



Presidential Ponderings with John Talbourdet

“The Outlook for 2021”

Welcome to 2021, and let us all hope that it will be much better than 2020. The progress on vaccines is encouraging and shows a path to more social interaction and the return of all the car shows and tours that we enjoy. The LCOC has a full calendar with a complement of National Meets and the Lincoln Homecoming. The planning is full-speed-ahead, but with an eye on flashing lights in the rear-view mirror that advise us that all is not back to normal.

The Board is preparing for a virtual meeting to kick off the year in anticipation of many great events we can attend, taking our Lincolns out of the garage, driving, and showing them. Preparations are underway for a virtual Winter Board meeting on Jan. 14-16. It will be shorter than usual as there are fewer items to discuss. 2020 was quiet, and work from the January 2020 Board meeting placed the Club in a good position for both years. Fortunately, our finances are stable due to the efforts of Treasurer Jack Shea. Many other organizations cannot say the same. Jeff Shively and the Publications Committee continue to generate a world-class periodical, keeping members informed and enthused on what is taking place in the old car hobby.

The current direction of the COVID-19 virus is not looking good in many areas of the country, and the restrictions on gatherings are again becoming more stringent. This has resulted in the postponement of the Western National Meet scheduled for May 2021 in Palm Springs, California. This is unfortunate, as I was looking forward to seeing friends from the west and savoring some warm weather. The WNM committee has worked exceptionally hard on this event. The restrictions are frequently changing, and it became impossible to hold a meet where the members could travel to the meet and enjoy themselves. They reluctantly canceled the event for 2021 but were able to retain the same venue for 2022. Mark your calendars for May 2022 to make this a memorable event with many members and a show field full of beautiful Lincolns. The Eastern National Meet,

hosted by the Philadelphia Region, is scheduled in Morgantown, Pennsylvania, for June 9-13 and will “celebrate 100 years of Lincoln luxury.” The Lincoln Homecoming follows this at Hickory Corners, Michigan, on Aug.12-15. The final meet of the year is the Mid-America National Meet, hosted by the Lake Shore Region, Sept. 15-19 in Springfield, Illinois

The 2021 Homecoming theme is “Marks Through the Ages,” recognizing Continentals from the original 1940 models to the most recent incarnation. The committee has identified new activities for the attendees to highlight the local area. I encourage attendance to enjoy the museum, see friends again, and explore new activities. Also, the Homecoming event is an essential source of funding for the LMCF museum and is an opportunity to showcase the updated exhibits that keep the museum experience fresh. The cancellation of the 2020 event put stress on the finances, as the maintenance expenses continue. If you can donate to the museum, it would be greatly appreciated. Your donations help the Foundation continue our world-class museum into the future.

2022 will be the year of the Foundation’s Grand National to celebrate the centennial of Ford Motor Company’s acquisition of the Lincoln Motor Company. This will be a weeklong event in Dearborn and Hickory Corners to commemorate this milestone.

The challenges of the virus continue, so please heed your local authorities’ recommendations for the health and welfare of you and your neighbors. We want to see everyone out this summer driving their favorite Lincoln.

Until next time,
John

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