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Director's Message

Dear Fellow Lincoln Members:

I hope this message finds you and your family well and safe. The virus that has impacted our lives is not going away anytime soon, so please continue to practice safety measures such as wearing a mask and hand washing plus social distancing. My hope is that this will be over in the near future and we can get back to some normalcy.

Plans are in full swing for our 2021 Eastern National Meet that will take place June 9 through June 13 next year at the Classic Auto Mall in Morgantown, PA. Please mark your calendar as this show promises to be awesome!

We will need many volunteers – if you would like to help out we would be most grateful. Please send me an email or give me a call if you wish to help out.

This year I only attended one car show which was the AACA Grand National that was held in Gettysburg PA on August 21. I must say that everyone was on their best behavior – everyone wore masks, social distanced and all were very thankful that the show took place. Members of our club took home quite a few Grand National awards. There is an article in this issue of the Continental Star which highlights the recipients.

The Board of Managers are working hard to deliver a great show in June but we need your support, so please start to make your plans to attend. As you know we will hold an auction at the meet so if you would like to donate something of value please reach out to Auction Chairman Jim Casillio or e-mail me and I will let Jim know.

Lastly, please get your yearly dues in to Lee Caleen ASAP so we can devote the time to the Eastern National Meet. Use the membership application contained in this issue of the Continental Star.

Thank you and please stay safe as we look forward to next year in our fabulous Lincolns!

Continentially yours,
Carl Villone
Philadelphia Region Director



Philadelphia Region LCOC Club News

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

I bet a lot of folks would like to put the year 2020 in the rear view mirror. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to wreak havoc. Families continue to lose loved ones, politicians are being politicians, and most aspects of our lives have been upended. As this issue of the Star goes to press we are beginning to see life return to the classic auto hobby. Car shows are starting to reappear. Winter weather may put the kibosh on car shows soon but there is light at the end of the tunnel. A big part of this issue of the Star is focused on the upcoming Eastern National Meet currently scheduled for June 9th through the 13th next year and hosted by our region. Hopefully the meet remains on the calendar. There is plenty of preparation work to do and we need volunteers. Read all about it in this issue of the Star. Stay safe and stay healthy. **Larry Highbloom.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please see our New Member section for our newest and youngest member of the Philadelphia Region – Jack Cappello – and congratulations to Lauren and Jim Cappello – the proud parents!
- Congratulations to Carl Villone, Scott Nickett and Ron Ladley who recently received AACA Grand National awards for their vehicles at the 2020 AACA Grand National meet in Gettysburg, PA (see article inside).
- It's that time of year again – annual membership dues are “due!” Simply print out the Membership Application in this issue of the Star and mail it to Lee Caleen along with your check.



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The submission of articles and Letters to the Editor is encouraged; however, it is the policy of the Philadelphia Region Lincoln and Continental Owners Club that materials submitted to be part of any publication sponsored by this club will be rejected if, in the Opinion of the Editor or other persons designated by the Board of Directors/Managers, such submissions contain statements that are inflammatory, contain personal opinions that could promote dissension among members, are disparaging to a member or member's car, and/or contain derogatory or uncomplimentary comparisons of one or more types of Lincolns. Submissions to The Continental Star are subject to unrestricted review and editing. Longer articles may be returned for revisions and all submissions will be edited for grammar, accuracy, clarity and length. The information and opinions expressed in The Continental Star by members and others are not necessarily those of The Philadelphia Region Lincoln and Continental Owners Club, its officers, directors and staff.

Welcome – New Philadelphia Region LCOC Members

Here is a list of fellow Lincoln Lovers who have joined our Philadelphia Region since the last issue of the Star.

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Also A Member Of</u>
James Jones	Upper Marlboro, MD	1978 Continental Mark V	Continental Cruisers
Jack Cappello [see Member News for more details]	Indian Land, SC	All his dad and his mom's cars	The Cappello family

Member News

This section of the Star focuses on newsworthy events involving our members. ***Didn't know we had celebrities in the club?*** Now you do.

- ❖ Congratulations to Lauren and Jim Cappello on the birth of their first child Jack Steven Cappello. Jack arrived on October 9, 2020 at the Matthews Medical Center in Matthews, NC weighing in at 7 lbs. 4 ounces. A hearty welcome to our newest ***and certifiably youngest*** member of the Philadelphia Region of the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club! Jim is the Treasurer for our club and also is helping with the club website.
- ❖ See the article on the next page regarding recent AACA Grand National awards received by members of the Philadelphia Region of the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club. Our region was well represented!
- ❖ Due to the COVID Pandemic the Board of Managers has not conducted any in person region board meetings. The Board has decided to continue the current slate of Managers through 2021 and all manager terms scheduled to expire in December of 2020 will expire in December of 2021.
- ❖ Our club website is live!! Check it out at www.lcoc-philadelphia.org



Editor's Note – if you have a newsworthy item regarding a member of the Philadelphia Region of the LCOC please forward it to your faithful editor. Thank you.



Antique Automobile Club of America Grand National Meet

The Grand National Meet of the Antique Automobile Club of America (“AACA”) was held in Gettysburg PA at the Wyndham Hotel from August 21st to August 22nd 2020. The meet had originally been scheduled to take place in Allentown, PA from July 23rd to July 25th but due to the pandemic, was rescheduled and relocated to Gettysburg, PA in August.

Several of our region members attended the meet and received Grand National awards for their Lincolns – they are Carl Villone, Scott Nickett and Ron Ladley. An AACA Grand National award is a prestigious award. The AACA explains the Grand National award as follows – *“The Annual Grand National Meet participant best exemplifies the restoration, preservation and enjoyment of antique motor vehicles in keeping with the purpose of the Antique Automobile Club of America. Annual Grand National Meet awards were adopted starting with the first Annual Grand National Meet in Clarks Summit, PA on July 26, 1980. These awards recognize restoration excellence and specially designed trophies and plaques are presented to the winners at the meet Awards Banquet. These plaques are permanently mounted on the vehicle to clearly identify it as an award winner.”*

A Grand National award indicates a vehicle is clearly the “best of the best” as determined by the AACA. Here is a listing of the 2020 Grand National awards received by Ron, Scott and Carl –

<u>Member</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Vehicle</u>
Ron Ladley	20F – Production Vehicles (Excluding Fords) 1940-1945	First Grand National	1941 Willys 441 Americar
Ron Ladley	27D – Production Vehicles 1960-1961	Repeat Senior Grand National	1961 Chevrolet Impala
Ron Ladley	27M – Production Vehicles 1978-1979	Repeat Grand National	1978 Lincoln Continental
Scott Nickett	27C – Production Vehicles 1958-1959	Second Grand National	1959 Pontiac Bonneville
Scott Nickett	27D – Production Vehicles 1960-1961	First Grand National	1960 Continental Mark V 1960 Plymouth Fury 1960 Plymouth Fury
Scott Nickett	27F – Production Vehicles 1964-1965	First Grand National	1965 Ford Fairlane 1965 Ford Fairlane 500
Scott Nickett	27F – Production Vehicles 1964-1965	Repeat Senior Grand National	1965 Ford Fairlane
Carl Villone	27M – Production Vehicles 1978-1979	Senior Grand National	1978 Continental Mark V

Scott shared some tidbits about getting seven vehicles to the show – *“I was able to find a transporter that could get 5 of the smaller cars a 1960 convertible Fury, 1960 hardtop Fury, a 1965 Ford Fairlane HIPO, a 1965 Ford Fairlane two door hardtop my parents first brand new car and another 1965 Ford Fairlane. The other two cars were very large and we used two 24’ enclosed car trailers to transport a 1960 Continental Mark V, approximately 19’ in length and 5,400 pounds and a 1959 Bonneville convertible, approximately 19’ long with its continental kit.”*

According to Carl, the show was very well organized, everyone wore masks and everyone who attended was happy! Carl was pleased as punch to have received his Senior Grand National... who wouldn’t be?

See the next page for some great photos from the AACA show as well as getting the cars to the show and some award pictures.



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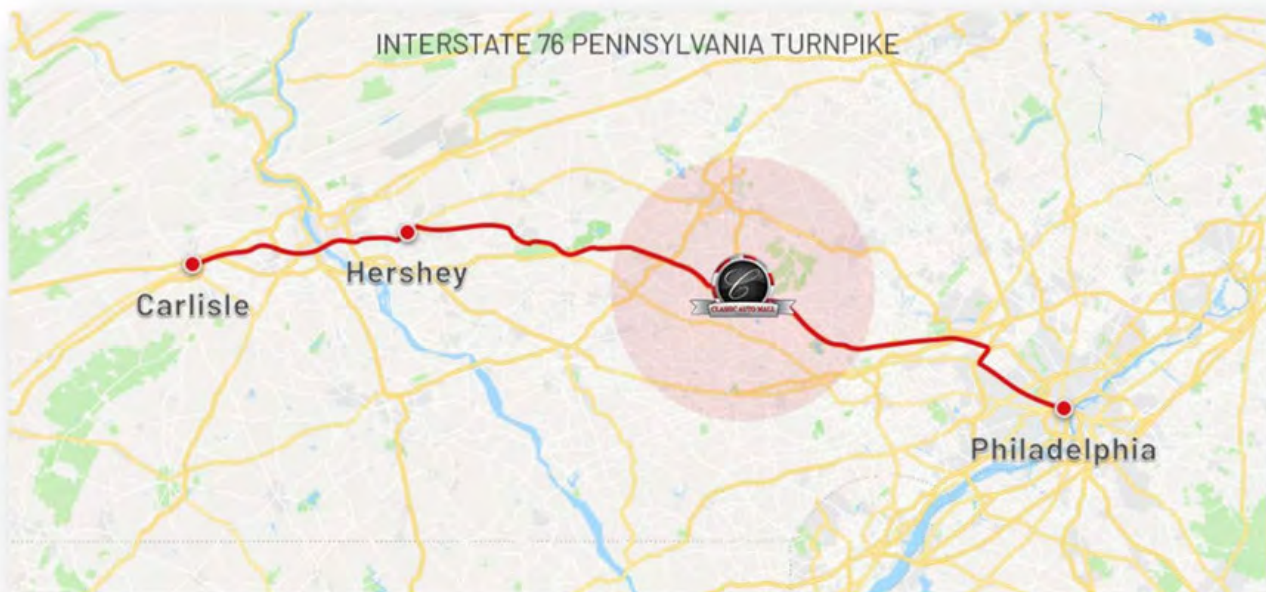


2021 LCOC Eastern National Meet to be hosted by the Philadelphia Region

The Eastern National Meet (“ENM”) of the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club is coming soon! Before you know it June will be here and, hopefully, the virus will be manageable and under control. Fingers crossed!!

The ENM will be held at the Classic Auto Mall in Morgantown, PA, which just happens to be attached to a Holiday Inn. This means the meet and hotel are **totally under cover**. The address of the mall and hotel is 6810 Morgantown Road, Morgantown, PA 19543. The phone number for the Classic Auto Mall is 888-227-0914. The phone number for the Holiday Inn is 610-286-3000.

The facilities are located directly off exit 298 of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The map below gives you an indication of the great location of the mall and hotel – not far from Philadelphia and an easy highway drive from virtually anywhere... no city traffic to contend with!



The mall was originally a clothing outlet mall which was later converted to a furniture mall. The furniture mall closed in 2011 and the property sat for a while until Stewart Howden and some other fellows got the bright idea to redevelop it as a classic auto and truck mall. The Classic Auto Mall is housed in a 336,000 square foot, climate controlled building and can display up to 1,400 cars and trucks inside!! The mall has 28 acres for parking on a paved lot which can handle 2,500 vehicles and another 1,000 vehicles can park on the grass areas. The Mall currently has over 400 “Barn Find” vehicles on display.

The vehicles for sale in the mall are all consignment vehicles – the Classic Auto Mall does not own any of the vehicles displayed for sale. The mall employs 6 car specialists and 16 other employees. The mall does not charge any fees to a consignor to display a vehicle for sale. The mall earns only a commission if a vehicle is sold. According to Stewart, the objective of the mall is to make the



process of selling a classic vehicle to be as easy as pie. Housing a vehicle in a professional dealership-like setting avoids the tension of buyers meeting sellers at the sellers home or office or a parking lot somewhere. The staff at the Classic Auto Mall keeps the cars safe, secure and clean, they are displayed professionally and the sale specialists handle the chore of showing a vehicle to a prospective buyer, arranging test drives and highlighting the special attributes of a classic vehicle. Their specialists do the selling so you don't have to!

Here is a video of the Classic Auto Mall – if you are reading the Star online, click this link: <https://youtu.be/QbG-B3nWyWk>. If you are reading a physical copy of the Star, when you get on a computer connected to the internet, go to www.youtube.com and search for “Classic Auto Mall 2020,” and you'll see the same video.

As you can see this is an amazing facility in which to hold a car show. And it gets even better since the Holiday Inn is attached to the mall. It's going to be a blast!!

In addition to the judging and showing of our classic Lincolns, we are scheduling a variety of events to ensure you enjoy every moment of the ENM. We will have multiple dinners, a silent auction, road trips and of course, our awards banquet.

Tentative Meet Schedule

Here is our tentative schedule which is subject to change. As you might expect, the COVID pandemic may require us to changes to our plans. But here is what we've arranged to date:

Wednesday, June 9th – Welcome Night, hospitality suite open and welcome dinner.

Thursday, June 10th – Driving trip and ride on the Strasburg Railroad

- ☐ Continental breakfast (included with hotel stay) starts the day
- ☐ Drive to the nearby Strasburg Railroad
- ☐ We have a personal train car/tour booked for just us Lincoln Lovers as we ride the Strasburg railroad
- ☐ There will be private parking for our cars at the railroad station
- ☐ After the train ride we go to the Red Caboose for lunch
- ☐ The PA Train Museum or TCA and Choo-Choo Barn are nearby and you can enjoy them on an optional basis if you'd like
- ☐ Back to the mall and hotel for a Judging Clinic in the afternoon presented by Carl Villone, Tony Russo and Mike Bradley
- ☐ Thursday evening is a buffet dinner
 - o Shirts, Hats, Mugs for purchase plus goodie bags.
 - o Live Entertainment will be provided

Friday, June 11th – Driving trip – the Covered Bridge Tours

- ☐ Continental breakfast (included with hotel stay) starts the day
- ☐ Then we'll tour the gorgeous PA countryside, experience a few covered bridges and also visit Valley Forge park for you history buffs
- ☐ Friday night we have a buffet dinner
 - o Live auction takes place



Saturday, June 12th – Meet Day/Show Day – shine ‘em up!

- Continental breakfast (included with hotel stay) starts the day
- Judges will enjoy a private breakfast as they plan for the days’ judging
- The car show and judging begins at 10:00AM
- Show field will be released by the Chief Judge at approximately 3:00PM
- Saturday night is our awards banquet
 - This is a formal event – Black Tie preferred, but not required
 - Awards will be announced and distributed
 - Guest speakers to include Lincoln Motor Company Executives
 - Topics are expected to be the “Future of Lincoln”
 - More live auction items (Lincoln goodies, etc.)

Sunday, June 13th – Additional award winner’s photos will be taken and we say our final farewells

- Continental breakfast (included with hotel stay) starts the day
- Lincoln trophy winners will have pictures taken and say farewell until we meet again.
 - The Philadelphia Region will toast to a successful well-planned event under the current leadership and to our friends we have worked with to make the event a stunning success!!

Emergency Facilities near the Classic Auto Mall

Since the mall and hotel make this show virtually self-contained, we’ve performed some logistics research to provide you and the national club members with the locations of nearby emergency facilities. Here is a listing of important health care facilities:

1. Nearest COVID testing facility to the Auto Mall
 - a. Berks Community Health Center – 838 Penn Street, Reading, PA 19602 610-988-4838
 - i. 23 minute drive – 15.5 miles distance via Route 176
 - ii. Hours:
 1. Monday through Thursday 8AM – 9PM
 2. Friday 8AM – 6PM
 3. Saturday 9AM – 1PM
 4. Sunday Closed
 - iii. Appointment required
 - iv. Referral ***not*** required
 - v. Testing for all patients
2. Nearest urgent care center to the Auto Mall
 - a. A-Z Urgent Care – 45 S. Pine Street Elverson, PA 19520 610-901-3900
 - i. 8 minute drive – 3.5 miles distance via route 23
 - ii. Hours:
 1. Monday through Friday 9AM – 6PM
 2. Saturday & Sunday 12PM – 4PM
3. Nearest full service hospital to the Auto Mall
 - a. Reading Hospital – Tower Health – 420 S 5th Ave, West Reading, PA 19611 484-628-8000
 - i. 19 minute drive – 15.8 miles distance via route 176
 - ii. Hours: 24 hours 7 days/week



As we get closer to the actual event date we will circulate an update either via email or the next issue of the Continental Star. We will provide information on how you can access the national LCOC website to register for the meet and register your car, forms for selecting which events you will participate in and a final cost which must be paid as part of your registration. If you do not have access to a computer, we will mail you a registration packet upon request.

This will be a great meet at a terrific location! As mentioned earlier in the Continental Star, we need volunteers!!! As we get closer to the show we will circulate a listing of the volunteers we need and their responsibilities. Help us make this as great a show as possible.

Market Viewpoint – Stewart Howden

Stewart Howden is the President and founder of the Classic Auto Mall. Stewart was gracious enough to spend a few minutes with your faithful editor during a recent car show at the Classic Auto Mall and provide his viewpoints regarding the classic car market.

Q: What do you think the impact of the COVID pandemic has been on the classic auto hobby?

A: I think it's had a positive impact, actually. People have been staying home and have had more time to peruse classic vehicles for sale online. Now is the time to be a buyer. People are wondering what's coming next so some folks are selling their collections or parts of their collections and this presents a buying opportunity. We have seen consignment volume slow a bit, though.

Q: What are you seeing in the market in terms of classic car values?

A: Buying a classic vehicle is an emotional purchase. Collectors still have money. But the age of a collector is having a sharp impact on certain vehicle values. The values of 1930's and 1940's vehicles are declining significantly. At least for commonplace vehicles like Ford or Chevy sedans. Special, limited production and high end luxury vehicles are declining in value but not as fast as the commonplace vehicles.

Q: So age of the collector continues to impact the values?

A: Absolutely. Even long time standard collectibles such as Tri-Five Chevrolet's are softening as the buyer demand for those cars "ages out." It's just common sense that a lot of collectors will seek vehicles they longed for when they were younger and their age pretty much determines the window of the time period when those vehicles were produced.

Q: What vehicles are hot now?

A: Turbo 1980's cars, Datsun/Nissan "Z" cars are hot. Camaro's and Trans-Am's from the '80's are seeing increases and yet are still affordable. 1980's trucks are hot now.

Q: What do you think of "Resto-mods?"

A: Resto-mods, if well done, are clearly selling for more money than most people anticipated. There is strong demand for the styling of a classic car, such as a 1963 Split-Window Corvette combined with the modern mechanicals which can deliver a comfortable, safe and reliable vehicle which continues to turn heads. It's the perfect combination – you retain the cool classic look matched with the latest safety features and performance and you won't think twice about getting in and going for



a ride because you're not afraid you'll be left on the side of the road due to overheating or when a fifty year old part fails.

Q: What does your crystal ball five years out look like?

A: The best of the best will hold their value and probably increase. Super rare vehicles, such as a V-16 Cadillac and oddball cars will retain value, also vehicles with documented provenance will naturally retain value. Cars that are comfortable to drive and reliable will do better than hard-to-drive or brutal cars without amenities such as power steering and brakes.

Thanks for your insight, Stewart! We look forward to the ENM at the Classic Auto Mall next year.

Cruisin' with the Continental Cruisers

As you may know we've added some terrific folks to the Philadelphia Region who are members of the Continental Cruisers. Their members are located in the DC/Maryland/Virginia area. The Cruisers are usually very active at car shows but like all of us this year they've been impacted by the COVID pandemic and their car show schedule suffered. According to Ivan "Vice" Read, the Cruiser's President and Founder, they were still able to attend three car shows including the Carlisle Ford National's and pull down three show awards.

Vice mentioned the Cruisers are excited to attend the upcoming ENM and he has already booked rooms for his contingent of Cruisers! Vice is way ahead in the planning department for sure. I also learned from Vice one of his members, the one and only Garfield McNair, has a 1984 Lincoln Continental Mark VII LSC which looks showroom fresh even though it has approximately **800,000** miles on it. Wow. Garfield used to work in Patuxent ("Pax") River Maryland, and that was about a 400 mile/day commute round trip. This man knows how to take care of a Lincoln!

We're looking forward to seeing Vice and his fellow Cruisers at the ENM. In the meantime here are some photos of their 2020 awards and some of their cars and members.





Member Cars

We just can't get enough of these gorgeous Lincolns so here's some additional pics of Philadelphia Region member cars.



“At the Auction”

Recent sales of Lincolns at auction.

Vehicle	Auction	City	Date	Sale Price*	Comments
1964 Lincoln Continental Convertible	Bring-A-Trailer	Online	10/8/20	\$69,666	50K miles, non-original repaint in black over black with black top, A/C
1926 Lincoln Model L 7-Passenger Touring	Bring-A-Trailer	Online	9/25/20	\$65,000	46K miles, former Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum car, Dual Cowl Phaeton, green, tan convertible top, 357 cu. L-Head V-8
1941 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet	Bring-A-Trailer	Online	9/1/20	\$29,850	14K miles, Dark Maroon over Maroon with Tan top, 292 cu. L-Head V-12, nicely restored, older restoration, some minor corrosion
1948 Lincoln Continental Convertible	Bring-A-Trailer	Online	7/9/20	\$33,888	88K miles, green over brown leather, tan top, 292 cu. Flathead V-12, power windows, AACA & CCA First Prize winner
1960 Lincoln Continental Mark V Convertible	Mecum	Dallas	10/16/20	\$39,600	No reserve, no mileage info, pastel yellow over black/white interior, black top, A/C, P/S, P/B, nicely restored, from the Peyton S. Cares, Jr. Estate collection
1956 Lincoln Premiere	Mecum	Dallas	10/15/20	\$22,000	No reserve, no mileage info, Coral over coral/white interior, white top, non-original Ford big block engine, P/S, P/B, P/W, power seat.
1949 Lincoln Club Coupe	Mecum	Kissimmee	8/28/20	\$9,900	No reserve, 33K miles, maroon over taupe interior, prior repaint, engine not detailed, straight shift with o/d.

**Sale price includes buyer commission.*



Philadelphia Region of the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club Membership Application and Data Sheet

Date: _____
Name: _____ Spouse: _____
Street: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____
Email: _____

Car(s) Owned:

Year: _____ Make & Model: _____

Year: _____ Make & Model: _____

Year: _____ Make & Model: _____

If you have more vehicles please list them on a separate page

I am a member of the National LCOC: _____ (Signature)

Lincoln & Continental Owners Club Member Number: _____

You must be a member of the National Lincoln & Continental Owners Club in order to join the Philadelphia Region. If you are not a member, please log on to www.lcoc.org and follow the membership application instructions. Please return this application form with a check made payable to the Philadelphia Region LCOC and mail both to the Membership Chairman:

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And the winner of the “Best Outfit to wear to a Lincoln Car Show” is... Ivan “Vice” Read President and Founder of the Continental Cruisers!! Nice pose Vice!

