



Presidential Ponderings with John Talbournet

The combination of Mother Nature with fires out West and a very active hurricane season, along with the pandemic, is making for a challenging year for all. There are indications that these impacts will continue for longer than we would like. Hopefully conditions will allow LCOC members to enjoy the 2021 National meets. The regions have been working diligently to offer the membership opportunities to gather and share in new venues.

The lack of automobile events makes it difficult to enjoy our hobby. We need to keep the enthusiasm high while complying with social protocols. Lincolns, like people, need to be exercised regularly to keep things limber and to minimize deterioration. I encourage a trip to the garage to fire up one of your Lincolns and take it for a long drive. Your Lincoln will thank you for this opportunity to get the oil flowing and the tires off the same spot. This also allows those participating a chance to focus on the driving experience and savor the local countryside. I have not driven our Lincolns as much as normal, partially due to the hot summer in the Northeast, but they have all been out on the road multiple times.

Many organizations have been negatively impacted by closures and/or lack of attendance which puts their survival at risk. This

is the time to continue supporting your favorite charities, including the Foundation. While the museum has been closed and income reduced due to the cancellation of the Lincoln Homecoming, there are still ongoing expenses in the management and operation of the Foundation. You can be assured that costs have been examined closely and aggressively trimmed this year to preserve capital. Donations to the Foundation will be greatly appreciated. Consider making a donation when renewing your LCOC membership by checking the box on the renewal form. It is very convenient.

The businesses that support the old car hobby are also impacted by current conditions where there are few events and shows to spark the need to upgrade your Lincoln. There are thousands of suppliers who manufacture, reproduce and remanufacture parts in support of this hobby. Many are small businesses who need your support now. Many years ago, I was browsing the web and came upon a supplier who remanufactured a complex component after extensive reverse engineering. This was for a Ford, not a Lincoln. Seeing the price, I hesitated and decided to wait. Guess what? They sold out after a couple of runs and there were no plans to make

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another run. Darn, an opportunity lost! A few years later, after stewing about missing out, I noticed they had decided to make another run. Out came the credit card to order a set. It was still costly, but I was able to buy the parts, and have been very happy with their operation. If a vendor has a part that you may need in the future, buy it NOW to show support, so maybe they will be inclined to reproduce that next elusive part. There are enough "unobtainables" for our Lincolns. If we can get together to reduce that number by one, we all benefit.

The headwinds of the virus continue so please heed the suggestions of your local authorities for the health and welfare of you and your neighbors.

Until next time,
John

