



*Presidential
Ponderings
with
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Spring is here which means the national meet season is rapidly approaching. The Talbourdet Lincolns have had their shakedown runs, which were enjoyable, especially after being in storage over the Winter. Springtime means addressing those maintenance and upgrade tasks that were not able to be completed during the winter months. Don't delay because before you know it, the shows will be upon us.

Our schedule is bursting with unique events for 2019 starting with the Western Meet in Grand Junction, Colorado, followed by the Homecoming in Hickory Corners, Michigan and concluding with the Eastern Meet in Poughkeepsie, New York. Paul Temple has been working very hard supporting these events to make sure that the programs meet the member's expectations.

Registrations are already coming in for the Western Meet, hosted by the Rocky Mountain Region, July 10-14. This is the first time for a national meet in this part of Colorado, which is rich in history with wonderful vistas. The meet will include a driving tour and visit to the Gateway Canyons Auto Museum and another tour to the Colorado National Monument – sort of a mini-Grand Canyon.

Next up is the Homecoming at our museum, hosted by the Road Race Lincoln Register, August 7-12. The team has new venues on the schedule that further explore what the region has to offer. New this year, we will expand the event by inviting all Ford manufactured vehicles to join in the fun. This also provides an opportunity for you to see the changes and improvements to your museum. I encourage everybody to attend and "See Ford Blue in Kalamazoo!"

The year will conclude with the Eastern Meet, hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Region in Poughkeepsie, New York on September 19-22. The Hudson River Valley is steeped in history with many points of interest within

a picturesque setting. There is a historic driving tour of the region planned, stopping to visit such sites as Frederick Vanderbilt's garage and unique automobiles and Franklin D. Roosevelt's home and church. The region has planned a memorable meet conclusion to celebrate its' 60th anniversary. There will be a gourmet awards banquet at the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) in Hyde Park overlooking the Hudson River. If you have never dined at the CIA, you will certainly enjoy this experience of unsurpassed food, drinks, ambience, and fun. These three venues will make for a great year of LCOC events with beautiful scenery classic Lincolns and good friends.

The *Lincoln and Continental Comments* improves with every issue. Jeff Shively is coming into his stride, now that he has become familiar with the software, to get the magazine to you on schedule with interesting and diverse articles to keep you turning those pages. He is working diligently to get *Comments* to you on time to maximize notice for local and national events. You may have noticed an increase in advertising and new advertisers. This is mainly due to Jeff's contacts in the hobby. Ads provide more sources for you to purchase those elusive Lincoln parts or find services, and at the same time helps control publication costs.

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- Nov. 1 for the Jan-Feb. Issue**
- Jan. 1 for the March-April Issue**
- March 1 for the May-June Issue**
- May 1 for the July-Aug. Issue**
- July 1 for the Sept.-Oct. Issue**
- Sept. 1 for the Nov-Dec. Issue**

This is a win-win situation for all. Jeff is always looking for member articles, so do not feel bashful and send in a story or technical article to share with fellow members.

