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DIRECTORS REPORT

It is hard to believe but this year is nearly at its half way point marked with Lincoln activities and events. This years Salado all Texas Lincoln Meet was as most of you know the LCOC's Mid America National Meet and what a success it was. There were over 150 people in attendance from all over the United States, Canada and Mexico bringing 63 fine Lincolns for all to enjoy and compete in a National Judging experience. Whether you chose to enter your car in a judging class or just for exhibition we were blessed with many varied Lincolns to admire and ogle at. One of the most rewarding aspects of the National Meet was to meet and get to know the owners of the cars and hear their individual stories of how they acquired and restored their prized automobiles. In short a great time was had by all.

The event went off without a hitch because of the many hours of work by our TGCR Club's members. Diana and Erin Forbes, with the assistance of others put together the welcome boxes and coordinated the successful auction. Dawn Pirone, Mary Jo Vague, Diana, Trish Felt, Eileen Birk, Louise Sawyer and others hosted a Hospitality Room that was the hit of the Meet.

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June Meeting? Watch Your E-mail!

We had planned to get together at the Northpark Barber Shop in Kingwood for their annual classic car show. Those who went last year had a great time, and some prime space was dedicated to our Lincolns.

But the Barber Shop has decided to move the meet to September or October to avoid the worst of the heat. We'll keep you posted on the date. In the meantime, keep an eye on your e-mail for news of our June meeting.

Houston Ship Channel Tour *Saturday*, July 25, 2:30 pm

We'll climb aboard the *M/V Sam Houston* for a 90 minute tour of the port and the Turning Basin Terminal. We'll probably get an up-close look at some of the huge international cargo vessels that call regularly at the Port of Houston. To learn more, follow this link: <http://www.portofhouston.com/samhou/samhou.html>

For security reasons, there are some things to know ahead of time:

We must have photo IDs to enter the Port and to get on the boat. (*Note to Mike McNeil: Your own ID, not someone else's.*)

Gary Birk has to give the Port a list of those who will attend at least three days before Saturday, July 25. He'll get in touch separately on this.

The Port occasionally cancels tours. Gary will monitor the website.

No cameras on board.

The address is 7300 Clinton, Houston. Directions:

Exit East Loop 610 at Clinton Drive

Go west on Clinton past McCarty

Enter the Port at Gate 8 and stay to the right

Follow signs to Sam Houston Pavilion

Salado/Mid-America National Meet 2009

I'm sure that many of you had the same thought I had: When I heard that Glenn Kramer wanted to schedule the Mid-America National Meet for Salado, one word came to mind: **Recall!**

However, a number of TGCR members did a year's worth of work in 3 months; they received a lot of help from the National LCOC; and it turned into a big success. You know things went well when the winner of the Michael Black Hard Luck Award actually brought his car to Salado and home safely. So did the First Runner Up for the award, Glenn Kramer. (Just a reminder that should Bruno not be able to fulfill his duties as Hard Luck Award Winner for any reason, Glenn would become Miss America.)

But "success" was not the word that was being uttered when Bruno's brake line sprung a leak. We were preparing to caravan from Waller on Thursday morning when a puddle formed by the left rear tire. Since there was no dog in sight, the problem appeared to be mechanical. But Bruno was able to find someone to put a temporary fix on the line, and the '69 sedan arrived triumphantly Thursday afternoon. It was accompanied by Bruno's friend John in a beautiful 1962 Cadillac.

Glenn and Dawn Pirone earned the First Runner Up spot by cruising into the Stagecoach Inn on Thursday afternoon in a whisper-quiet 1970 Mark III. It turned out that the whisper quiet was actually the sound of a motor not running. The absence of power steering and power brakes on a 4500 pound car is noticeable, but Glenn was able to wrestle it in without crashing the Hospitality Suite. Later, Bob Hardisty tracked down the problem—loose plug—and the mighty 460 roared to life. Bob has helped so many members over the years.

Gary Birk had the registration packs ready, Diana and Erin Forbes had the gift boxes, and we were in business. Members rolled in Thursday and Friday. It was fun to see so many people from outside Texas and especially from Minnesota. It seems that last year's meet in Duluth made them want to attend another meet. (Well, it could have been the weather, too.) Most of the mechanical judging was done on Friday. The highlight, as always, was the Friday night Booze-BQ at the City Garage, Doc and Micki Ellis, Proprietors.

The weather was iffy on Saturday morning, and we got to spend some quality time with our chamois. But the field, which was laid out by Dean Theiss, Don Alexander, and Gary Birk, was ready, and the cars looked great. It was exciting to finally see Dean Forbes' 1956 Continental Mark II, which has been the

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subject of an epic restoration. (Apparently, the only thing Diana Forbes doesn't do is windshields.) What a car this is going to be!

Some more debuts to recognize: Joe and Lana Hill's 1962 Lincoln Continental convertible in (okay, I admit it) the true color of Riviera Turquoise; returning member Ralph Keller's Mark V convert; and Austin Gray's first National Meet.

I really like 1969 Lincoln Continentals. I think the grille is very classy and proportioned just right. You don't see a lot of them because you can't recover restoration expenses. But we had three great examples: Bruno's sedan, Pat Corbett's sedan, and the Lehmann-Peterson limo owned by Bob and Joan MacDougal (which was judged even though the front half was in Salado and the rear half was in the Eastern Time Zone). There was also a very nice '69 Mark III owned by Steve Amant of St. Louis.

This was a big meet for Mark VIIIs. There were five, including Mac and Janie Harvey's '97.

My favorite car this year was the black 1946 Lincoln sedan that belonged to John and Dorothy Palmer of Minnesota. It sparkled but still looked like a car that was driven. It was joined by Jim and MaryJo Vague's 41 Continental custom coupe and a 1942 Continental custom cabriolet with a Chevrolet LT-1 engine (whatever that is.) But we missed Jake Fleming's opera coupe.

After dinner, we adjourned to the Stagecoach Inn International Convention Center for the awards ceremony and for some spirited bidding on the silent auction items. Like anyone who owns a Bugs Bunny costume, Tim Howley wanted to show it off, so he provided the warm-up for the trophy presentations.

See the list of TGCR awards on page 9.

Besides the official National Meet awards, Harvey Bane won the Long Distance Award (a book on Route 66 donated by Steve and Louise Sawyer) for driving his black 1958 Continental Mark III convertible from West Virginia. Charlie Steward won the Treasure Tour Award, and John and Dorothy Palmer's '46 sedan won the People's Choice Award, (a book on the history of the Salado area, also donated by the Sawyers).

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New Parts

Welcome to returning member Ralph Keller of Porter, who brought his blue 1979 Mark V convertible to Salado. Ralph has several other cars, including a 40's Continental cabriolet.

Also welcome to Bill James and Vera Garza of Spring, who have a maroon 1948 Lincoln Continental coupe, which they found on Ebay in California. It has been rebuilt mechanically but needed paint and interior work. Bill and Vera are researching the car to make sure the updates are correct.

Bill has always admired the early Continentals and even saw one many years ago on a used car lot when he was in the Army at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. Strangely, the seller had also seen one years ago while *he* was in the Army at Fort Sam.

Bill sent a copy of the build sheet for the car:

SALES BRANCH RECORD

FORM 14 H SHIPPED TO *Ruffalo Co*

IBM 903710

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SALES ORD. NO. *M-15875* DATE SHIPPED *MAR 17 1948*

DATE ASSEMBLED *MAR 4 1948*

BODY NO. *1529* IGNITION KEY NO. *032* DECK KEY NO. *1361*

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6-PLY	CLUB COUPE (77)	<input type="checkbox"/>
FIRESTONE	CONV. COUPE (76)	<input type="checkbox"/>
GOODRICH	CONT. CAB (56)	<input type="checkbox"/>
GOODYEAR	CONT. COUPE (57)	<input type="checkbox"/>
RADIO STD.	BLACK	<input type="checkbox"/>
EXP. CONV.	GROTTO BLUE	<input type="checkbox"/>
HEATER	VALLEY GREEN MET.	<input type="checkbox"/>
OVERDRIVE	STEEL GRAY MET.	<input type="checkbox"/>
CHROME BANDS	SEA GULL GRAY	<input type="checkbox"/>
FOG LAMPS	MOSS GREEN	<input type="checkbox"/>
SIDE MIRROR	REGAL BLUE	<input type="checkbox"/>
VANITY MIRROR	MAROON	<input type="checkbox"/>
LICENSE FRAMES	DUNE BEIGE	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPOTLIGHT	CANYON TAN	<input type="checkbox"/>
GAS CAP LOCK	PAGE CAR YELLOW	<input type="checkbox"/>
METRIC MILE	OPAL BLUE GREEN	<input type="checkbox"/>
LOW GRAV. BATT.	BROADCLOTH	<input type="checkbox"/>
EXP. FRONT SPRING	CORD-BLUE	<input type="checkbox"/>
EXP. REAR SPRING	CORD-TAN	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPANISH I BOOK	BLUE CUSTOM	<input type="checkbox"/>
ALCOHOL FUEL PUMP	GREEN CUSTOM	<input type="checkbox"/>
OMIT WATER THERMOS	TAN CUSTOM	<input type="checkbox"/>
51-AF-18007 BULBS	LEATHER <i>Red</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPARK PLUG RESISTORS	WHIPCORD <i>Tan</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	TOP-TAN	<input type="checkbox"/>
	TOP-BLACK	<input type="checkbox"/>

From Also Ran to First Place

When we last saw Jonathan Liston and his newly restored and painted 1966 Lincoln Continental convertible, they were hiding from a hail storm on their way to the 1997 Mid-America LCOC Meet in Houston. Here is Part 3 of Jonathan's article on restoring the award-winning 1966 Lincoln Continental convertible:

In the underground garage facilities at the South Shore Harbor Resort, the site of the meet, I was able to detail and prepare the car for her first showing after restoration. She was on the field by 10 am and ready for the judges.

The judging team for the class, which included two of the "editors" of the LCOC authenticity manual for 1966 Convertibles, spent in excess of 48 minutes going over the car with the proverbial fine-tooth-comb. It seemed an eternity.

By Saturday night it was all history. The car had taken the Primary First Place FOMOCO Trophy for class.

A week after the LCOC meet, the car was invited to the Second Annual "Wooden Keels and Classic Wheels" at the Lakewood Yacht Club, in nearby Seabrook, Texas. At the concours event showcasing old wooden boats and classic cars in a beautiful waterfront setting, two local body shop mechanics developed a heated discussion about whether the car had ever been repainted. It nearly ended in "fisticuffs".

Since then the car has collected a shelf full of trophies at numerous local, regional and national events, including Wooden Keels and Classic Wheels, and won an LCOC Emeritus Award at Ford Motor Company 100th Anniversary Celebrations in Dearborn.

For Sale

1989 Lincoln Town Car, Signature Series. Less than 25,000 miles, original family owned. Museum quality. Only upgrades new radials and a CD player. Leather interior, white. silver outside, black cloth top. Everything works. Lovely car, awesome ride. \$10,000.00 firm. candyhendrix@rocketmail.com.

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Director's Report

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Now as far as libations were concerned....the best was planned and executed with the Liquor Van stocked with beverages of stellar quality by Paul Youngjohn and Dean Theiss who also acquired the eats for the Hospitality Room, and were in charge of the "Get to Know the Country" auto tour on Friday, and furnished the golf cart that was well used during the event. Paul also shared his knowledge with Gary Birk and Don Alexander who, with the help of others laid out the show field in the parking area for the Saturday Judging and Show. Speaking of Gary, he single handedly printed and put together the name badges and registration packets.

Special thanks go to Neil and Sharon Pierson who assisted with the registration table in the Hotel lobby for hours on end. James Simmons did a great job hosting "Let's Make A Deal" during the awards.

We had many visitors to the event that were drawn there by the many press releases that were sent to the various media outlets in the surrounding area by Steve Sawyer. Steve was also the trophy chairman--a job that is behind the scenes and was done perfectly.

To Keith Steber we give thanks for his talents for the great design of the dash plaques to commemorate

the event. Malcolm Perry handled the finances...who better to be in charge of the money! We leaned on the knowledge of Thom Liston to help with the planning and coordination of the whole event as he had done this several times in the past.....Thank you Thom!

Doc Ellis coordinated and arranged the sandwiches for the early arrivals on Thursday evening and of course provided the location, coordinated and planned the delicious BBQ dinner for Friday evening at his garage. A Salado event would not be the same without Don and Micki Ellises participation....A Big Thanks to the Ellises!

Thanks go to Glenn Kramer....our LCOC President, who was the inspiration and catalyst for the event.

The Hotel was great to work with and did a fantastic job with the food...our hats off to the Stage Coach Inn! The biggest thanks go to all who entered and participated in the event.

This was a team effort! Please excuse me if I have forgotten to mention any who contributed to the success of the meet.

We have had three or four new members join our group since the last newsletter and we welcome you and your automobiles to a vibrant and active Club....we encourage your participation. We have a fun group!

2009 Calendar

June 10-13

Western National Meet, Reno, Nevada

Saturday, July 25, 2:30

Port of Houston Ship Channel Tour

September 9-13

Eastern National Meet, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

October 9, 10, 11

All-Texas LCOC Meet in Fredericksburg.
Reservations (Fredericksburg Inn) (800) 446-0202

For Sale

1975 Lincoln Continental Mark IV. 14,000 original miles. With original sales invoice, owners manual, steel wheels and wheel covers. Light blue exterior with Royal Blue leather interior. Sold new in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on July 7, 1975 for \$10,314.01. Has untouched, original, four wheel disc brakes & spare tire. Tires are Michelin Energy LX4. Replacements within the last two years:

New 17x7 American Racing Torqlite polished alloy wheels

New very low restriction, quiet, dual exhaust system

New ACC carpet and carpet mats with sound deadener

New radiator, water pump, fan clutch, and water hoses

New KYB Gas Adjust shock absorbers

New battery

New oil and temperature sensors, spark plugs, fan belts etc.

Sound system wire installed under carpet, 6 #12 & 2 #10

For Sale at \$6000 or will trade for one ton truck or van, any make. Theresa & JP (903) 262-7922. Email is tejasoro2007@embarqmail.com. We are 15 miles east of Tyler in Bullard, TX and 25 minutes from the Tyler Pounds Regional Airport.

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Texas Gulf Coast Region Awards
Salado/Mid-America National Meet

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Touring/Original

2nd - 1969 Lincoln Continental sedan - Bruno Hernandez
3rd - 1968 Lincoln Continental sedan - Steve, Louise Sawyer

Modified/Custom

Primary 2nd - 1979 LC Mark V convertible - Ralph Keller
Primary 2nd - 1941 Continental coupe - Jim, Mary Jo Vague

Primary

1st - 1958 Continental Mark III 4 door - Greg Alexander, Jayson Melanson
1st - 1970 LC Mark III - Glenn Kramer
1st - 1977 Lincoln Continental sedan - Paul Youngjohn, Dean Theiss

1st - 1979 Versailles - Bill Love
1st - 1982 LC Mark VI - Jonathan Liston
1st - 1997 Town Car - Bernie, Eileen Birk

2nd - 1981 LC Mark VI - Gary Birk

3rd - 1979 LC Mark V - Craig Adams
3rd - 1979 LC Mark V - Bryan, Trish Felt

Lincoln Trophy

1958 Continental Mark III 4 door - Greg Alexander, Jayson Melanson
1977 Lincoln Continental sedan - Paul Youngjohn, Dean Theiss

Best Car Without A Back Seat

1956 Continental Mark II - Dean Forbes

The Photo Album - Salado

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.

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

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Cars!

[1941-1960](#)

People!

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Cars!

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[Saturday Afternoon](#)

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1975 Mark IV For Sale

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