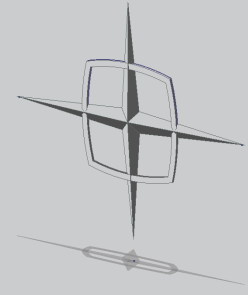


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Director's Message:

Upcoming Events

The MAY Rhinebeck Show is cancelled but please join a car friend on your own Spring ride that weekend and check out our calendar for our next MAR events

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Hello MAR Members,

Happy Spring.....and our sincere well wishes for a safe and event filled 2021.

As we move forward from the pain of the Coronavirus, to which we keep in mind the memories of those who have lost their lives or felt the pain of the pandemic, we look towards the spring and summer as fulfillment towards togetherness and community.

As I begin my year serving the members of MAR, I would be remiss if I didn't show my extreme gratitude to Owen Clarke for his leadership and grace in leading MAR for these past few years. It was under his leadership that MAR thrived as an organization and built a sense of fellowship for all of us who enjoy the wonders of our Lincolns and friendship with one another. We also want to thank Linda Clarke for her continued support of the Continental Observer, this great newsletter, and past support of the organization as a whole. Linda's guidance continues to be greatly appreciated. On behalf of MAR and its members, we send a grateful appreciation for their leadership and

camaraderie, and continue to do so in the future as well.

As MAR is in its 62nd year, we can only hope that this year is one of rebirth and rejuvenation, considering 2020 kept us at bay with little or no events to show for our beloved Lincolns. This year, though, we are looking to hold many events focusing on fun and inclusivity, building community, experiencing the glory of wonderful old cars and building lasting relationships. With the promise of 2021 being one where people can enjoy being together again, we hope to see you at the events we hope to hold in the coming months.

I look forward to serving you all this year with pleasure and the grace that Owen and Linda bestowed upon us. I am always available to you at gconvertino@cox.net or on my cell at 401-573-9408. Call anytime. I would be thrilled to chat with you.

My best.
Cheers,
Gary Convertino
Director, MAR

Message from your editor, Linda Clarke

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In the photo the Lincoln Limo belongs to the Columbe family from Indiana and the Lincoln convertible belongs to David Moyer, one of our MAR members. Two beauties from 1966!



Vintage MAR

The Lincoln and Continental Mark



This series ran from 1956 to 1998. We know that they were all two-door models with the exception of the Mark VI which also came in a four-door. Each had the similarity of a spare tire hump on the rear trunk lid. Looking back at the years of production, you can see the most valuable are the Mark II's. I think this might be followed by the Mark V as the next model to show a faster rate of appreciation. There was one year in the later series that there was no Mark. It was 1992. Why break the run? **I would certainly like to hear your thoughts.**

Mark II Production 2 years

Mark III Production 4 years

Mark IV Production 5 years

Mark V Production 3 years

Mark VI Production 4 years

Mark VII Production 7 years

Mark VIII Production 6 years

Owen T. Clarke clarketrustee@msn.com

MAR QUIZ

CAN YOU TELL WHAT LINCOLN
IS BURIED UNDER ALL THIS SNOW?

Answer on p. 7



The calendar of events is on p. 6 but you need to register for some of the upcoming shows and meets. Here are a few more details of two events that require registration or an RSVP. Please see the calendar as a reference so you can "Save A Date" or know who to contact for other scheduled events. Even though the Rhinebeck Show is canceled, we do hope these later events can go on as scheduled.

NEW BRITAIN ART MUSEUM TOUR & Late Lunch/Early Dinner Saturday JULY 31st

We will meet in the parking lot at the New Britain Art Museum, 56 Lexington Street, New Britain, CT. between 11:00 —11:30 AM with a tour TBA around 1:00pm. There is an admission fee. The museum has a coffee shop if you need a snack upon arrival. Following our visit we will go to the Eastside Restaurant, 131 Dwight St., a well known German restaurant in New Britain. Jonathan Bruzas will arrange for a special menu for us at a set price with their best known dishes. We do need an **RSVP** to let the museum and the restaurant know, so please **RSVP** to Gary Convertino or Linda Clarke NOW if you are interested this year. We will put your name on the list and keep you in the loop regarding final details as we get closer to July.

THE RRLR EASTERN NATIONAL MEET: September 9-12, 2021 Contact person is Allan Wilcox at notval65@gmail.com OR 203-878-9105

You need to make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel and mention the Road Race Lincoln organization (RRLR) in order to get the group rate. The host hotel is the Hartford Marriott Farmington in Farmington, CT. The group rate is \$109.00 a night for Wed. Sept.8– Sat. September 11th, 2021. Central reservation telephone is 800-228-9290. (The *tentative* schedule is below but remember that activities may change due to the pandemic or events unable to operate.)

Wednesday 8th—Arrive

Thursday 9th AM– Meet and Greet; PM–Select one of 3 tours (or time on your own). The three tour choices are to Hill Stead Museum, or Wickham Park or to the New England Air Museum. Dinner on your own.

Friday 10th—AM Tour of Mark Twain House PM Tour of private auto collection
Evening—Dinner at a famous Hartford Italian Restaurant or on your own

Saturday 11th—AM Rest, relax, socialize, prep your Lincoln for PM Car Show
TBA Tour at Wayne Carini's businesses in Portland CT; **PM Lincoln Show**
Evening Banquet at the Marriott Hotel with surprise speaker and awards

Why I Got Hooked on Lincoln by Daniel Falco

I traditionally enjoy including a feature called ***Hooked on Lincoln*** to learn more about one of our MAR members and find out why they chose Lincoln in this vast hobby of car collecting. I am happy that Dan was willing to include his story. I am sure that you will find it as interesting and enjoyable to read as I did. Please let me know if you're willing to share your Lincoln story in an upcoming issue. LBC, Editor

I have been an auto technician for most of my working life and have worked in independent and dealership shops. Also, I worked in a Jaguar restoration shop for several years. Along the way, I came to hear about a Lincoln wiring harness manufacturing company that was looking for a restoration mechanic to finish some jobs that needed completion. This turned out to be Narragansett Reproductions, owned by two outstanding Lincoln lovers, Ed and Miki Pease and family. The business was only a few miles from my home. They were both active members of Lincoln clubs including LCOC and LZOC and supplied wiring harnesses and other restoration items to Lincoln devotees. As I worked for them various projects were finished and I met some other Lincoln clubs' members. I attended some of their famous LCOC barbecues and got to see different cars and meet their owners. As a result, I took more of an interest and attended some meets as a spectator. I joined LCOC in 2000.

Two friends from their college days were Craig Watjen and Edward Avedisian. Peter Watjen, Craig's brother, had passed away and now a group of Lincoln cars in various states of repairs were to be made road able or restored. Most had not been driven for several years, some were in several groups of stored parts in a totally disassembled state! Two restoration projects were begun by Narragansett Reproductions and I was given the opportunity to build both of these cars from the ground up. I became friends to the Watjen and Avedisian families as they dropped by the shop to check on the progress of the work being accomplished. I had received Craig Watjen's car as a complete but not running three window coupe. I had received Ed Avedisian's choice of a restoration project from this group of cars as a convertible coupe, albeit completely disassembled in four truckloads. Both vehicles were vintage 1941. We completed both cars and they were shown in several meets across the country including the LCOC ENM in 2007 during which both cars won awards. The Watjen and Avedisian families sponsored my attendance at these meets to track the reception of their projects.

Other projects were in the planning stages. A 1947 Lincoln convertible coupe and a 1941 convertible coupe were waiting in the wings. Ed and Miki decided to concentrate on the wiring harness business and leave restoration projects to other shops as their sons were not that interested in restoration services. I was laid off from Narragansett Reproductions and was directly offered the job of restoration of the 1947 Lincoln convertible by Craig Watjen. The job was well along, but sadly my friend Craig passed away in 2010 and never saw the finished restoration.

— Hooked on Lincoln continued from p. 4

The 1947 was also shown at LCOC meets in 2011 across the country and won awards as Craig's best friend, Ed Avedisian, followed its progress.

Before his passing, Craig had made arrangements for his entire collection of cars to be placed or sold in the hands of Edward Avedisian. The 1947 Lincoln convertible in Pace Car Yellow now resides on the West Coast in the LeMay Museum. AND... the black 1941 Lincoln convertible coupe which was a "runner" in that group of original cars is now mine to maintain, show and enjoy!



Dan's 1941
Coupe



Editor's Note: Owen and I have been to the LeMay Museum and this very Lincoln attracted my eye before I even knew Dan's story. I liked it so much I took a picture of it when we were there. For more information on Craig and this car, Dan provided a reference to the Sept/Oct 2011 issue of Lincoln Comments.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

May - **Rhinebeck** Opener is **Officially Canceled** due to Co-Vid Restrictions

June 4-6 **Carlisle Ford Nationals**– Features Fords, Lincolns, Mercury and Euro Fords; Recommended by Ray Faure. (website <https://carlisleevents.com>)

Annual Classic Car Appreciation Day is July 9th. It is a great day to be sure to take your classic on the road!

July 31st Special event to tour the **New Britain CT Museum of Art** with an early dinner together at a local restaurant. Hosted by Jonathan Bruzas; We need an RSVP to Gary or Linda to give a count to the museum and the restaurant. See p.3

September 9– 12 **RRLR Eastern National Meet** in Hartford, Connecticut; Specialty tours in the Hartford area hosted by RRLR and coordinated by Allan Wilcox. See more details on p. 3. about registration, the tours and hotel accommodations.

September 20 to October 3 **Audrain's Newport Concours & Motor Week** in Newport Rhode Island; More information on special accommodations for MAR members to come soon; (Website: <https://www.audrainconcours.com/>)
MAR Contact is Gary Convertino.

October 17 **Gathering of Old Cars** at the Mills Estate in Staatsburg, NY. It is held the third Sunday in October. Contact Linda or Owen Clarke, 845-889-8891.

October 20-24 the new dates for the **LCOC ENM** hosted by the Philadelphia Region. For more details, see the LCOC magazine, Continental Comments or Contact Carl Villone, Director of the Philadelphia Region

December 11, 2021 **Special Holiday Get-Together (Event and Dinner)** in Edison NJ.

Mid Atlantic Region LCOC Treasurer's Report

The annual dues notices were sent out in the last issue of the Continental Observer. Forty-two members paid their dues and the deposits totaled \$630.00. In the event that you question yourself as paid, I have copies of all the checks and you can inquire via e mail at clarketrustee@msn.com
Thank you to those who have paid their dues for 2021.

Owen Clarke, Treasurer

Classified Ads

Please submit classified ads for the next issue of the Observer by 7/15 They are published free of charge for MAR LCOC members.

No classified ads submitted for this issue

Welcome New Member Robert Carson

Robert lives in Bellingham, MA and looks forward to being a MAR member. His special Lincoln is this 1978 Continental Town Car. We look forward to seeing you and your car in person at an upcoming gathering. Welcome.



Answer to MAR Quiz

It is a Mark VII Lincoln buried under one of the huge snowfalls in NJ at Linda and Gordon Taylor's house. His older 1966 Lincoln gets the coveted garage space.



Welcome Spring!



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overwhelmingly elected. Thank you for being willing to
serve as a region manager and to help make MAR's
sixty-second year a good one!**

Mid Atlantic Region



62nd Year

Rhinebeck Show in May

—CANCELED—

Why not contact a nearby Lincoln owner or classic
car friend and take your own drive on May 6th.

Then send photos of your "Rhinebeck" day for the
next issue of the Observer!