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Front cover: Tim Wilson's Lincolns at the
Flights & Fancy Aeroport Gala at
Hilton Head.

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NEXT EVENT **February 8 (Saturday)**

Noon
Lunch at Bynum's Steakhouse
3850 South Meridian Street
Indianapolis

Notes from the director

Dear Members of the Hoosier Region of the LCOC:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to ALL! We hope you all had an enjoyable 2019. The members that did participate in our events and car meets all seemed to enjoy their time. For 2020 we have more meetings and events planned. Elsewhere in the "Lincoln Log" are the dates for our upcoming dinners and functions. Save all the dates on your calendar and plan on joining in all the fun!

Remember, my home phones, 765-629-2406 and 765-525-6899, cell phone 765-561-4900, and e-mail jscolumbe@tds.net, are always open for questions, comments, general conversation, and even complaints. Just pick up your phone, or peck on your keyboard.

Best Wishes to All and hope to see you in 2020!

Continently yours,
Joe S. & Eleanor Columbe



Hoosier Region of the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club

2020 Schedule of events

**Dates and events subject to change*

January	<i>No Event</i>
February 8	<i>Noon</i> Lunch at Bynum's Steakhouse 3850 South Meridian Street, Indianapolis
March 21	<i>Noon</i> Lunch at Brown County State Park
April 11	<i>Noon</i> Lunch at the Beef House, Covington, Indiana Tour Ernie Pile Indiana State Historic Site, Dana
May 16	<i>10:00 a.m.</i> Breakfast, Lincoln Square Pancake House East 56 th Street, Indianapolis After Breakfast- Mecum Auction Indiana State Fair Grounds
June 6	<i>11:00 a.m.</i> Lunch TBD in Bloomington, Martin Car Collection
July 18	<i>Noon</i> Annual Summer Picnic. Lime Rock Farm, Milroy, Indiana
August 2-9	LCOC National Meet. Dearborn & Hickory Corners, Michigan
September 12	<i>11:00 a.m.</i> Lunch, Gray Bros. Cafeteria, Mooresville Visit car collection near Camby
October 24	<i>11:00 a.m.</i> Lunch TBD, car collection near Indianapolis
November	<i>No Event</i>
December 5	<i>11:00 a.m.</i> Lunch TBD. Annual Membership Meeting /Christmas Party*

**Probably will need to change this function to: Saturday, November 14. 11:00 a.m. Annual Membership / Christmas Party Place TBD*



Hoosier Region Annual Meeting and Christmas Party

By Jeff Shively

Sunday, December 1, dawned gray and rainy, dashing the hopes of many to make the drive to Morristown for the Hoosier Region Annual Meeting/Christmas Party in a vintage Lincoln. John Madden took my 2016 MKZ down old U.S. 52, leaving his 1987 Continental for a nicer day.

The Bluebird Restaurant is known far and wide for its fried chicken, and this Sunday was no different. This small but spirited group took our usual spot toward the back of the establishment. We had a short business meeting and raised some money for the Lincoln Museum by passing the hat.

It was a treat to visit with Marilyn Pecsok. We have Marilyn and her late husband, Jack, to thank for the Hoosier Region existing. I enjoyed telling her about a house that Jack designed in





1955 that was for sale about a mile from where I live. It is an excellent example of Mid-Century Modern design and would look great with a 1963 Lincoln Continental parked out front! All good things must come to an end, and by 3:00, it was time to go. We are all looking forward to 2020 and all of the good Lincoln times in store for the new year.

Left: A 2014MKS owned by Charlie and Becky Griffith in front of the Bluebird. **Below:** A 2006 Town Car, in blue owned by Andy and Teri Schwartz. **Above:** The group enjoyed a wonderful buffet dinner at the Bluebird. **Right:** Paul Temple and Joe Columbe discuss matters of great importance. **Below right:** David Columbe's 1999 Town Car Cartier Edition.



2020 Lincoln Homecoming

August 2-9



The seventh annual Lincoln Homecoming will celebrate the centennial of the founding of the Lincoln Motor Company to build passenger cars. The Homecoming will be held August 6 – 9 at the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum & Research Center in Hickory Corners, Mich. The Homecoming will be preceded by optional “pre-Homecoming” events in Dearborn, Mich. on August 2-5.

The 2020 Lincoln Homecoming will be hosted by the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club. The LCOC and members of the Homecoming committee have spent months developing a special schedule of events. Co-chairs of the 2020 Homecoming events are LCOC members Dennis Garrett and Bob Johnson.

“If ever there was a year to bring your Lincoln to a Homecoming, this is it,” said David Schultz, chairman of the Lincoln Motor Car Foundation. *“We encourage Lincoln owners to bring their cars in any condition—restored, original, partially restored or somewhere in-between. We want to see Lincolns on display.”*

The fun begins in Dearborn on Sunday evening, August. 2, with a cocktail party at the host hotel, the historic Dearborn Inn, built in 1929 by Henry and Edsel Ford as an airport hotel. On Monday, several tours will be offered: the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, the original Ford Piquette factory, the Detroit Historical Society, the Motown Museum and the Lincoln Continental assembly plant in Flat Rock, Mich. Dinner will be on your own that evening. On Tuesday, the Monday tour schedule will be repeated. That evening there’ll be a gala dinner inside The Henry Ford Museum. Attendees may tour the museum from 6 to 11 p.m. The guest speaker will be Joy Falotico, President of the Lincoln Motor Company and Ford Motor Company’s chief marketing officer. On Wednesday morning,

all Lincolns in attendance will gather at Ford World Headquarters for a display that will last into early afternoon. Attendees may enjoy lunch at the Ford Motor Company cafeteria and visit the Ford/Lincoln gift shop. Following lunch, attendees will depart for Hickory Corners and the host hotel, the Kalamazoo Sheraton Four Points.

Thursday and Friday will be driving tour days. The committee has scheduled several interesting tours: the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, a cruise on Lake Michigan departing from Saugetuck, the historic village of Marshall, the Vicksburg Historical Village and the Kalamazoo Air Zoo. On Thursday evening, there’ll be a welcome buffet at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel. On Friday evening, there’ll be a cocktail reception for all Homecoming attendees at the Lincoln Motor Car Museum & Research Center followed by a banquet and the traditional auction of Lincoln parts and memorabilia to benefit the LMCF Endowment Fund.

The big day will be Saturday—a display of 100 years of Lincolns adjacent to the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum & Research Center. All four Lincoln clubs will have cars on display and will do their own judging. That evening, a gala dinner will be held at which time awards will be presented. Tentatively scheduled to speak that evening is Jim Farley, Ford Motor Company’s Executive Vice President and president, Global Markets. Several Lincoln and Ford executives are also expected to attend. On Sunday the celebration will continue with a display of all Lincolns on the grounds adjacent to the Lincoln museum, with parade of Lincolns on Gilmore Car Museum grounds.

Detailed information on the 2020 Homecoming, including the day-by-day itinerary and registration forms, will be published on the LMCF web site—www.LincolnCarMuseum.org.

Compiled by David Schultz, Paul Temple, and Bob Johnson.

2020 Lincoln Homecoming

Schedule of Events

Dearborn

Sunday, August 2 6 p.m.	Registration opens at Dearborn Inn 3 - 5 p.m. Welcome reception at Dearborn Inn, cash bar
Monday, August 3 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9 - 11 a.m. Noon - 2 p.m.	Registration open at Dearborn Inn 8 - 9 a.m. and 3 - 5 p.m. Bus tour to Ford Piquette Plant, lunch at Andiamo's, Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Bus tour to Detroit Historical Museum, lunch at Traffic Jam, Motown Museum Bus tour to Flat Rock Assembly plant (home of Lincoln Continental production) afternoon on your own* Bus tour to Flat Rock Assembly plant (home of Lincoln Continental production) Monday night - on your own
Tuesday, August 4 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9 - 11 a.m. Noon - 2 p.m. 6- 11 p.m.	Registration open at Dearborn Inn 8 - 9 a.m. and 3 - 5 p.m. Bus tour to Ford Piquette Plant, lunch at Andiamo's, Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Bus tour to Detroit Historical Museum, lunch at Traffic Jam, Motown Museum Bus tour to Flat Rock Assembly plant (home of Lincoln Continental production) afternoon on your own* Bus tour to Flat Rock Assembly plant (home of Lincoln Continental production) Cocktails and dinner at The Henry Ford Museum (access to entire museum)
Wednesday, August 5 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 12 p.m. 2 p.m.	Display of Classic Lincolns at Ford World Headquarters Shopping at Ford Motor Company gift store Lunch at Ford World Headquarters cafeteria Leave for Kalamazoo
Note: All tours return to Dearborn Inn at approximately 4:30 p.m. Assembly plant tours arrive earlier. * recommended options: Henry Ford Museum and/or Greenfield Village	

Kalamazoo/Hickory Corners

Wednesday, August 5 4 - 6 p.m. 5 - 8 p.m.	Registration room open at Sheraton Four Points Hotel Weekly Cruise-In - Gilmore Car Museum grounds (no charge). Dinner on your own in Kalamazoo.
Thursday, August 6 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. 6 - 8 p.m.	Registration Room open at Sheraton Four Points Hotel Tour to Saugatuck, Mich. for Lake Michigan cruise, with lunch Tour to Vicksburg Historical Village, including lunch Kalamazoo Air Zoo tour - on your own Welcome Buffet at Sheraton Four Points Hotel
Friday, August 7 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. 5 - 6 p.m. 6 - 9 p.m.	Registration Room open at Sheraton Four Points Hotel Tour to President Gerald R. Ford Museum, including lunch Tour to historic Marshall, Mich., lunch at Win Schuler's Kalamazoo Air Zoo tour - on your own Lincoln museum reception for all registered attendees, hors d'oeuvres and cash bar Banquet featuring auction of Lincoln parts and memorabilia, cash bar at 6 p.m.
Saturday, August 8 7 a.m. 7:30 - 9 a.m. 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 9 a.m. 2 p.m. 7 p.m.	Judges breakfast and instructions at Sheraton Four Points Hotel Final Registration at the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum & Research Center Lincoln show parking adjacent to LMCHM & RC Lincoln Swap Meet and Lincoln Car Corral Judging begins; cars remain on who field until 3 p.m. or when released by chief judge Dedications at Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum & Research Center Gala Banquet on Gilmore Car Museum grounds. Tentative guest speaker James Farley of Ford Motor Company. Awards presentation by all four clubs. Cocktails at 6 p.m.
Sunday, August 9 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. 9 a.m. - noon 2 p.m.	Continuation of Lincoln car show at Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum Photos of award-winning Lincolns - location TBD Parade of Lincolns on Gilmore Car Museum grounds



An Experience at the Hilton Head *Concours d'Elegance & 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, including: **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 spe-

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cial 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 three 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.

Above: The '61 convertible is loaded onto Ed Dalton's trailer first. Right: followed by the '64 sedan.





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! 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.



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In addition to being invited to the Sunday Concours show, both cars also were invited to be featured at Friday evening's *Flights & Fancy Aeroport 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 there for the weekend festival.

The *Flights & Fancy Aeroport 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

Top: Tim's friends Melissa and Shari liven up the interior of the immaculate '64 sedan.

Left: The Synergy Twins entertained the crowd at the *Flights & fancy Aeroport* event with their electric violins.

Facing page: Showtime! Tim's 1961 convertible, Stu Cohen's 1963 sedan, and Tim's 1964 sedan lined up at Hilton Head on Sunday.

one of the many highlights of the evening. This remarkable event provided a truly wonderful beginning to a truly wonderful weekend.

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.

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*)





The morning was crisp and sunny - a beautiful Hilton Head morning. Most of the show cars were on the fairway by 8:30 a.m. as required. 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 it top working order just like I do for any Lincoln show!

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. Soon, the judges appeared with ribbons in hand. Each of the 31 classes 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



Top: Tim Wilson poses with his '61 convertible. **Middle:** Tim's ultra-low mileage '64 sedan receives its award. **Left:** Motoring away from the winner's circle!

Facing page: Priceless classics on display at Hilton Head!



Top: The Ohio/Indiana gang at Hilton Head.

Bottom: Joe and Eleanor Columbe's 1966 Lehmann-Peterson

an amazing vehicle that truly deserved to win such a distinction.

My Hilton Head Concourse 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. 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!

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■ **THE LINCOLN MOTOR CAR FOUNDATION** is committed to collecting, preserving and sharing the heritage of the Lincoln automobile. This is the spirit of the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum now open for your enjoyment and education. The Museum houses the Lincoln motor car archive, with displays of Lincoln automobiles and memorabilia. It is the hub of the Foundation's educational and outreach programs.

America's passionate love affair with the automobile continues to inspire new generations. The Lincoln automobile has inspired the creation of four major affinity clubs: Lincoln Owners Club, Lincoln & Continental Owners Club, Lincoln-Zephyr Owners Club, and Road Race Lincoln Register.



For many years, these clubs have been independently active in promoting the Lincoln brand, preserving the Lincoln heritage and vehicles, and sharing the passion and knowledge of their members with others. Now, the four Lincoln clubs, along with other friends of the Lincoln brand, have incorporated a public educational foundation.

Now is the time to increase the sharing of the Lincoln automobile's living legacy by supporting a museum dedicated to the heritage of the Lincoln motor cars.

As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, we count on a variety of sources for support, including your donations. They are what fuel our exhibits and support our education programs. They also give

us the operating dollars that are the foundation for an incredible visitor experience that includes a museum full of historic vehicles and hundreds of artifacts.

■ **THE LINCOLN MOTOR CAR HERITAGE MUSEUM** illustrates the rich legacy of the American automobile by tracing the history of the Lincoln motor car. The Lincoln is unique among automotive brands, as the activities of Henry and Wilfred Leland, Henry and Edsel Ford, generations of the Ford family, and thousands of dedicated people associated with the Lincoln brand are integrated into a fascinating continuum.

A visit to the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum provides an entertaining and educational encounter with some of the finest automobiles ever produced and an acquaintance with the people who worked to make them great. Memorable, multi-sensory presentations bring exhibits to life with the latest audio/visual technologies.

■ The four Lincoln clubs, along with additional friends of the Lincoln brand, have joined forces to create a comprehensive, properly curated and protected Lincoln archive and constructed a premier, state-of-the-art museum on the campus of the Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, Michigan, to preserve and display Lincoln automobiles and memorabilia. The mission of the museum will include an active educational outreach program, making the best use of the archive, the museum, and the extensive knowledge of club members.

The Lincoln Motor Car Foundation needs you!

■ If you are genuinely passionate about Lincoln motor cars and you haven't yet joined the Lincoln Motor Car Foundation, it's time for action! Join today!

- Help preserve and promote the Lincoln heritage
- Have a link with fellow Lincoln enthusiasts
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