



# Presidential Ponderings with John Talbourdet

The 2019 Homecoming was a great event with perfect weather that only enhanced the attendee's experience. WOW! The team of the host club, Road Race Lincoln Register, with major assistance from Bob and Mary Johnson and Dennis Garrett, searched for new events, which were outstanding. The tours to the Vicksburg Historical Village and the Gerald Ford Presidential Museum were diverse and interesting. The back-road cruising to these events showcased the landscape and were perfect for top down Lincoln cruising!

The theme of the meet was "Ford Blue in Kalamazoo," and while there were only a few Ford and Mercury vehicles in attendance, we had a good showing from the Mark VIII club. Many of their Mark Vllls were not stock but showed engineering talent and ambition to make their Lincolns go even faster! Since this was a non-judged show, it provided more time for good conversation and wandering the show field and the museums. There was a great cross section of Lincolns on the show field Saturday from Model L's through "new" Lincolns. We had a wonderful collection of new Continentals on the tours and showed the latest Lincoln has to offer at the Gilmore. We were fortunate to have Lincoln support this event and had the entire new line up on display for people to inspect and try out for size. Special recognition was due to an all-original 1939 Mercury at the meet. The owners, Tom and Alice Dailey, drove their Mercury from the state of Washington and seemed blasé about the long distance traveled. They had one small problem with the Mercury, in the hotel parking lot, which was easily fixed by Tom.

The museum continues to showcase different Lincolns and new displays. This year the Lincoln camp car, used by Henry Ford for his many camping trips, was in the museum, on loan from the Henry Ford Museum. A beautiful, freshly restored 1942 Lincoln-Zephyr convertible (right), owned by Jack and Monica Sweet, was proudly dis-

played inside the museum. It was later moved outside for all to enjoy. I even witnessed the lowering of the top for some cruising.

I hope everybody made reservations for the Eastern National Meet in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. There were many great events planned, including driving tours to the Vanderbilt estate and FDR's home as well as a tour of the Culinary Institute of America. The meet culminates with a very special banquet at the CIA. This is an event that will be remembered.

Our National meet for 2020 will be special with a single meet held in August to coincide with the annual Lincoln Homecoming. This Grand National Meet is in celebration of the founding of Lincoln Motor Company and where best to celebrate but in Michigan! The Michigan Region is planning some new events and the meet is scheduled to dovetail with the Homecoming.

I had a nice visit with Steve and Becky D'Ambrosia, and reflect on the many good friends I've made through the LCOC. Jeanne and I met them at our very first meet in 1997. Who knew that sharing our love of our Lincolns could bring the joy of so much friendship to our lives. I would encourage you to bring your cars to the shows, take

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them out for a ride, and share your treasures with the world. As summer draws to a close, enjoy the purr of your engine, the breeze in your face and the smiles you bring to others.

