



# Presidential Ponderings with John Talboudet

It has been very busy since the last issue of the *Comments*, with the Lincoln Homecoming and a very successful Eastern National Meet. The days are getting shorter, and there is a nip in the air, which can only mean the end of the car show season, at least for those in the northern regions of the country. As we rapidly approach the holiday season and 2020, the emphasis of the Board of Directors is to reflect on 2019 and develop suggestions for the 2020 Board meeting being held in Clearwater, Fla., January 16-18, 2020. If you have any comments or suggestions that you would like presented at the board meeting, please contact your region director or any of the at-large directors with information.

The Eastern National Meet held in Dutchess County, N.Y. was a success with a wide variety of events that highlighted the people, architecture, and beauty of the Hudson River Valley. The Mid-Atlantic Region outdid themselves in showing off the area, which was enhanced by the perfect fall weather with a touch of colorful Fall foliage in the valley. This was capped off with a gala dinner at the Culinary Institute of America, where the venue and food were outstanding. I am sure those that attended will remember this meet for years to come.

Remember that in 2020, we will have only one national meet, the **GRAND NATIONAL**, that we will be hosting on the grounds of the Lincoln Motor Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Mich. This event is a must-attend event as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Lincoln Motor Car Company. We will start Tuesday in Dearborn to enjoy the Lincoln and Ford heritage before heading to the museum Thursday for more events. Our LCOC judging will be held Sunday as part of Homecoming Weekend. The team is hard at work and has a few surprises in store with new events and venues in which to celebrate. The effort to attend this one

LCOC National Meet will be rewarded with many great memories.

The meets and events that are held as national meets or regional events are based on a common interest in Lincolns but grow to another level with the friendships we establish. Over time, we become part of a family that comes from many diverse walks of life and all over the country.

In September, we lost one of our best friends from this extended family, Steve D'Ambrosia. I had the pleasure of meeting Steve and his wife Becky in 1997 and was welcomed with a smile and open arms. We became good friends and shared many wonderful times at meets. When meets were on the "other" coast, we planned some extra days to hang out and do some last-minute preparations ahead of the event. Several times we caravanned to meets with Steve and Becky, sometimes driving each other's cars. It was fun being able to see our Lincolns gliding down the road as part of a "rolling car show." Steve was always a great asset to the club, willing to lend a hand when asked to help out whether that be with his acceptance to be Chief Judge or becoming a Foundation trustee. Steve epitomized what this club is all about - the people, and his passing leaves a big void.



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**July 1 for the Sept.-Oct. Issue**

**Sept. 1 for the Nov-Dec. Issue**

Let's all reach out to our extended Lincoln family to enjoy everybody's company and at the same time, strengthen the bonds that encourage us to gather together.

Until next time, John