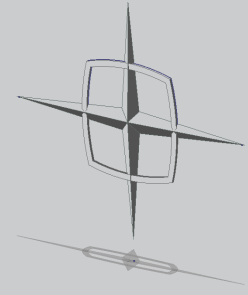


# Continental OBSERVER



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## Director's Message:

### *Upcoming Events*

Stay tuned.....

Get ready to enjoy events  
in 2021

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Good day to all of our MAR Members,  
 On behalf of Owen Clarke and myself (Gary Convertino), we wish you safety and good health during these very trying times. We wanted to follow up with you to keep you abreast on what is happening at MAR. Normally, in non-Covid times, we have numerous events and get-togethers planned that unite us as Lincoln Continental owners. This year, with the pandemic, we have had to cancel our events through the first quarter of 2021. We are disappointed to have to do that, but we do know that the car/show events season for 2021 will be a great one, and we look forward to seeing you then. Some of the events on the horizon for 2021, that hopefully will take place once the pandemic subsides, include gatherings in Rhinebeck, NY, Philadelphia, PA, NJ, Rhode Island and Connecticut. Please read the calendar listing these events on p. 6. We are happy to offer a variety of activities, in locations throughout our geographic region, to our MAR members, such as yourselves. In addition to these great planned events, we want you to be aware of other

benefits of being a member of MAR which include:

1. Receiving the MAR Continental Observer Newsletter authored eloquently by Linda Clarke
2. As a member of National LCOC, receiving the LCOC Lincoln and Continental Comments Magazine
3. Opportunities to interact with other members for parts and information on cars just like yours
4. Ability to post and review Lincoln Continentals for sale in the MAR newsletter and Continental Comments LCOC magazine
5. Discounted membership to Mecum Auctions via *MyMecum* User Profile at [my.mecum.com/signup](http://my.mecum.com/signup)

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or comments. I am happy to assist with your needs. My contact information is:  
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 Providence, RI  
 We look forward to a great and eventful 2021 together. Hopefully we will see each other soon.  
 My best and stay safe.  
 Cheers, Gary Convertino  
 Co- Director, Mid Atlantic Region

## Message from your editor, Linda Clarke

I enjoyed looking back through some of our photos from our ENM. It brought back many good memories that are especially welcome right now when we are missing our car events. Thanks again Gregg for sharing your photos. Linda Clarke, Editor

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Along the Hudson River at the Rowing Association Boathouse



### Vintage MAR

The 1979 Continental Mark V model year offered a number of Designer Editions. One feature brought back from the 1956-1957 Mark II was that the owner's nameplate came with the car in 22 carat gold finish. The four designers were Bill Blass, Cartier, Givenchy and Pucci. One of these had a tu-tone paint and only one came with wire wheel covers while the others had turbine-style cast aluminum wheels. Yes you guessed it, the Bill Blass was the tu-tone edition and the Pucci had the wheel covers. The photo to the right shows several of Philip Schuch's pristine Lincolns.



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### MAR QUIZ

*What year Continental was the 75th Anniversary Car and what name was it given?*

*Do any of our MAR members own one?*

*(Answer on p. 7.)*



Gary Convertino drove the R.I. Secretary of State, Nellie M. Gorbea, in the Bristol Fourth of July Parade in his 1966 Lincoln Continental convertible. It is the oldest, continuous Fourth of July parade in the country having begun the tradition in Bristol, RI in **1785**. All attendees wore masks and only cars (no bands, no marchers) were allowed in the parade this year.

What a perfect red parade Lincoln for the Fourth of July!



**Last Call**

**Price Reduced to \$15.00**

**We have 5 remaining shirts from the ENM.**

For those of you who own one, you can attest to the fact that these shirts are VERY comfortable. (I hope you wear yours as much as I do.) However, no one has responded to my prior announcements of the shirt sale thus far. Unless I hear from anyone between now and November 15th, I will donate these remaining shirts to First Responders and Health Care workers. Sizes available are 1 small, 2 medium, or 2 large. Would make a good gift for a friend, family member, or Lincoln colleague!

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## ONE YEAR AGO.....Looking Back at our ENM

Who would have anticipated that we would have to cancel our MAR events in 2020 due to Covid 19? As one LCOC member from Chicago called to say, "I am so glad that I had the ENM in the Hudson Valley to look back upon with such great memories because all our other events were canceled this year!" We thought that you might enjoy a moment to reminisce as you look back at photos from the ENM. Let us hope that we can get together again soon.





*At the CIA*



### Calendar Events Planned in 2021

1. Rhinebeck, NY Car Show with a special show location for Lincoln Continental - Possible, May 2021
2. Eastern National Meet in Philadelphia, PA June 9-13, 2021
3. Special event in New Britain, Connecticut with a visit to the Art Museum and Dinner together in July or August of 2021
4. RRLR Meet organized by Allan Wilcox rescheduled for September 2021 – September 8-10– Same venue, same activities & prices
5. Audrain's Newport Concours & Motor Week in Newport, Rhode Island in Early October 2021
6. Gathering of Old Cars at the Mills Estate, "Staatsburgh" (traditionally on the third Sunday) in October 2021
7. Special Holiday Get-Together in Northern New Jersey — TBD

***We are hopeful that events will continue in 2021 and are happy to offer them to our MAR members.....***

### CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Pat Arcieri who has a magnificent Bill Blass Edition which won a recent award, the **AACA Senior Grand National Winner**, in Gettysburg, PA.

We congratulate Pat not only for the award but how great it was that he got to experience this car show this year at Gettysburg.

We are happy for Pat and Geri.

(Photo taken at the CIA)



# Classified Ads

Please submit classified ads for the next issue of the Observer by January 15. They are published free of charge for MAR LCOC members.

Be sure to refer to prior Observer Classified Ads and the ads in LCOC Continental Comments Magazine

If you have a car for sale, submit your information by 1/15/21 for the next issue of the Observer

## The Hyde Park Train Station — *A personal reflection*

When you have Gregg Merksamer taking MAR photos, you get to look at superb pictures of the places we visited during the ENM. I liked looking back at his extra shots capturing the scenery and history of the Hudson Valley which many of us were unable to photograph. Gregg wrote up our ENM story for *Comments* and the *Old Cars Weekly* publication. He received accolades for his reporting. One person wrote a letter to the editor of *Old Cars* praising Gregg's summary story of "Lincolns on the Hudson" as exceptional.

I am including this special photo below of the trestle bridge that is on display in the Hyde Park train station. It was built by my Dad and donated to the museum after his passing. My Dad was a model railroader and designed this bridge after one he had seen when he traveled by train across the US in WWII on his way to ship out from the West Coast. He carefully cut and glued each piece of Balsa wood with patient hands. It was spectacularly crafted and my family was glad that it lifted out in one piece when it was moved to the station. I am especially pleased that it is there because my Dad helped save the station from demolition and arranged for its stewardship by the Mid Hudson Model RR Society. They continue to preserve and tend to the station today. Thanks Gregg for capturing this photo that is so personal to me. It was a nice surprise to see it among your collection. *Linda Clarke, Editor*



Answer to MAR Quiz

1978 Diamond Jubilee Edition

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Thank you MAR members for being community  
minded, showing compassion for neighbors in need,  
and taking a stand against hunger