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**Front cover:** Summer at Lime Rock Farm.  
Does it get any better? *Photo by Jeff Shively*

## Notes from the Director

Dear Members:

Greetings from your club director! Remember me, Joe S. Columbe? You have not heard much from me this year but nothing much has been going on either. We canceled most events due to this year's turmoil. The February dinner meeting had a fair number in attendance at Bynum's Steakhouse. The summer picnic was a great success. With the five car clubs that were invited, we had 23 Hoosier Region members in attendance, with a total of 73 enjoying the event. The "bring your own picnic" or order a box lunch was accepted by all. We had 45 orders for box lunches and many told us that they were thoroughly enjoyed.

Our next event will be on Saturday, October 3, in Seymour with lunch provided by our host and member John Rust. There will be theatre organ concerts along with a car show. This is a first-time event for our club. We hope to have a good showing of members with their Lincolns and Continentals taking advantage of this very interesting fall get together.

A 1967 Continental Convertible was sold in August at the Raleigh Classic Auction. This red with white top and interior drop-top sold for \$118,000.00 plus bidder's fee and sales tax if applicable. This Lincoln is well-known to many LCOC members. Over Labor Day weekend, Worldwide Auctioneers in Auburn, Ind. sold three stainless steel vehicles: a 1936 Ford, 1960 Ford Thunderbird, and 1966 Lincoln Continental Convertible in one lot. The hammer went down at \$1,045,000, plus bidders fees and sales tax if applicable, for all three.

My last household auction visit caused me to acquire some Lincoln memorabilia. This lot contained a December 1975 issue of *Hemmings Motor News*. Some ads I would love to see today:

1926 Lincoln Lebaron, all aluminum body, \$6,000.00 firm.

1934 KA1792 V12, Murray Body, 27,000 original miles,  
\$20,000.00 firm.

1938 Zephyr sedan, needs work, \$1,500.00.

1941 Continental V12, fair condition, \$2,500.00.

1947 Continental Coupe, \$4,500.00.

1950 Lincoln sedan, \$1,995.00.

1950 Lincoln Club Coupe, runs but needs work, \$895.00.

1952 Lincoln Capri Coupe, \$1,995.00.

1956 Continental Mark II, new paint, excellent condition,  
\$6,000.00.

1957 Lincoln Premiere Coupe, runs fine, average original,  
\$295.00 or offer.

1958 Lincoln Premiere 4 door hardtop, \$550.00.

1960 Continental Mark V Convertible, excellent, photos 30  
cents each, \$1,895.00.

1962 Convertible, darn nice, \$1,600.00.

1963 Convertible, \$350.00.

1964 Convertible, 51,000 miles, drive anywhere, \$2,800.00.

1965 Sedan, very sharp in and out, \$1,200.

1969 Sedan, very good, \$2,000.00.

1972 Town Coupe \$3,850.00 or trade.

All the prices look good today, but \$1,000.00 in 1976 is equivalent to \$4,894.00 today according to smartasset.com. So that is why we all did not go on a buying spree in 1976.

See you in Seymour!

- Joe S. Columbe



# **Hoosier Region of the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club NEXT EVENT October 3, 2020 Organ music and Car Show at John Rust's Home Seymour, Indiana**

The event starts with an organ concert at my home at 11 a.m. followed by a steam calliope demonstration and lunch at the new Acme Barn concert hall at 12:30 p.m. More organ concerts after lunch then the car show at 3 p.m. Then after the car show judging we will have a car caravan to St. Paul Lutheran church which is on the way back to Indianapolis. The Seymour annual Oktoberfest Street Fair has been canceled this year so we are doing the car drive instead. It is about 8 miles long.

**Address for 11 a.m. concerts and car show:  
7162 North County Road 100 West  
Seymour, IN 47274**

**Car show awards are**  
Grand prize  
Grand prize - professional  
Distance winner  
Most vintage  
Audience favorite  
Judges favorite



Lunch and drinks provided. Due to Covid, all food will be provided cafeteria-style, gloved and masked. Masks provided for events inside as well!

Hope to see you all!  
John Rust



# **Livin' Easy at Lime Rock Farm**

**By Warner Young and Jeff Shively**



**Above:** The Columbe Collection in all its glory!

**Left:** A very nice 1990 Lincoln Mark VII LSC owned by Tony and Michelle Blaine. *Photos by Jeff Shively*





On a warm, but not terribly uncomfortable, day in July, Joe and Eleanor Columbe hosted their annual picnic on their beautiful and spacious Rush County farm- Lime Rock Farm. About 75 people attended, coming from various car clubs around Indiana. Because of the Covid virus, the Columbuses did not have their usual spread of picnic food. Instead, attendees furnished their own food or had the option of buying a box lunch supplied by the Columbuses that came from a bakery in Shelbyville. It was first rate, by the way. The original section of the Columbe homestead is the oldest house in Rush County (early 1800's). The house has been greatly expanded and modified into its current tasteful and modern home, but it still has the bragging rights for its historical roots.

As always, Joe had his collection of Lincolns on hand, which are heavily centered on the 1969 model year. Other interesting Lincolns included Alan Tharpe's 1969 Lincoln Continental Mark III, a Lincoln Mark VII plus a smattering of later model Town Cars.

The trip to Lime Rock Farm was a welcome respite from a spring and summer devoid of car events. We hope that things are back to normal next summer, and many more will attend this always-fun event.





**Above:** Alan Tharpe's unique 1969 Lincoln Continental Mark III is green with a red leather interior.

**Left:** Ted and Kim Hilton's 1996 Cartier Edition Town Car.

**Left below:** The final generation Town Car was a bit of an anachronism at the end of it's run, but they are still revered as un-matched road cars. Ray and Peggy Snider drove this fine 2004 model.

**Facing page:** Larry Pumphrey and Gene Perkins drive off in Larry's 1937 Packard Twelve and Gene's 1940 Packard Darrin.

*Photos by Jeff Shively*







# Lincolns at Mecum's Indy Auction

By Jeff Shively

**T**he Mecum Auction returned to Indianapolis a little later than normal this year, in early July instead of May. I attended twice, once with Lars Kneller and again with John Madden. While the crowds were somewhat smaller, the selection of cars for sale was still quite good. The bias, as always, trends toward muscle cars, but there were still 21 fine examples of Lincoln motorcars for us to enjoy.

The oldest Lincoln was an exceptional 1924 Model L limousine, sporting a Fleetwood body. Two more large pre-war Lincolns, a 1935 Model K Rumbleseat Roadster with a LeBaron body and a 1936 Model K Sedan rounded out the early cars. Disappointingly, there were no first generation Continentals, Continental Mark IIs, Road Race Lincolns, or the massive unibody classics of 1958 to 1960. Slabsides were the most Lincoln at the auction. A 1962 Continental Sedan went fairly cheap, but it had a few cosmetic issues. The legendary four-door convertibles were represented by a single 1966 example and a trio of 1967 models. The 1969 Continental Coupe looked and smelled like a true barn find. The sole Mark III was a 1971 model that seemed to go for more money than I might have expected. The 1970s were represented by a trio

**A 1924 Lincoln Model L Limousine with a body by Fleetwood.**











**Clockwise from upper right:** 1971 Lincoln Continental Mark III. A very low mileage 2001 Lincoln Town Car. Built to run on the salt flats, this 1993 Mark VII was a pre-production model. This barn-find 1969 Lincoln Continental Coupe could have used a good detailing. Everybody loves a nice early slab side. This 1962 Lincoln Continental Sedan went to a new home for not a lot of cash. *Photos by the author.*





of Mark Vs, a low mileage 1975 Continental Sedan and 1979 Continental Limousine. The 1980s were unrepresented, but the 1990s featured three interesting Mark Vllls. One of them, a 1993 model, was a pre-production version set up for Class D land-speed racing. It had a roll-cage in place as well as muscle car style hood pins. A pair of last generation Town Cars and a Blackwood rounded out the line-up.

Mecum is always a lot of fun. Like most shows and auctions, there is a lot of chaff to sift through to get to the good stuff. Given the situation this year, we are lucky to have had an auction at all. Mecum is making a return engagement this fall in late October. At this point, no Lincolns are registered, but there is still a lot of time. If you missed the summer auction, make it a point to come to Indy for this short event on October 29-31.



## *A Magical Trip to Auburn*

*By Jeff Shively*

This year has been nearly a complete washout for car events. One of my favorites is the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Club's Annual Reunion, held every Labor Day weekend since Ike's first term.....that is until this year. In July, we heard the bad, but totally expected, news. No ACD car show in Eckhart Park. No Parade of Classics. No nocturnal gatherings by the Auburn Hotel for old car lies and adult beverages. Luckily, I began seeing rumblings on Facebook that a hardy band would make the trip. Not just Hoosiers, but diehards for all over the country. Due to the recent change in my domestic status, the arrival of my mother-in-law from the "old country" and my wife's work schedule, the usual two-day trip was out of the question. An early Saturday-morning morning departure was the only option. A run by the family farm, a whirlwind tour of ACD and NATM, and a stop in downtown Auburn to check out what action might be happening would be all I could afford this year.

Driving north, it occurred to me what a great day this would have been







**Opposite page:** Dating to 1964, the Magic Wand Drive-In has been selling its patented “Magicburgers” to the public since 1964. **Above:** This supercharged Cord Cabriolet was one of about 30 Auburns, Cords, and Duesenbergs to appear in Auburn as part of an unofficial reunion meet. **Right:** This 1935 Auburn 851 Boattail Speedster was donated to the ACD museum by Indianapolis resident Phil Hedbeck. The author rode in this car on his 20th birthday in 1993 at the end of his internship at the museum. *Photos by the author.*





for the typically hot-running Cords. I usually ride in the Parade of Classics with my friend Donn Wray, a lawyer who lives in Carmel. Traveling by Cord is something I recommend!

As is my *modus operandi*, I always take two-lane roads. In this case, it was straight up IN 37, which drops to two-lanes about a mile north of my house in Noblesville. Once I hit Marion, it was onto IN 9 to Huntington. Normal people would have switched to U.S.24, so much improved over what it once was. I of course continued all the way north of IN 14 and then cut east onto the Bass Road (or whatever it is called in Whitley County) and checked out the farm. The area is unrecognizable from what it was even 20 years ago, and that saddens me. A quick trip through Arcola and then onto U.S.30. Just for fun, I got onto U.S. 33, which still took me north, but also west. Getting into Churubusco, I noticed an old drive-in called the Magic Wand. If I didn't have lunch at the Brown House or the Auburn House, I'd stop in on the way back. Coming into Auburn by the auction park, it struck me how empty it was.

The town of Auburn was also empty by comparison to a normal Labor Day weekend. There were about 30 Auburn, Cord, and Duesenberg cars parked by the Auburn Hotel. I think a farmer's market was taking place on the square. In some ways, it reminded me of the simpler days of 20 or 30 years ago, before the rock bands and muscle cars took over that real estate as part of the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Festival. One great disappointment was that the Auburn House (of Pancakes) was no more, replaced by a bank. As an intern at the ACD Museum in 1993, I ate there many mornings, enjoying a great \$2 breakfast special. Those were the days!

I make it a point to visit both ACD and NATMUS whenever I am in town. NATMUS has a nice 1970 Lincoln Continental Mark III on display. The ACD Museum had a single Lincoln, a 1948 Continental Coupe, sitting in the Special Exhibit Gallery. That museum's galleries were more crowded than before and not as well organized as it should be, but it was still fun to







**Clockwise from top right:** A 1970 Mark III at NATMUS. This low-mileage 1971 Mark III was sitting on a used car lot along IN 9 in Marion. The fabled Continental hump. Rear fender rust is evident in this 1966 Continental Coupe. From the front, this '66 looks like it needs a new home. This 1948 Lincoln Continental Coupe was the only Lincoln I saw on display at the ACD Museum.

stop in and see my favorites, like Indianapolis CCCA member Phil Hedbeck's 1935 Auburn 851 Boattail Speedster and the Don Carr Duesenberg. Without much more to see, I made a final pass through downtown. A 1930 Auburn Sedan pulled up next to me at a stoplight. For a moment, it felt like "normal" Auburn.

I didn't stop at the Brown House, so it was mandatory to try the Magic Wand on the way home. I took IN 8 west out of Auburn to the old railroad town of Garrett. Cutting south on IN 327, I spied something interesting right before the viaduct and rail museum. It was a 1966 Lincoln Continental Coupe that had seen better days. I am sure that it could be restored with enough tin-bending, although I am not certain it was for sale. It was a sad sight, but maybe someone will take the time to rejuvenate this diamond in the rough.

The Magic Wand did not disappoint. It had both a walk-up window and inside service. I took a seat at the counter and ordered a Magic Burger. While it was not particularly magical, it was a good honest burger, the kind you would have expected from a hometown restaurant like this. Dating from 1964, I suspect that some of the diners had been visiting since their high school days over 50 years ago.

Passing south through Marion, I spied something that I'd missed on my northerly trek. I turned around and pulled into a used car lot. There was a lovely 1971 Lincoln Continental Mark III sitting there, ready for a new home. The price, \$19,500, gave me pause, but at least it would likely have a better fate than the '66 I'd seen a few hours earlier.

2020 will go down as one of the most disappointing years in recent memory. Thinking of all the things that could have been and should have been can be frustrating. Nevertheless, this short trip to the "Home of the Classics" was a much-needed respite from the rest of the summer's mediocrity.



# Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum

## Seeking Lincoln Cars for Display



The Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum's Museum Committee is seeking several cars for display in the museum. The committee made the announcement during a July 14, 2020, committee meeting chaired by LMCF President Jim Blanchard, who heads up that committee.

*"We feel that displaying these cars will help tell the Lincoln story. We're looking for excellent, museum quality examples of these cars," he said. "That means an excellent original or a restored example."*

The museum is seeking fine examples of the following cars.

Mid-1930s Lincoln Model K (any body style)

1946-1948 Lincoln Continental Club Coupe

1990 Lincoln Town Car

2000 Lincoln LS

Individuals wishing to loan or donate any of the above cars to the LMCF should contact  
Jim Blanchard at (419) 461-1113  
or [jim.zephyr@gmail.com](mailto:jim.zephyr@gmail.com).

