

Ohio
Southern
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November/December 2019



Continental
COMMUNIQUE

Southern Ohio Region LCOC and Dayton Chapter of AACA

*Christmas
Celebration*

Saturday, December 14, 2019

Sycamore Creek Country Club
8300 Country Club Lane - Springboro, Ohio
Your Hosts - Ted & Kim Hilton



Ted & Kim Hilton have reserved Sycamore Creek Country Club for our Southern Ohio Region LCOC and AACA Christmas Celebration! Cocktails at 5, dinner at 6.

The menu for the evening is as follows: Mixed greens salad with balsamic dressing and warm rolls and butter, a choice of beef tips with egg noodles, oven roasted salmon or stuffed breast of chicken. Each entrée is served with a potato and vegetable. For dessert you have the Sycamore Pecan Nut Ball. Our LCOC region is contributing ten dollars to each meal. The price for each dinner, including dessert, tax and gratuity is: Beef \$27, Salmon \$26 and Chicken \$27. There will be a cash bar available.

Please respond by Thursday, December 5.

Please RSVP to Ted or Kim at home (937) 433-6644 or cell (937) 609-6644, or mail to: Ted & Kim Hilton, 6640 Golf Green Dr. Centerville, Ohio 45459.

Please plan NOW to attend this wonderful evening!

July Outing - Wright-Heritage-SCC

Our Spring outing that was organized by Tim Wilson, was a very educational event regarding the history of the Frank Lloyd Wright Westcott House in Springfield, Ohio. The tour of the restored home was fabulous with the detail to bring it back to its original glory. Following the home tour we went to the Springfield Historical Society Heritage Center in downtown Springfield and toured the museum. The tour included a miniature town replica of Springfield in the 1950's-1960's. We finished the event with lunch at the Springfield Country Club, overlooking the golf course. The food and service was great! Before we said goodbye to each other, we lined all cars by year in the SCC parking area for a photo opportunity.



Steve Himes, Joe Columbe, Lina Himes, Anna Marie and Mike Smith, Tim Wilson, Kevin Lohr, Sheri Spahn, Mitch Spahn, Stuart McNeil, Eleanor Columbe, Glenn Thompson, John Kost, Kim Hilton, Ted Hilton, Michelle Blain, Tony Blain.

August Outing - Kenwood Auto Group Cruise-In/Car Show

Our next event was a cruise in and car show at The Miami Gaming Center, it was sponsored by the Kenwood Auto Group. It was a very warm day and many of our members spent the afternoon in the casino, enjoying the cool air. Sorry they left money there no extra money came home for another Lincoln. Tony and Michelle Blaine won a trophy for their Mark IV. The show was attended by Ted and Kim Hilton, 1988 Lincoln Town car and the Hearse, Terry Holmes with his Lincoln Mark IV and Lina and Steve Himes with their 1998 Mark VIII.



September - LCOC Eastern National Meet

Our next event was a few miles from home, 700 to 800 miles each way in September. Several members from our region went to the Eastern National Meet in Poukeepsie, New York. The weather was wonderful and all the members of our region that attended brought a trophy home.

- Tony and Michelle Blaine 1990 Lincoln Mark VII Lincoln trophy #13
- Ted and Kim Hilton with Joe & Eleanor Columbe and Ryan Beatrice were awarded the Mattix trophy for the 1999 Lincoln Hearse.
- Ryan Beatrice 2004 Lincoln LS The new Millennium Trophy awarded by Ted & Kim Hilton
- Joe & Eleanor Columbe 1966 Lincoln L P limousine The Schaeffer Cup

We also were able to tour the Culinary Institute of America and our cocktail parties with dinner were on the same grounds.

We also were able to view #80 of the 2019 Lincoln Continental Coach door car, no touch or sitting.



LCOC Eastern National Meet - *Continued*



*Front Row - Michelle Blain, Eleanor Columbe, Kim Hilton
Back Row - Tony Blain, Ryan Beatrice, Joe Columbe and Ted Hilton*

September - JDRF Cruise In/Car Show

Our annual JDRF car show was held the weekend after we got home from New York. Unfortunately we had a small turn out for this event. We had 4 Lincolns at the event. Many of our members were just too busy to attend this year.

- Michelle Blaine brought their 1990 Lincoln Mark VII (Tony was out of town)
- Ted and Kim Hilton 1988 Lincoln Town Car Cartier (won a trophy)
- Ryan Beatrice 2004 Lincoln LS
- Terry Holmes Lincoln Mark IV (won a trophy)
- Steve and Lina Himes 1998 Lincoln Mark VIII

We all had a chance to sit in a new 2019 Continental from Lincoln of Cincinnati, and Ryan fell in love with it. Following the event several of us went to dinner in Sharonville at the Blue Goose Restaurant.



October - AAA Cruise In/Car Show

On October 5 the Southern Ohio region had a car show at the AAA insurance office in Columbus near the Polaris mall. John Kost won Peoples Choice with his 1956 Wisteria Lincoln and Lina Himes won Best of Show with her 1998 Lincoln Mk VIII. Following the show all the members went for an early dinner at a nearby restaurant. *It was fun day with a lot of Lincoln talk!*



Pick-A-Part by Tony and Ryan

Ryan Beatrice and Tony Blain very much enjoy heading to LKQ Pick-A-Part in Dayton to pick parts!
Pictured to the left is Tony going to town on a Mark VII at LKQ.

Gentlemen...are you starting a new business?

An Experience at the Hilton Head

Concours d'Elegance and Motoring Festival

by Tim Wilson

This past April, I received a call from Mr. Mike McClelland, who was representing the car selection committee of the 2019 Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance & Motoring Festival. The Hilton Head event is one of the top Concours shows in the United States.

Mr. McClelland told me that this year's event was honoring the Lincoln Continental as its featured marque and that he had learned that I owned four such cars. He was particularly interested in my 1961 convertible that had recently been restored by Rich Liana of Liana Restorations, and also my 1964 sedan - the car with 2,600 original miles. He asked me to submit applications for both cars to the selection committee for consideration.

Application for consideration to at any Concours show includes very rigid and specific criteria:

- Photographs:** Specific views, including front, rear, interior, engine compartment, and both sides at an angle
- Written Description:** A complete description and history of the automobile, including details about the car's originality, and any restoration or preservation work

Once the selection committee completes its work, it invites the automobiles they most want in the show. Much to my surprise, both my 1961 and 1964 cars were invited!

How would I be able to take two cars to a show that is over eleven hours away? I have only one enclosed trailer! I called my good friend, Ted Hilton, for help. He called Joe Columbe of the Hoosier Region. Joe recommended a car transport company from Indianapolis - Classic Car Carrier, owned by Mr. Ed Dalton. Ed's company transports cars all across the country and handles all transportation needs for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Museum. I secured Ed's services to transport both cars and truly, Ed was absolutely awesome.

With two cars heading to Hilton Head, I wanted both to be in tip-top shape and knew it would be quite a job. I wanted to present them in their best possible condition not only for the sake of this special show, but for offering them as the best possible representation of the Lincoln Owners Club and our region. A lot of cleaning, polishing, and waxing began. Paul Richards, one of my employees, helped me over nearly five weeks for about 3 after-work hours for many, many days. Kevin Lohr cleaned and polished all of the glass in both cars as I only add streaks! Every nook and cranny was meticulously cleaned, polished, and waxed.

Finally, it was time to head south. Ed Dalton arrived with his semi hauler on Wednesday, October 30. It was a rainy day here in London, of course! I really hoped that loading day would be dry so the cars wouldn't get messed up! We loaded both cars on the lower level of the hauler. It was a really special experience being at the wheel, driving my cars to their designated spot because the top level already was occupied by two other cars heading to the show: a 1953 Chrysler Ghia and an Aston Martin. My cars certainly were in good company for the trip!



Hilton Head - Continued

I invited my dearest friends, Dr. Mitch and Sheri Spahn, to attend the Hilton Head event. We flew from Columbus the next morning, October 31, to Charlotte, and then to Hilton Head.

In addition to being invited to the Sunday Concours show, both cars also were invited to be featured at Friday evening's *Flights & Fancy Airport Gala* and at the *Aero Expo* on Saturday. Both events were held at the Hilton Head airport. The cars were paired with vintage aircraft that had been flown to there for the weekend festival.



Synergy Twins

The *Flights & Fancy Airport Gala* was absolutely wonderful. With over 600 guests in attendance, the food, cocktails, entertainment... everything was amazing! The evening's entertainment was an act of twin brothers, *Synergy Twins*, playing electric violins. They were one of the many highlights of the evening. This remarkable event provided a truly wonderful beginning to a truly wonderful weekend.



At the F&F party - Mitch, Sheri, Greg (Sheri's brother), Melissa and Tim

On Saturday, I arrived early to the *Aero Expo* site to uncover and touch up my cars before the show opened to the public. Tony Russo, our National Chief Judge, already was there. His 1941 Lincoln Continental had been invited to the Concours show, and he had asked that his car be included in *Aero Expo* event.



Melissa and Sheri striking a pose



Jets, airplanes and classic cars!



Mitch poses with a Chevrolet truck - one year newer than his at home.



The delectable desserts.

Sunday Concours d'Elegance

Finally, it was show day, the culmination of the entire weekend festival! I was able to relocate my cars from the airport to the show field at the Royal Pine Golf Club the night before. My friends and I arrived quite early; I wanted to get the cars uncovered, warmed up, and moved to their class location on the 18th fairway without any worry. We all know the sense of urgency, anxiousness, and nervousness that come with show day!

Eight vehicles had been invited to be part of the Featured Marque Class 007 - 1958 to 1973:

- 1968 1/2 Lincoln Mark III..... Cecil McCall, Stone Mountain, Georgia
- 1968 Lincoln Continental Sedan..... Rod & Linda Moore, Greensboro, North Carolina
- 1966 Lincoln Continental Limousine..... Joe & Eleanor Columbe, Milroy, Indiana
- 1964 Lincoln Continental Sedan..... Tim Wilson, London, Ohio
- 1963 Lincoln Continental Sedan..... Stu & Robin Cohen, Vineland, New Jersey
- 1961 Lincoln Continental Convertible..... Tim Wilson, London, Ohio
- 1960 Lincoln Continental Convertible..... Jim Schmidt, Ocala, Florida
- 1958 Lincoln Continental Convertible..... Harvey & Marie Bane, LaGrange, Georgia (*did not show*)

Hilton Head - Continued

The morning was crisp and sunny - a beautiful Hilton Head morning. All of the show cars were on the fairway by 9:00 a.m. Judging began promptly at 9:15 a.m. Each class had its own judges. Ours started with the 1968 1/2 Mark III and worked their way down to the 1960 Continental. Over the years, I have been invited to many Concours shows, but this Concours show presented a first for me: these judges inspected several mechanical items, including turn signals, brake lights, headlights, and horn! I was relieved knowing I had made sure all mechanical items on my cars were in top working order just like I do for any Lincoln show!



Our Lincoln Class - 1958 to 1973

Once judging had concluded, we enjoyed continental breakfast with coffee or a Bloody Mary in the hospitality tent. It was a very nice display and array of food items. The tent also served as the location for the lunch for participants.



1966 Limousine

Soon, the judges appeared with ribbons in hand. Each class in the show is awarded two Palmetto Awards and one Best in Class Award. The Best in Class winner is then included in the Best in Show class.

In our class, the judges presented the 1968 1/2 Mark III with a Palmetto Award and my 1964 the other. They then asked me to walk down the fairway to where my 1961 convertible was parked. They presented me with the Best in Class Award. My 1961 convertible won Best in Class! I truly teared up knowing that 5 weeks of detailing, polishing, and waxing had paid off. Both my cars were able to appear in the Awards Parade. I was very honored. A stunning 1938 Mercedes Benz was awarded Best in Show. It is an amazing vehicle that truly deserved to win such a distinction.



1964 Sedan

My Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance experience was simply wonderful. Not only was it an honor to be invited, but from beginning to end, the organizers *knocked it out of the ballpark*, making the experience very special. Their care to every detail, including the peripheral events, hospitality, and logistics of the entire weekend, were simply amazing.



1961 Convertible



Ted & Kim Hilton, Ryan Beatrice, Eleanor Columbe, Joe Columbe and Tim Wilson

I send a very heartfelt thank you to Ted & Kim Hilton and Ryan Beatrice for driving all the way from Dayton, Ohio to support me and Joe & Eleanor Columbe. It really was very, very special that they did that for Lincoln friends! Thank you, Ted, Kim, & Ryan!



1964 and 1961 motoring through the winners parade



The winners platform



Best in Show class. The stunning 1938 Mercedes Benz (third car to the right from the Lincoln) was awarded the Best in Show for 2019 - and well deserved!