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Front cover: 1942 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet at Mecum. **Back cover:** 1965 Lincoln Continental Convertible. *Photos by Jeff Shively.*

Notes from the director

Dear Hoosier Region Members:

Half of 2021 is already in the history books. Your Board of Managers has restarted having meetings. All Hoosier Region members are invited to attend. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. We have dinner at Murphy's Steak House at Flynns, located at 5198 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis, 46205. All nine board members attended June's meeting. This was the first time in ages that all nine were able to meet together.

On Saturday, May 15, three Hoosier Region members, Jeff Hagloch, Jeff Shively, and I met at the Lincoln Square Pancake House for breakfast to start off the 2021 season, our first event since COVID stopped everything. The small group had a great time visiting and talking Lincolns and Continentals. All it takes to have a meeting is two! This event had three who enjoyed the camaraderie. At least it was a start.

Hoosier Region also gathered on Father's Day, June 20, at Kokomo's annual "Sunday in the Park" car show. Four members attended. Bill Baird, brought a new purple Dodge Charger, which is one fast car! David Columbe came in a 1957 Ford Thunderbird. Eleanor and I drove a 1969 Lincoln

Continental. This was a BIG, BIG, show, with over 300 cars on display. Hot rods were the norm, but a decent number of stock vehicles were on display. Several people took a good long look and snapped pictures of the '69 sedan. One event goer in particular asked about the '69, was told about LCOC and the Hoosier Region. He has already turned in an RSVP for the July 17 picnic. Hopefully they will decide to join our club. This just shows that attending events are not only fun ways to spend time, but your club just might gain a member.

By now, you have received your invitation to our 11th annual picnic. Please send in your RSVP as soon as possible, stating the number of box lunches you will need if so desired. Eleanor and I are looking forward to hosting again this year.

Send your registrations in for the LCOC Homecoming in August and Eastern National Meet in October. Make you hotel reservations, the earlier, the better.

We also need articles for the *Lincoln Log*. Write one about your favorite Lincoln and send to Jeff Shively. He needs your input! See you all on the 17th!

**Continentially yours,
Joe S. & Eleanor Columbe**



Best Show in Town

Mecum Comes to Indy

By Jeff Shively

Each spring for the past few years, I have looked forward to the arrival of Dana Mecum's Spring Classic at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Auctions are not my preferred method of purchasing a car, but I do enjoy seeing a couple of thousand cars and trucks for sale in one spot.

There is something about the atmosphere at the State Fairgrounds. For many years, the Jackson Township Community Band from Brazil played a gig on the first Thursday of the State Fair. The aromas from the food vendors' stands, the sights and sounds of the crowds, and the bright lights of the midway combined into an experience that I looked forward to each August. Mecum has a bit of that same

Top 1940 Lincoln-Zephyr Continental Cabriolet **Right** 1946 Lincoln Continental Coupe. *Photos by the author.*





Above 1955 Lincoln Capri Coupe. **Left** 1948 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet. *Photos by the author.*

warm feeling to it, so I make it a point to spend a day or two on-site when the auction comes to town.

On Saturday, May 15, a small group of Hoosier Region members met at the Lincoln Square Pancake House not far from the State Fairgrounds. Joe Columbe, Jeff Hagloch, and this author enjoyed breakfast at the restaurant while talking about Lincolns. Joe went on to the auction.

This year, I went to Mecum on back-to-back days, probably not the best choice for a fellow with flat feet. Despite the vastness of the venue, I always run into people I know. As I approached the entrance on my first day, Tuesday, I ran into Joe Columbe and his son Mitch. In addition to checking out the Lincolns for sale, Joe and Mitch planned to take a hair-raising, tire squealing ride in one of the modern Dodge muscle cars roaring around a temporary track not far from the auction entrance. Later on, I also saw another local LCOC guy, Charlie Mullen. You might remember his exquisite mint green 1948 Lincoln Continental Coupe from the Carmel Artomobilia and from the 2016 Mid-America Meet in Dayton. On my second day, I picked up my traveling buddy John Madden at his stor-

age facility off of 71st Street, conveniently located between my house and the State Fairgrounds. By the end of that afternoon, I knew that I'd overdone it. A month later, my feet still hurt!

Most of the cars for sale at these auctions are of minimal interest to me, but it is still a lot of fun seeing the diversity of our hobby. Lincolns comprised a tiny percentage of the machines up for sale, but I think that the crop this year was more interesting than in recent years. Last year, there were many slabside convertibles, but this year, there was only a single example, a 1965 model.

As far as I was concerned, the big news was the number and quality of first-generation Continentals. There were four, including the 1942 Cabriolet pictured in Mecum's ad in the upcoming issue of the *Comments*. Two were postwar cars, a 1946 Coupe and a 1948 Cabriolet. When it comes to this era, my favorites are 1940 and 1941, with '40 slightly edging out '41. Luckily for me, there was a lovely black 1940 Lincoln-Zephyr Continental Cabriolet for sale at Mecum. While I would be proud to have any one of these four Lincolns in my



Top 1959 Lincoln Continental Mark IV Convertible.
Right 1960 Lincoln Continental Mark V Sedan.
Photos by the author.



garage, this '40 was my favorite of all the cars at the auction. The red leather interior had just enough patina to give it character. The black finish was nice, but not so nice that I'd be afraid to drive it. For a moment, I pondered how good that would look parked next to my maroon 1941 Cadillac convertible. It is hard to beat late prewar convertibles for sheer artistry on wheels!

A place like Mecum can be a sensory overload for car buffs. There was something for everyone. If transported somehow from 42 years in the past, my six-year-old self would have gone bonkers over the pair of 1979 Pontiac Trans Ams in Nocturne Blue. All told, there were probably a half-dozen cars that I could picture myself owning at some point in the future.

There once was a time when I would see an old car and become almost obsessed with either owning it or one like it. As

I have aged, I have become more content with what I have and what I will likely own one day. Yes, it would have been nice if I could have bid on and won that black '40 Continental. But that begs a very practical question. Would I be able to maintain it and the yet unpurchased (as of this writing) 1963 Lincoln Continental plus the two vintage Cadillacs I currently own? In my mind, there is nothing worse than an old car that just sits in the garage collecting dust. It needs to be out on the road, being enjoyed by its owner doing what it does best... eating up mile after mile of two-lane blacktop. Still, spending two days at Mecum provided a nice break from reality, letting many of us dream about what could be, if only....

Jeff Shively lives in Noblesville. A version of this article will appear in the July-August issue of the *Lincoln and Continental Coments*,

**Hoosier and Southern
Ohio Regions
Combined Event**
Eleventh Annual
LIME ROCK FARM
ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC
SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2021
12:00 NOON ~ RAIN or SHINE



*Our gracious hosts
Joe & Eleanor Columbe*

Eleven years ago this picnic started out as a get together for the Hoosier Region of the Lincoln & Continental Owners Club (LCOC). We had 23 in attendance. The picnic has grown. Invitations now go out to all members and their guests of the following: Hoosier Region LCOC, Ohio Southern Region of the LCOC, Earlybirds of Hoosierland, (55, 56, 57 T-Birds), Cadillac & LaSalle Club, Classic Car Club of America, Professional Car Society & the Rolls Royce & Bentley Club. Several of us are members of more than one club and some of us are members of all the above clubs! Due to Covid, our last picnic had 76 in attendance.

Due to Covid, all are welcome to bring their own lunch for themselves due to no pitch in lunch. A box lunch available same as last year to order \$16.00 each payable at the door. Water, soft drinks, tea and beer along with tableware will be provided by the hosts. There will be tables and seating provided. Bring your own seating and tables if you prefer due to social distancing.

ACTIVITIES TO DO AT LIME ROCK FARM

PLEASE BRING YOUR COLLECTOR CAR OR CARS! The more the merrier! We will then have those vehicles on display and have a subject to talk about. While we are admiring all the cars on display, you may also want to take a nature walk around the property, if you are up to a longer walk, visit the longest Covered Bridge in Indiana still in use, fishing (bring your own gear), row boats (bring your own life jackets and row power), swimming in the pool that features a slide, 1 meter and 3 meter diving boards (no life guards) and golf cart rides.

PLEASE RSVP and ORDER YOUR BOX LUNCH BY FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2021

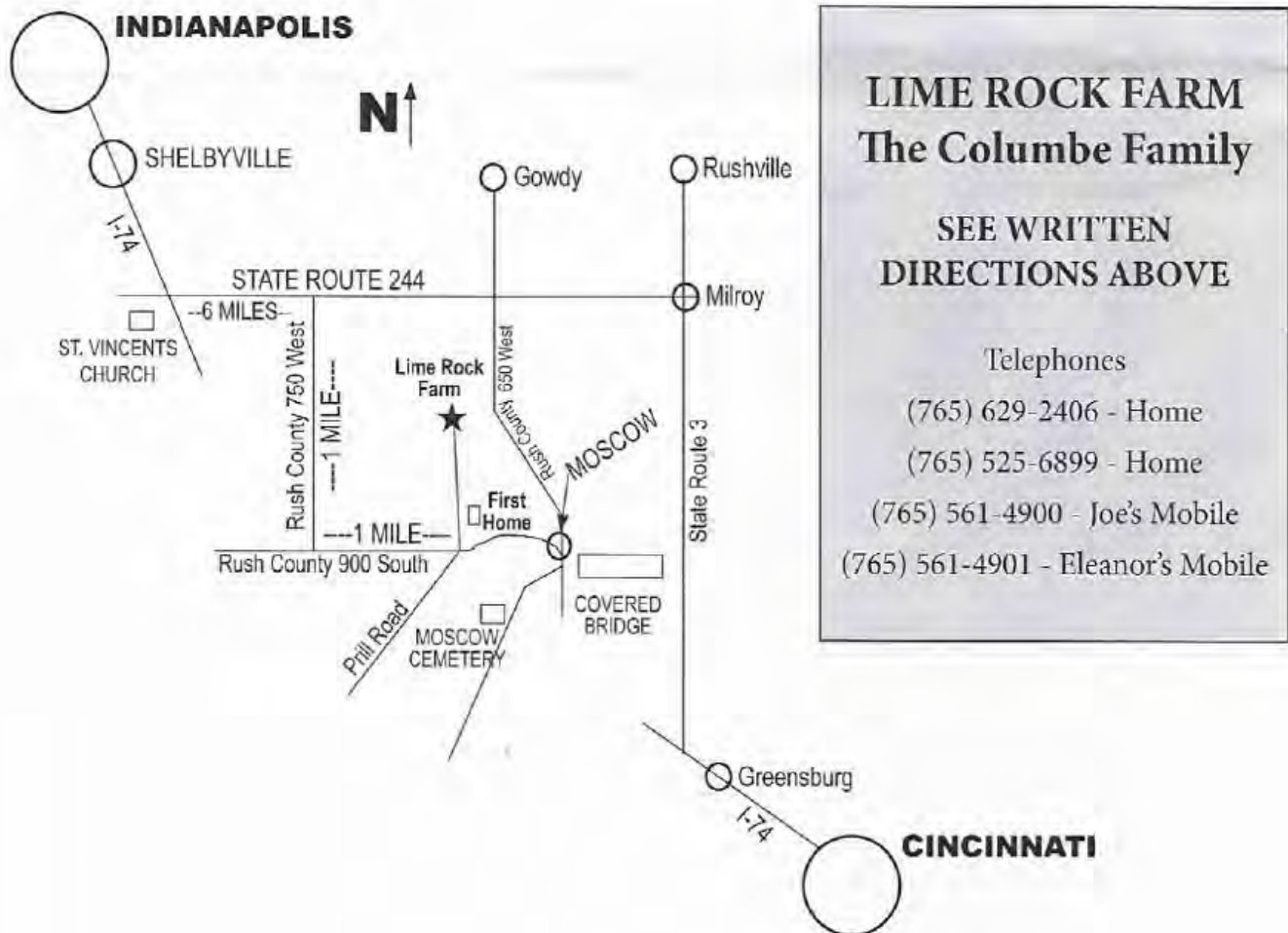
Please Call or E-Mail your questions and RSVP (Very Important) to Land Lines:
(765) 629-2406 or (765) 525-6899, Joe's Cell (765) 561-4900, E-Mail: jscolumbe@tds.net

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR COMPANY AND WILL WORK VERY HARD SO THAT
THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WILL HAVE A GREAT CAR DAY!!!**

PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF LIME ROCK FARM & FOR GPS USE

6722 WEST, 900 SOUTH
MILROY, INDIANA 46156-959846150
(South West Corner of Rush County, Indiana)

Lime Rock Farm is located about 40 miles south east of Indianapolis, and about 75 miles north west of Cincinnati. We are EXACTLY 6 miles East of I-74 (exit #119) on State Road 244, THEN 1 mile south on Rush County Road 750 West, THEN 1 mile East on Rush County Road 900 South. Our Driveway is on the north side of 900 South, just as Prill Road intersects with 900 South. We are back a long lane. Pass the first home and go to the second home.





2021 Lincoln Homecoming will Celebrate Two Lincoln Car Shows

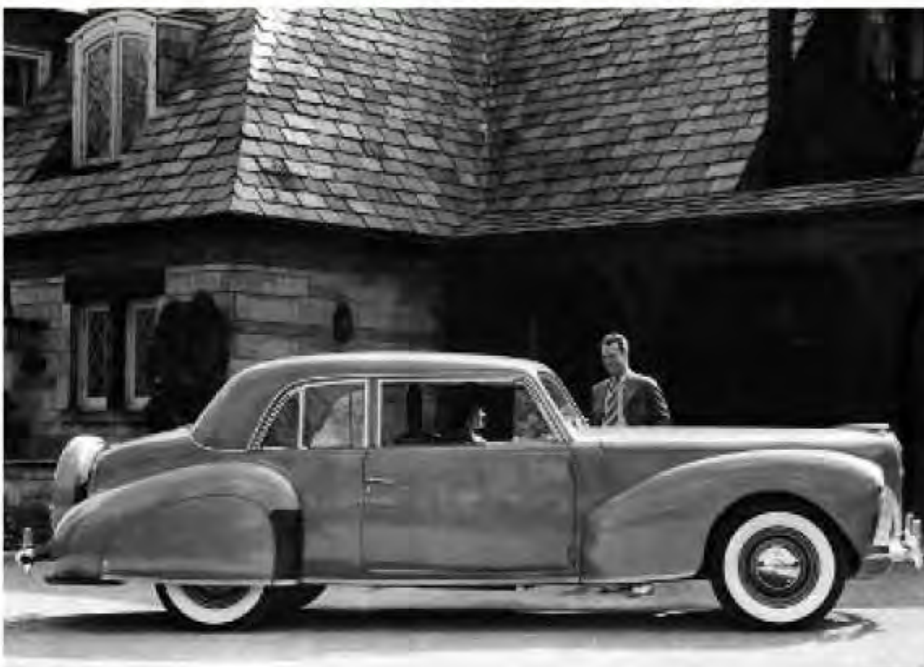
The eighth annual Lincoln Homecoming in August 2021 will feature two different car shows. The first will be a virtual Lincoln car show, which will run from April 1 to July 28, 2021. It will have its own People's Choice awards by decade, voted on by all virtual car show registrants.

The second event will be live, part of the annual Lincoln Homecoming at the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan, from Aug. 13 to 15. That show, held on Saturday the 14th, will also have People's Choice awards by decade. All Lincolns registered for the vir-

tual car show will also be entered in the live car show for the same price. One registration fee of \$25 covers both car shows.

The 2021 Homecoming theme is **Marks Through the Ages**, which will recognize all Lincoln and Continental Marks, from the original 1940 Lincoln-Zephyr Continental to the final 1998 Mark VIII. Although Lincoln and Continental Marks will be the feature in 2021, Lincolns from all eras are welcome. All four major Lincoln clubs will be represented--the Lincoln & Continental Owners Club, Lincoln Owners Club, Lincoln-Zephyr Owners Club, and the Road Race Lincoln Register. However, one need not be a member of those Lincoln clubs to display a car at the Lincoln Homecoming.

The 2021 Lincoln Homecoming will include a countryside tour, dinners, an auction, and a car show. The Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum will host the 2021 Lincoln Homecoming. Event Co-Chairs are Dennis Garrett and Bob Johnson. Most activities take place outside to address any ongoing concerns about the COVID virus. For attendees' own benefit as well as to protect others we strongly encourage attendees to be vaccinated or wear a mask. Here's a quick look at the weekend plans.



Most participants will arrive on **Thursday**. That evening, you will be on your own. Enjoy one of the Kalamazoo area's restaurants with your friends.

On **Friday**, there'll be a motor tour. It will travel beautiful back roads to Fenn Valley Vineyards in the beautiful Lake Michigan Shore wine region. There, we can park our classic Lincolns and tour the winery, vineyards and enjoy a delicious luncheon. Cost is \$30 per person. Afterward, participants may wish to visit nearby Saugatuck and its unique shopping district. At 5 p.m., there'll be a special presentation and cocktail party at the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum, followed by dinner "under the stars" (in a big tent) adjacent to the museum. The traditional auction of Lincoln parts, literature, and memorabilia will be held that evening. Funds raised will benefit the LMCF Endowment Fund.

The big day will be **Saturday**, with a display of Lincolns adjacent to the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum. Cars will be arranged according to era. A professional photographer will be on the museum grounds on Saturday to take photographs of individual Lincolns by appointment. Complete details will be included in the registration forms. That evening, dinner will again be served under the stars. Car show awards will be presented after the meal. Cost for dinner is \$50 per person. Following dinner, attendees may attend a special performance of the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra on the grounds of the Gilmore Car Museum featuring trumpeter Wynton Marsalis. Cost for the concert is \$30 per person.

On **Sunday**, the weekend fun will continue with a display of Lincolns on the grounds adjacent to the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum. Included in the activities will be a parade of Lincolns on the Gilmore Car Museum grounds.

Our host hotel is the Four Points by Sheraton Kalamazoo, located at 3600 East Cork Street in Kalamazoo. This hotel offers excellent accommodations, dining, and amenities. The hotel is just over 15 miles from Hickory Corners. Complimentary hot breakfast for two is included in the **room rate of \$120 plus tax**. For room reservations, call 269-385-3922 and use the code "**Lincoln Club**" to receive the special room rate. Room reservation cut-off is July 12, 2021. *Note: the special room rate is good for three days prior to and after the meet.*

Although we hope this will not be necessary, attendees' health and well being are



Images courtesy of Ford Motor Company.

our primary consideration. Should the Homecoming be cancelled or if you decide not to come because you or someone in your family becomes infected with COVID-19 within a three-week period prior to Aug. 12, 2021, you may notify the Homecoming registrar to cancel your reservations and receive a full refund of any amount paid to attend the event.

Detailed information on the 2021 Homecoming, including a daily itinerary and registration form, will be published on the LMCF web site—www.LincolnCarMuseum.org. Information will also be printed in the Lincoln club magazines and on club websites. For more information, contact Bob Johnson at arborbob41@aol.com or 651-257-1715.

About the Virtual Car Show

Entering a car in the Virtual Car Show is easy. You may register for only the Virtual Car Show if you cannot attend the 2021 Homecoming in August. If you intend to participate in both shows, please register for the Virtual Show first. All you need to do is log on to: <https://vlmcmhomecomingmeet.cornertstonereg.com/> You'll find tutorials that will guide you through the process.

- *How to register your car.
- *How to update your car's information and upload photos.
- *How to "attend" the virtual event and view photo.

In preparation, you'll need photographs of your car. In addition to posting photos, you'll also be asked to supply a description of your car, up to 200 words. You can visit the Virtual Car Show now and see what other Lincoln owners have posted to give you some ideas. Once the \$25 registration fee has been paid for the Virtual Car Show, there's no need to register again for the live car show. Participants may enter as many cars as they like for the Virtual Car Show, and for the live show.

*The Philadelphia Region of the
Lincoln & Continental Owners Club
Proudly Presents
The 2021 Eastern National Meet
October 20-24, 2021
“Celebrating One Hundred Years of Lincoln Luxury”*



The 2021 Eastern National Meet of the Lincoln & Continental Owners Club will be hosted by the Philadelphia Region Oct. 20-24, 2021, in Morgantown, Pennsylvania. The meet will be held indoors at the Classic Auto Mall, which is connected undercover to the Holiday Inn in Morgantown. This means no weather concerns! The meet will be held rain or shine. The Holiday Inn is providing our Lincoln membership with upgraded suites, including a full breakfast each day. For those interested in making early reservations, the phone number of the Holiday Inn is 610-286-3000. We've arranged for a discounted



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rate of \$114 per night, but you must mention you are a member of the LCOC to get this special rate.

We are pleased to provide you with our tentative schedule, subject to change.



Wednesday, Oct. 20, is arrival and check-in day. The Hospitality Room will be open for your enjoyment as you arrive and get settled. In the evening, we will have a Welcome Reception hosted by the Philadelphia Region.

On **Thursday, Oct. 21,** if you're staying at the Holiday Inn, your day will begin with a full breakfast, followed by a driving tour to





Friday, Oct. 22, will begin with a full complimentary breakfast for our hotel guests, followed by a driving tour of the nearby covered bridges, ending with a stop in Valley Forge Park, something that will delight history buffs. We'll pick a spot for lunch along the way and then return to the hotel for the afternoon Membership Meeting. The traditional auction will follow the Friday night dinner. The Hospitality Room will be open for all of you late-night revelers.



On Saturday, Oct. 23, there will be a breakfast meeting for the judges, followed by the Concours Show. Lunch will be provided for the judges as well. Saturday evening will begin with a cocktail hour, followed by the awards banquet. Guest speakers from the Lincoln Motor Car Company will give a presentation and assist in handing out the awards.

Sunday, Oct. 24, will start with award winners' photos followed by last farewells, and promises to see each other at the next meet. Then it's time to head home!

the Strasburg Railroad, where we'll enjoy a nine-mile trip through the beautiful Pennsylvania countryside.

After our return, we will walk across the street to the Pennsylvania Railroad Museum. This museum has great rolling stock displayed undercover for your viewing pleasure. Secure parking will be provided for show cars.

Lunch will be at the Red Caboose restaurant, and then it's back to the hotel for final parking indoors of your Lincoln.

We will have a judging clinic Thursday afternoon, and the Thursday night dinner will follow, including entertainment! The Hospitality Room will be open certain posted times throughout Thursday.

****One final note- rest assured the meet will exceed any health regulations in force during the meet dates. We want you to enjoy the show and arrive and depart healthy!***

Philadelphia Region Director Carl Villone



