



Lake Shore Lincoln Lines

Newsletter - Lake Shore Region - Lincoln & Continental Owners Club

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The Director's Message



Hi to all,

Here we are with our "going into fall" newsletter. How come summer seems to fly past but winter drags along! There are still many Lake Shore Region events, car shows and local cruise nights to go to before we have to start thinking about putting our Lincolns away for this year - - check them out.

Congratulations to Lake Shore member Bill Fletcher for winning the Dr. Erwin C. Ruth trophy at the Western National Meet in Grand Junction, CO with his beautiful 1976 Mark IV. Congrats also to club members Michael and Diana Vickery who won a 1st place award in the Senior category with their lovely 2001 Town Car at the meet.

Be sure to bring your vintage car - no matter what condition it is in or even if it is not a Lincoln - to the "Lincolns on the Lawn" event on September 7th. More information is available on page 4. RSVP as soon as possible. Come and see our new Lincoln banner which was provided by our member Terry Burns.

Check out page 4 of this newsletter to see the information about an agreement with Mecum Auctions that might benefit you. As our Lake Shore member John McCarthy says, "this is a deal to beat all deals!"

Please wear your name tag to our events and activities. If you don't have one, see page 14 for the ordering information.

On page 3 are the activities that have been planned for you to enjoy. Mark the dates on your calendar NOW so you don't forget to join us. This is what our Lake Shore Region group is about - - learning from each other, the love of cars and the pleasure of being together.

Hope to see you soon,

Barb Esdale

Lake Shore Region Director

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‘Round and About...

Remember....[you heard it here first!!](#)

♦ Longest car in the world

The world's longest car, a Cadillac-badged monster is a whopping 100 feet long. Basically a super-stretched 1970's Cadillac Eldorado and named American Dream, the monstrous 26-wheeler (with those wheels not only in front and back, but center as well) had a special swivel in the middle so it could navigate around corners, and be taken apart for transporting on a low-loader to filming sites. On the road it needed specialist drivers both at the front and the rear. Luxuries included a "living room" with a lounge and multiple-seat dining table with candelabra, a king-size bed, heated Jacuzzi tub, and an extended boot with splash pool and diving board covered by a folding landing pad for its own helicopter. When Hollywood eventually lost interest in the American Dream it was simply abandoned in an open carpark and slowly stripped. In 2012 the New York Autoseum automotive teaching museum in the village of Mineola, NY bought the forlorn-looking wreck at auction, and today it is being slowly rebuilt as a teaching project for students.



♦ If you're looking for a little project to keep you busy....



You too can build your very own "snail car". After all, who hasn't wanted a drivable snail of their own? Well thanks to its creator, Jon Sarriugarte, you can get ready to start welding, following the 22-step how-to instructions he posted online. [LINK](#)

Or maybe you can apply Jon's basic exotic car building techniques to build yourself a Volkswagen spider car like one of those giant VW bug sculptures found south of Reno. They're old style Volkswagen Beetle car bodies welded atop eight pipe legs. Every boy should have one.



Lake Shore Region Event Schedule 2019

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August

**18th
Sunday**

Ken & Sons Fly-In
Poplar Grove Airport

[See last newsletter for more information](#)

September

**7th
Saturday**

Lincolns on the Lawn
John and Mary McCarthy's home - 3718 Spyglass Ridge Road, Crystal Lake, IL

[See page 5 for more information](#)

October

Date Pending

CATERPILLAR Visitors Center
110 S.W. Washington Street, Peoria, IL

[See page 6 for more information](#)

2019 LCOC National Events

- ♦ **September 19 - 22 - Eastern Meet:** Dutchess County, New York

WE'RE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!



HELP US FIND SOME TODAY!





***** **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT** *****

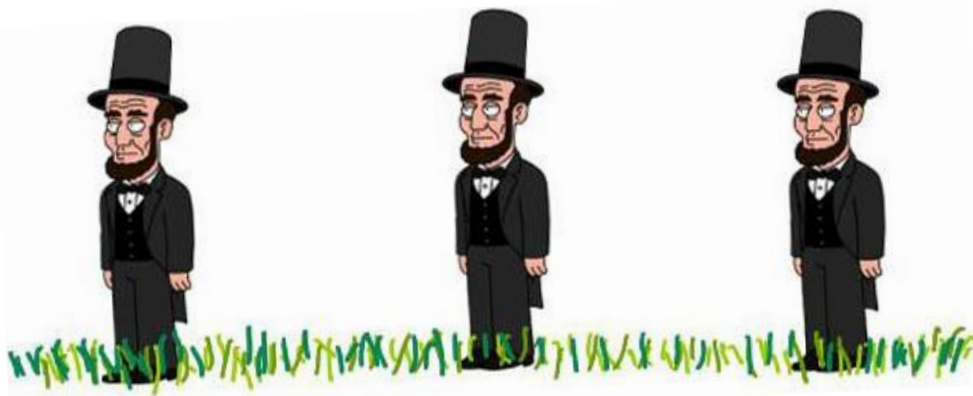
The details are being finalized as I type this, but the LCOC is about to institute an agreement with Mecum Auctions that will allow for any LCOC member, in good standing, to receive 1 FREE bidder's pass (worth \$100 in advance and \$200 the day of the auction) along with 1 free admission (a \$20 value) to any and all of the Mecum Auctions beginning in 2020!

This is a VERY exciting program and just another reason why being a member of LCOC is so important. Mecum Auctions wants for more club involvement and is making this amazing offer to increase club membership and participation in his auctions.

Additionally you will start seeing ads in various club magazines and newsletters announcing his upcoming auctions and the details of this win-win program. Dana Mecum is stepping up his efforts to support all antique car clubs - lets take full advantage of this!!!!

John McCarthy

Lake Shore Region



LINCOLNS ON THE LAWN

My wife Mary and I welcome all our Lake Shore Family to our home

3718 Spyglass Ridge Road, Crystal Lake, IL

Saturday September 7 from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM

Please bring your Lincoln (or other old car if necessary) as we will have a backyard display of our favorite cars and then driving tour through the countryside with a BBQ luncheon afterwards.

Feel free to bring a dish to pass should you wish to do so.

We look forward to seeing everyone there.

**PLEASE RSVP in advance to John McCarthy
(Alwayslincolns@gmail.com) or call at 847-997-9944**





THE DOUG OBERHELMAN CATERPILLAR VISITORS CENTER
110 S.W. Washington Street
Peoria, IL 61602

Join us in October for a fascinating tour of the Caterpillar Visitor Center. Their tour starts inside a replica of one of their largest vehicles (we're talking 5 stories here). Then you will be free to roam on your own. There are many machines you can climb into (great photo opportunities). Then there are simulators where you can try things like scooping dirt to cover a pipe. Not as easy as sounds. This museum is great for young kids and the young at heart, so you may want to bring the family along for this outing.

A special message will be sent to you with the date and more details.



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TIPPECANOE AND STUDEBAKERS TOO!!



Photos supplied by Angela Zimmerman

It was a beautiful June day for a drive to South Bend, IN where Jason Rossi, Robert Rivera, Angela & Bill Zimmerman, Harry Came, Barb & Joe Esdale, Matt Harbert, Angi Endicott and guests Betty Owens and Paul



Richardson enjoyed a great brunch at Tippecanoe Place. This elegant, historic home was originally owned by Clement Studebaker and is a landmark of South Bend's historic district. After the brunch we drove to the Studebaker Museum and viewed three levels of hundreds of exhibits which, of course, included a large collection of stunning cars.



THE LSR JUNE EVENT IN ROSCOE

For the June Event we met for brunch at Sophia's Family Restaurant in Roscoe and as always we were treated well and the food was excellent. Brunch was followed by a 20 minute scenic drive through rural and historic sections of Roscoe and Rockton Illinois then to Historic Auto Attractions where we had the afternoon to explore this fantastic collection.

Here are some of the Lincolns and Continentals on display at the Historic Auto Attractions.



Conway Twitty's 1957 Mk II



Colonel Sanders 1939 Brunn-bodied Lincoln K Limousine



Elvis's personal 1972 Mk II



A Presidential Limousine used by Nixon



Lyndon B. Johnson's personal Lehman-Peterson Limousine



1923 Lincoln used by the Calvin Coolidge White House

Some of the unusual "yardifacts" and decorations on display at Sophia's



HANDLE
WITH
CARE

Lincolns In A Box

by Jim and Cheryl Farrell

CAUTION
DO NOT
DROP

Because Fords of the 1930s through the '50s were built at various facilities overseas in addition to factories in the United States, it's rare to run across any US-made export Ford products of that vintage. Even today, Lincolns are built only in the US, Mexico and Canada, but with the coming world market, that may change. Ford currently has plans to build Lincolns in China, and maybe someday soon, Lincolns will also be built at other overseas locations. Until at least the 1960s, (and maybe later) new Lincolns sold in overseas countries had to be shipped there by boat. Because no one has ever published complete facts and figures on Ford Motor Company's export cars, not much is known about Lincolns

that went overseas -- and darn few have ever returned to the United States.

Production records sometimes show a separate category for right-hand-drive Lincolns. Presumably they were shipped overseas, but the records are incomplete. Left-hand-drive cars shipped overseas were

not usually separated out in whatever records were kept. Records that are available identify about 400 1932 Lincolns shipped to Russia that year. Some 900 1936 Lincoln Zephyrs also went overseas. So far, those are about the only detailed records that have been found.

Often, export model Lincolns were equipped differently (metric speedometers, high-output generators, stronger jacks, etc.) and they almost always carried heavy-duty tires, tire pumps, and other parts designed for the terrain of the destination country. Nowadays, special ships have been built solely to transport cars, but before that, Lincolns exported to overseas countries were boxed up for storage in the cargo holds of ships with the other cargo they were carrying. The photos

accompanying this article show two 1947 Lincolns boxed up and ready for shipment overseas. From the writing on the box, we know that one was on its way to the Belgian Congo. Wonder if that Lincoln is still alive, and if so where it is now?

DO NOT
FOLD
SPINDLE OR
MUTILATE



We Got Our Kicks On Route 66

By Jim Wiltse

Route 66 is an icon from a remarkable era marked by growth. It was Cyrus Avery who envisioned a road that would run all the way from Lake Michigan to the Pacific. Avery would call it the "Main Street of America". Route 66 was unique in that it embodied optimism, freedom and a dream.

This was to be the nation's first all-weather highway linking Chicago to Los Angeles. That means you were no longer going to get stuck and all muddy pushing the car out. In reality as of its designation in 1926, U.S. 66 merely "replaced" many roads and highways - often in poor condition - along its alignment by the simple method of renumbering an existing road and providing Federal support to improve roads that previously belonged to State networks.

U.S. Route 66 was officially established on November 11, 1926, with road signs erected the following year. But initially only 800 miles of the road were paved, the rest was gravel, dirt (like the infamous muddy stretch known as the Jericho Gap in Texas) or even just bricks or wooden planks. Paving began soon after but would not be completed until 1938.

Years later as the service men came back from WWII, they demanded faster, safer and more efficient roadways which led to newer 4-lane construction. The Route 66 was then realigned to bypass many of the small towns. Unfortunately the traffic to generate commerce that many of the business people along the route were accustomed to was lost. Then eventually by 1977, Route 55 superseded Route 66 and in 1985 the great road was decommissioned after 59 years.

Some will say the roadway is dead but I believe the road lives on by telling its stories and the whole legacy of Route 66. Many historically significant structures, and many businesses welcome today's traveler. There are so many interesting stops that you must limit yourself or become overwhelmed.

So with this all in mind, Mar and I started our trek on 6/15/19 as we set out to follow the route laid out for the "Life in the Slow Lane" Motor Tour sponsored by the Route 66 Association of Illinois. First we sojourned to Wilmington to visit the Gemini Giant. He is a mighty figure; part of the Launching Pad Restaurant – certainly a fantasy from the 50's & 60's. He is a fiberglass "Muffler Man" holding a spaceship in his hands. Just down the street is the large Sinclair Dino Dinosaur on top of the Sinclair Service Station. Dino was made by the International Fiberglass Company for Sinclair in 1930. Across Kankakee street we spotted the Polk-a-Dot Restaurant where the Blues Brothers were awaiting us. Although closed the Restaurant still showed more superstars. Elvis and Marilyn Monroe gladly posed for our pictures. It would really have



been something if they had offered to take the pictures.

We started in Wilmington because the early part of the tour at Bellar Auto Museum at 275 Rocbaar Drive, Romeoville although very enjoyable takes too much time to appreciate. Also this is home to the White Fence Farm Restaurant which probably has some of the best family style chicken. If you ask them they might give you the recipe. Well then again.....maybe not. Their website says their fried chicken recipe is a closely guarded secret! They also have a large collection of antique cars and other very interesting artifacts from the 1920's.

In Joliet, the Historical Museum is built where Route 66 and Route 1 cross. Route 1 which was constructed in 1913 was the first national road and like Route 66 was also built mostly from dirt roads, but it took Route 66 to improve upon the model. When Route 1 was built they actually had Boy Scouts put 6" x 6" cement posts along the road to help you stay on it and commemorate it. You see the road had many square corners as it wove in and out of and along farm section lines. Note Route 66 only covers half the USA – Chicago to Los Angeles, but Route 1 was coast to coast. The Museum store is both expensive and interesting since it has both a lot of history plus contains a lot of memorabilia for the traveler to collect.



Travelling to Gardner, IL, we found a Two Cell Jail from 1906 and the Street Car Diner all within walking distance. It was difficult to get served since the Diner was closed a long time ago but it was not hard to get in jail.



From Gardner it is just a hop and a skip to the Ambler/Decker 1933 Texaco in Dwight, IL. It is identified as the longest operating station along Route 66. You will note a very early 1900's fire truck in the service bay as if it just was serviced in this fully stocked station. Across the street is Old Route 66 Family Restaurant. They have good burgers but are they ever greasy. They actually put the name a "greasy spoon" to shame. Before we left Dwight, we noted the John R. Oughton House, commonly known as The Lodge or the Keeley Estate. It is a Victorian mansion which was a very early alcoholism therapy center. This was before alcoholism care was even recognized. It contains a 5 story Windmill of eight sides. Built in 1896, the windmill generated electricity but now it pumps water for the John Oughton Estate.



In Pontiac, IL is the Route 66 Association Hall of Fame & Museum, where the most interesting thing is the early VW Mini Van converted to a camper. It looks like they did more than camp in it but maybe lived in it. It is little the worse for wear but functional and very interesting. The streets immediately surrounding the Museum make up a historic downtown area which displays 20 colorful murals. Also the town seems to have had a contest decorating mini cars and trucks with wild colors and patterns. There are blue foot prints painted on the sidewalk to



direct you to each mural and past the wild mini vehicles. Also the Pontiac-Oakland Auto Museum is at 205 Mill Street containing the greatest Pontiac and Oakland autos and as well as other classics.



On the way through Towanda toward Bloomington/Normal is the famous dangerous Dead Man's Curve of the 1940's. Travelers unaccustomed with the curve were in big trouble when they misjudged its sharpness and narrow width - just 18 feet wide for two-way traffic.

Outside of Carl's Ice Cream at 106 W Locust in Normal, Illinois on what was a 1930 Cities Service stands a 15-foot tall giant Soda Jerk installed in 1969. He holds an ice cream cone in one hand and a hamburger in the other. They brag of being the only store on Route 66 that has hard packed ice cream.

Then we visited the Funks Grove family store. It is a 4th generation enterprise which makes maple "sirup" in the town of Shirley. That's not a typo. It's the way they spell it. Established in 1824, it is still is a major shipping hub along Route 66. Nearby was the Sugar Grove Nature Center is located on 1000 acres and has 5 miles of trails to take visitors throughout the preserve.

We covered about 88 miles out of the 288 miles on the Route 66 tour in Illinois. The trip is a lot of driving if you try to get it done in one day. My original thought had been that if I was to get to Springfield or at least Lincoln we'd do an overnight stay. But there is too much to see and do for that. Maybe if you start earlier and drive until dark it you could do it, that would be very long day but more workable. Not quite the "Life in the Slow Lane" that was suggested on tour. It was still most enjoyable and in fact I am planning to get out the 1978 Lincoln Mark V to go to Lincoln, IL, stay overnight and go on to Springfield next day in late September.

If you are interested in doing this tour yourself, a good contact would be Marty Blitstein 708-560-4104. He can and will advise you, answer any questions and send you materials for the trip. If you prefer, you can contact Cathie Stevanovich, President of the Route 66 Association of Illinois. (Email: cathiesb@earthlink.net. Website: www.il66assoc.org).



FOR SALE

1951 Lincoln Cosmopolitan Convertible

This rust free California car had a ground up restoration including a professional engine and transmission rebuild. Every effort was made to insure original factory specifications for this award winning car. Awards include LCOC Lincoln Trophy, Coughlin Memorial Trophy and AACA Grand National 1st place. Also winning a Golden Lion at Meadowbrook and the Geneva Concours d'Elegance "Best Paint of Show." Driven less then 1900 Miles since its restoration, this rare gem is one of 857 Cosmopolitan Convertibles built for 1951 and is in showroom new condition.



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Contact: John McCarthy 847-997-9944

FOR SALE

1992 MKVII - Emerald green with light parchment. This is a pristine example of the last year of the classic MK VII. New tires and remanned BBS wheels. Great interior and paint. Runs and drives like it just came out of Detroit. Have original window sticker and documentation. 122,000 miles. Must see and drive. **\$4000** OBO.

Contact

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**Holy Smokes!
Did you see the
price was lowered?!**

Remember driving the bumper cars at amusement parks?

Where Do Old Bumper Cars Go?

There are seven of these little monsters floating around California and they're all the creation of one man, Tom Wright, a builder in the outskirts of San Diego who figured the leftovers of the Long Beach Pike amusement park needed a more dignified end than the trash heap. They run on motorcycle engines and co-opt vintage bumper car bodies into the most awesome form of mini-car we've seen in too long. A couple have been measured as capable of 160 MPH! These little "beasties" are even street legal.



Market Place

FOR SALE

Seller Rates: Approx. 2-½" x 4" space is free for two issues per year to members. After two issues and for non-members the rate is \$10 per issue. 5" x 4" space is \$25 per issue. Buyers: Items and descriptions are not verified or warranted by the Lake Shore Region or the Lincoln & Continental Owners Club. Editor reserves the right to modify layout size, text and format to fit available space.

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TRAFFIC REPORT

Well this looks like a relaxing fun drive.



ORDER YOUR NAME BADGES TODAY



Did you miss the first order opportunity? You can still order your magnetic backed name badges for only \$7 each. The best part of this club is the friends you meet. **Help them remember you.** PRINT the names you want carefully on a sheet of paper along with your address and send with a check payable to "**Lake Shore Region LCOC**", to Joe Esdale, Treasurer, 1769 Eastwood Ave., Highland Park, IL 60035. Order an extra set of badges to have in your car so that you can be ready for fun any time! Members who have just joined may order theirs for only \$4 each within 30 days of joining.

Notice:

In order to be a member of the Lake Shore Region of LCOC, you must also join the national LCOC organization. To become a member of the Lincoln & Continental Owners Club (LCOC) call the LCOC Membership Office at (763) 420-7829 or go to <https://lcoc.org/join-lcoc/>