



Presidential Ponderings with John Talbourdet

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The pandemic continues to impact the way we interact with people, making many tasks more time-consuming, costly, and with significantly less personal interaction. There continue to be cancellations of major events across the entire spectrum, from concerts and sporting events, and our favorite; automotive get-togethers. The widespread nature of cancellations confirms the Foundation's decision to postpone the 2020 Lincoln Homecoming. One can only imagine the discussions related to canceling Pebble Beach and Hershey and the negative impact to their respective local economies. The Grand National is rescheduled for 2022 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Lincoln becoming part of the Ford Motor Company.

The lack of automobile events can create "withdrawal" symptoms as we miss visiting with our friends, sharing car stories, and checking out a member's last project. Try touring with your friends, or become a single-car parade to keep the Lincoln limber

and your driving skills finely honed. Our local club has tried mystery tours this year with excellent participation. While not the same as a picnic, it does comply with social distancing and keeps the spirit alive.

I had an interesting email recently that was encouraging for the Lincoln brand. Our neighbor's son and wife, who departed their wedding reception in our 1941 Cabriolet, have a life-long friend who was considering a newer Lincoln. Knowing I was familiar with the brand, that friend, Shawn, contacted me for comments about the potential purchase of a certified preowned 2018 Continental. I have firsthand experience thanks to the arrangements at the San Antonio Board Meeting, where I had an opportunity to drive a new Continental, chauffeuring Jack and Ginny Shea to dinner. I have also spoken with many Continental owners, including our own David Gustafson, who all rave about the overall package. I researched the specific Lincoln, and it appeared to be an excellent and gently used vehicle. Comments were provided

to Shawn, who ultimately purchased the Continental. It is reassuring to see younger people taking a look at the Lincoln marque and ultimately joining the Lincoln family. The Lincoln Certified Pre-Owned program is an excellent way to enjoy a flagship sedan at an attractive price. It also demonstrates there is a market for luxury sedans, although growing smaller by the day, to provide superb comfort and driving dynamics for both day-to-day errands and long road trips. I can only hope this is the first of many Lincolns that Shawn will purchase over time during his car-buying years.

As we continue in these choppy waters, please heed the suggestions of your local authorities for the health and welfare of you and your neighbors.

Until next time,

John



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