



Presidential Ponderings with John Talbourdet

“Back on Track”

Things are looking up regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. The weather is now conducive to enjoying our Lincolns. We recently had some of our old cars out for a tour, and it was refreshing to see friends, meet people and enjoy our cars after the hiatus of 2020. Things are returning to normal, with fewer places requiring masks for the vaccinated. Restaurants are operating without the social distancing of 2020. However, that does not mean things are back to normal, as businesses still struggle with replacing their staff. This means reduced hours and the lack of a fully experienced staff will require patience at businesses and restaurants. Remember, this is better than at the height of the pandemic, so savor the opportunity to be out and about, enjoying the things we love.

There are two meets for 2021. The first is the Lincoln Homecoming, Aug. 12-15, at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan, with the theme of "Marks Through the Ages." The team has done a great job in crafting experiences to accommodate the COVID-19 restrictions. Thankfully, some restrictions have been relaxed since planning began. The events provide ample opportunity to enjoy interactions with other car lovers and time to wander the museum grounds. The first and only 2021 LCOC national meet, the Eastern National Meet, is "Celebrating One Hundred

Years of Lincoln Luxury," Oct. 20-24 in Morgantown, Pennsylvania, hosted by the Philadelphia Region. The events include driving tours to the Strasburg Railroad, featuring a train ride in a private coach and a delightful tour of the covered bridges of Chester County, Pennsylvania. The Philadelphia Region has also planned live entertainment to enhance the dinner Thursday evening. Make your reservations at the host hotel, Holiday Inn Morgantown, for Wednesday, October 20, to enjoy the camaraderie at the Welcome Reception. Information can be found at lcoc.org on the "Upcoming Events" page.

There has not been a meet held in this area for many years, so make preparations and reservations to attend the meet and get back together with good friends and beautiful Lincolns!

Looking forward to 2022, there will be two meets: the rescheduled Western National Meet in Palm Springs, California, and the Grand National, in Hickory Corners, Michigan. The WNM was postponed from 2021 due to COVID but should be restriction-free in 2022 to fully enjoy the area and events. The Grand National, hosted by the LCOC at the Gilmore Museum, will see an entire show field filled with Lincolns from all four clubs.

The impact of COVID-19 has been significantly reduced through the efforts of many

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individuals and organizations, allowing us a return to near normal. Please heed the suggestions of your local authorities to retain the gains achieved in the recent months so that we can join together with friends, both old and new.

Until next time,
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