received an invitation to this National Meet from Chapter President Harold Norton. Harold and close to a dozen other LZOC members and guests joined us at our October Western National Meet in San Diego. Since then, he and I have continued to work on ways to build a stronger connection between our two clubs. I was joined by eight other LCOC members at this year's LZOC meet as part of this effort to get members to know each other better and to enjoy the common interests that we all have in the name of Lincoln.

I was asked to address the gathering at the Saturday night awards banquet to talk about how our clubs can continue to work together. One of the themes of my remarks was how common interest and partnership might be found beyond joint attendance at meets. The Lincoln Motor Car Foundation that opened the new Lincoln Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan in 2014 has proven to be a source of partnership among the various Lincoln clubs over the last few years as we have gotten together for the Foundation programs. Beyond common events, the Foundation could be in a position to provide an opportunity for shared support that could save time and money for each of the individual clubs. In the future, it may be possible to utilize the Foundation as an umbrella organization that could provide such common services as insurance, website support, and maybe even "back office" support, such as membership and billing management, to all the participating Lincoln clubs. As membership numbers shrink and income goes down in all of our clubs, there may be a strong case for individual clubs coming together to share fixed costs that can be more efficiently handled by a common supplier. This type of arrangement keeps organizational independence while at the same time improving the strength of the individual clubs.

For background, here are some key pieces of information regarding LZOC. A national club was formed in New England in 1968, and membership grew to over 900 world-wide members. In 1989 the West Regional Chapter was the first of two chapters established. According to its website, "LZOC encourages the preservation and restoration of the Lincoln Automobiles based on the 1936-1948 J-Series V-12 chassis. These include Lincoln-Zephyrs of 1936-1942, Lincoln V-12's of 1946-1948, Lincoln Customs of 1941-1942, and Lincoln Continentals of 1940-1948." The club publishes a bi-monthly magazine, *The Way of the Zephyr*, and has a national meet each year in the West, Central, and Eastern parts of the country.

The LCOC members in attendance had a wonderful time participating in this year's big LZOC event, and I ask all of you to consider more partnership with the other Lincoln clubs that share our love for the Lincoln brand.

Until next timeStacy

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Photo from a past board meeting.

Region Board Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Western Region will be holding our Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, August 6, 2016 from 1:00 until 6:00 p.m. and all members are cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

The meeting will be hosted by Ron Cressy and Ray Gonzales at their home in Yucca Valley.

There will be an informal cocktail party at Ron and Ray's on Friday evening and a tour of their car collection on Saturday morning. Lunch will be provided after the tour. Following the Board meeting we will have dinner on your own in Pioneer Town at Pappy and Harriet's.

Save the Date!!

We will also be touring John Burge and Mike Steiner's collection in Desert Hot Springs on Sunday.

There is a Best Western just a few minutes away from Ron's. All members are on their own to make reservations if they choose to stay over. The hotel number is 760-365-3555 or 800-637-5958. Breakfast is included.

Agenda items should be submitted to Stacy Roscoe.

If you are planning to attend (or need more information) please contact Jan McNiel at 760-375-5337 or marvnjan@iwvvisp.com as we will need to know the attendance for reservations and meal planning. Directions to all the venues will be provided with an RSVP.

Western Region 2016 Events Identified to Date

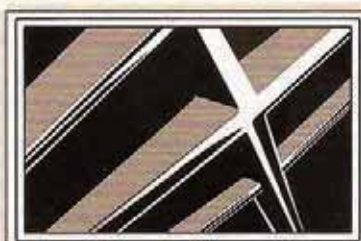
June - LCOC Western Region Spring Meet - a "meet within a meet" at the June 5th Huntington Beach Concours.

September - Annual Mike Cunningham Wine Tasting and Picnic Event.

August - Western Region Board Meeting August 6 in Yucca Valley followed by a tour to a collection in Desert Hot Springs August 7.

October - Participation in the California Mercury Owners event.

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More Photos from Knott's



Two non-members with their late Forties Lincoln Continental Coupe.



Jim Ayres and Baron Night in the LCOC tent.



A group of Shelbys.



Member Don Torrence with his 1970 Continental Mark III.



Andrew and Alena Tsrenyev with a most unusual 1997 Lincoln Continental Limousine.



The Limousine has three doors on each side. It was built by Sayers and Scoville, which reportedly is the oldest coachbuilder in the world.

Photos by John Walcek



Western National Meet Westminster, Colorado September 7-10, 2016

The previous article, which appeared in the March-April issue of 'Comments,' touched on the host hotel www.westin-denver-boulder.com and the various events that are scheduled during the Meet. This time, let's talk about ...

What to Expect

September was chosen for a number of reasons, one being the weather. Daily highs run in the mid-70's and overnight lows in the mid-50's, with minimal probability of any kind of precipitation. The aspen leaves will be starting to turn in the high country, as Mother Nature begins putting on her annual gold-splashed spectacle.



Bear in mind that you will be a mile or more above sea level, and the sun's rays are quite intense, making it easy to get a burn in a short period of time. Plan on using lots of sunscreen, and consider bringing along a broad brimmed hat. Also, be aware that, even on a sunny day,

if you take a trip up into the mountains – (like the tour to Estes Park) – temperature will drop as you gain in altitude. Think 'layers' when choosing what clothes to bring. Speaking of Estes Park, let's take a look at...

The Tour

We plan on leaving the host hotel at around 8:00 A.M. on Thursday for a guided caravan up one of the canyons that lead to our destination. If you've never driven The Rockies before, you're in for an experience. By the way, our entourage will be accompanied for the day by a professional full-service support tow vehicle, generously provided by Landmark



Lincoln. This will obviously be just for show, because... as we all know... classic Lincolns never break down!!

As we approach Estes Park, we will pause at a pull-out to regroup. Then, as we proceed, we'll be met by members of the Estes Park Police Department with their official vehicles, who will escort us the rest of the way into Estes Park, through the town, and on to the Stanley Hotel. Expect to be stared at.

Once we have all arrived and are parked, it will be time for the guided tours, and lunch. You will have a choice of two guided tours...one of the hotel itself, and the other

a motorized trolley excursion of the town and surrounding area. Each tour will take about 1-1/2 hours, so you will have time for both, in whichever order you choose.



Estes Park Trolley

For our buffet, we have reserved 'The Music Room' which has large picture windows that look out over the town and the Rocky Mountain National Park.



The Music Room

Signing Up

To book your room, call the Westin at 303-410-5000. Tell them you're with the LCOC to get the special \$99 room rate. To register for the Meet, go to the LCOC.org web site under National Meets and click on the link. To get a paper copy of the Registration Form, call Harry Edwards (970-381-3416) and ask him to send you one.

Lincoln-Zephyr Show in San Diego



Judging Huhn's 1940 Lincoln-Zephyr Sedan.



Dave Cole with his celebrated 1940 Lincoln-Continental Cabriolet.



Harold Norton's 1939 Lincoln-Zephyr Sedan.



Bob Blevins' 1990 Mark VII, Marv Wendt and Jan McNiel's 1963 Thunderbird and Jim and Carol Higgs' 1989 Mark VII.



Judging Dave Arntzen's 1947 Lincoln-Zephyr Coupe. Below, the 1942 LC Convertible on the trailer has a ways to go.



Dave Iverson's Custom 1938 Linmcoln-Zephyr Convertible.



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LZOC Western GOF XXVI

The Lincoln-Zephyr Owners Club (Gathering of the Faithful) Meet was held in San Diego May 20-21. It was the Legends of Southern California GOF at the Best Western Inn on Motel Circle on I-8 in Mission Valley.

The focal point of the meet was a driving tour followed by a men's auction and ladies raffle.

The Judged cars were a 1940 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet owned by Dave Cole and Ken Tibbott, a 1939 Lincoln-Zephyr sedan owned by Chapter Preident Harold Norton, a 1940 Lincoln-Zephyr sedan owned by David and Maryellen Huhn, a 1947 Lincoln coupe owned by Dan Arntzen and a 1938 Custom Lincoln-Zephyr convertible owned by Dave Iverson.

Western Region LCOC member Bob Blevins brought his 1990 Lincoln Mark VII and Jim and Carol Higgs brought their 1989 Lincoln Mark VII LSC. Marv Wendt and Jan McNiel brought a 1963 Thunderbird. This was Marv's mother's car. Marv has restored it, and this was the car's first appearance at a Lincoln meet.

The LZOC Chapter sent invitations to LCOC, LOC and the Airflow Club. The Saturday night banquet proved to be a very congenial integration of the various members participating in this event.



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