



Presidential Ponderings with John Talboudet

Welcome to 2020! Where does the time go? 2019 was an exciting year with the Western National Meet (WNM) held in Grand Junction, Colo. We were looking forward to this meet but family issues had other ideas. We wanted to see that part of the country and had planned on extending our visit, but it was not to be. We elected to swap the WNM for attendance at the 2019 Homecoming to support the Road Race Lincoln Register hosts. The team searched out some great venues which were complimented with excellent drives through the Michigan countryside in perfect weather. The year's events culminated with the Eastern National Meet (ENM) in the Hudson Valley of New York (Poughkeepsie and Hyde Park) with outstanding events and capped off with a memorable awards banquet at the Culinary Institute of America. 2019 welcomed Tony Russo as Chief Judge who successfully accomplished the tasks associated with this important position. Tony is supported with his "back office" team headed by Paul Temple, your Executive Vice President and Trophy Chair. All this could not be accomplished without the help of the judges who perform the mechanical and appearance judging and the tally crew. I offer a sincere thanks to all those who volunteer their precious vacation time to help with this process. 2020 is shaping up to be a special year with a Grand National at the Homecoming weekend.

The board is completing preparations for the Winter Board Meeting on January 16-18, 2020. The board members are hard at work creating suggestions for committee review and modifications prior to board ratification. I can assure you that behind the scenes there is a lot of time, resources and effort spent, not just for the board meeting but over the entire year. This leadership team is focused on solving the inevitable challenges in the face of change in

the collector car hobby to keep the club poised for a prosperous 2020 and beyond.

2020 is the centennial year of the incorporation of the Lincoln Motorcar Company, which merits a special celebration. It will be marked by a single Grand National Meet, hosted by the LCOC, at the Foundation Homecoming, August 2 – 9, 2020. This special "happening" will begin in Dearborn, as we have done in the past, to savor the history of Lincoln and Ford in the Dearborn area. This year's events will begin Monday for a full week of good fellowship and camaraderie. The committee has been working on many special events, including a dinner at the Henry Ford Museum which is adjacent to the hotel. The museum will be open exclusively for Lincoln participants to enjoy the assembled collections before and after dinner. The foundation has invited a senior executive from Lincoln Motorcar Company to be the guest speaker to further make this meet unique. In addition, there will be tours of the Ford Flat Rock Michigan Plant allowing us to see how modern Ford products are built. The meet will move on to the Hickory Corners location on Wednesday where additional "surprises" are

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planned. Culmination is the Saturday evening banquet with a guest speaker from the Ford Motor Company.

Come join us and celebrate Lincolns!

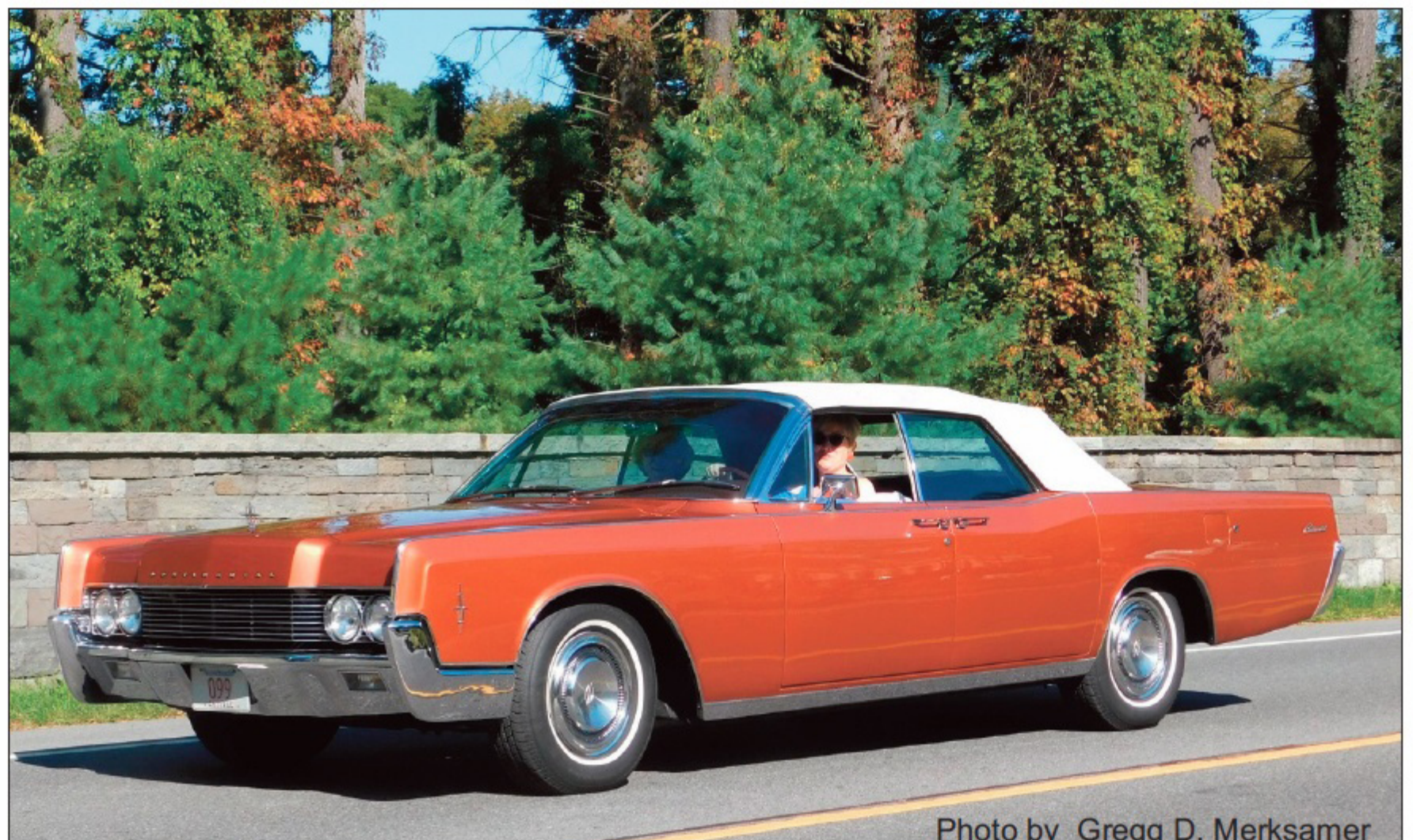


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