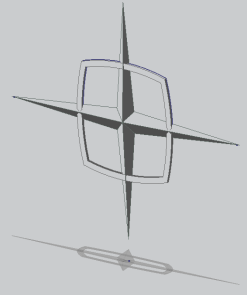


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## Director's Message:

### Upcoming Events

New Britain Museum  
of American Art

Tour and Dinner

July 31st

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Good Day MAR Members,

We want to extend to you well wishes for a safe and event-filled summer 2021.

As our summer progresses, you will note that we are moving ahead with some great programs for the Summer, Fall and Winter of 2021. We are excited to show off the MAR events scheduled for the rest of 2021.

It is important that we come together as a community of car lovers and friends, to experience the joy of our cars, which have had less cruising this past year than we would have enjoyed. But, that is all behind us now. We are ready to cruise with our cars and we are looking forward to being together this summer, fall and winter.

For the summer, our events include a museum and dinner tour in CT. As fall comes about, we have some great events planned, such as the prestigious Audrain's Newport Concourse & Motor Week in

Newport, RI and the Gathering of Old Cars at Mills Estate in Staatsburg, NY. And in December, we have a special holiday get-together planned in Edison, N.J.

As we continue to hold many events this year and next, we remain focused on fun, inclusivity and experiencing the glory of our great classic/antique cars and wonderful relationships.

We hope to be together again soon, and we hope to see you at the events we have scheduled in the coming months.

Please feel free to reach out anytime. Feel free to reach out at [gconvertino@cox.net](mailto:gconvertino@cox.net) or call me on my cell phone at 401-573-9408.

Call anytime, it would be great to catch up.

My best.

Cheers,

Gary Convertino, Director MAR

*Do you have memories from the 1960's of seeing this Lincoln model for the first time?*



## Message from your editor, Linda Clarke

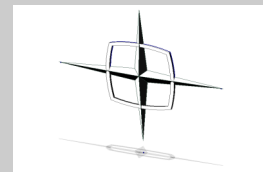
My thanks goes to Dorena Wasik for contributing the wonderful story about her family and their special 1960 Lincoln. Besides her story, Dorena sent some great photos. Please take the time to read this story as it will bring back memories to all of us who have had a special family car in our lives. Dorena's dad, Richard, is a longtime MAR member.

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### Vintage MAR

Members of MAR have seen a number of prototype Lincolns and Continentals over the years. The original Continental built for Edsel Ford was at the Eastern National Meet that MAR hosted in 2004 at the Grand Neville in Ellenville, NY. It was our "featured car."



Several years later a 1961 Continental 2 door prototype visited an event that MAR participated in (in Dutchess County). It was quite unusual. My search for a photograph was unsuccessful. However, I do remember it in my driveway!

Any MAR members that know of any other prototype Lincoln or Continental, please let me know. The most commonly known Continental is the 1956 Mark II Convertible owned by Barry Wolk. It is often pictured on the Facebook Lincoln and Continental Fact Appreciation Log.

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### MAR QUIZ: Production numbers during the 1940's

Production numbers of the Lincoln Continental 1940 and 1942 were the lowest. Coupes and Cabriolets were also built. What was the lowest number and year for coupe or cabriolet models in the 40's? (answer on p. 7)



For information and to register see the Facebook page: Road Race Lincoln Register - 36th Eastern National Meet 2021 or  
mail [notval65@gmail.com](mailto:notval65@gmail.com) or call 203/878-9105

September 9th - 11th, 2021 - Hartford, CT

Saturday Special for those unable to attend the entire meet.

Open to all members of the 4 Lincoln Clubs:  
RRLR, LCOC, LZOC and LOC.

TUHRSDAY, September 9th:

AM - Arrive, socialize, renew acquaintances

PM - Pick 1 of the three tours:

- ☐ Hill-Stead Museum - <https://www.hillstead.org/>
- ☐ New England Air Museum - <https://www.neam.org/>
- ☐ Wickham Park - <http://wickhampark.org/>

EVENING - Dinner on your own

FRIDAY, September 10th:

☐ AM - Tour of Mark Twain's House - <https://marktwainhouse.org/>

☐ PM - Tour of Wayne Carini's Private Collection

☐ EVENING: Dinner at a "famous" Hartford Italian restaurant or on your own

SATURDAY, September 11th:

☐ AM - Private tour of Wayne Carini's businesses in Portland, CT:

\* F40 Motorsports <https://www.f40.com>

\* Carini Carozzeria <https://www.f40.com>

\* Continental Automobile Body <https://www.f40.com>

Followed by our Lincoln Automobile Show 🏁

EVENING: ★ Banquet dinner at the hotel

! NOTE HOTEL CHANGE !

Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport <https://bit.ly/34vDK97>

Please call 800/228-9290 to register \*\*Mention "Road Race Lincoln Register" for \$109/night rate!!

MUST BE REGISTERED BY AUGUST 16th TO GET SPECIAL LOW RATE

Rate also applies to early arrivals on September 8th



### *Driving the Family Car ..... By Dorena Wasik*



I adjusted the car seat and the rearview mirror. I started the car up, a little nervous about driving it. I put the car in drive and pulled out from the curb and headed down the road. I had spent *forty-five* years riding in the back seat, it was now my turn in the front seat of my dad's 1960 Lincoln. My dad wanted to take both his 1946 and his 1960 Lincoln to a car cruise, so I got to drive the 1960.

I do not remember a day of my life without the 1960 Lincoln, which we referred to as "the blue car." This Lincoln joined the family in 1964 when I was three years old. For so many memories, the "blue car" was there.

We were a two-car family living in the suburbs and my mom drove "the blue car." On rainy, snowy or cold days, my sister and I went to grammar school in "the blue car" sometimes joined by the two girls who lived next door. We piled into the wide back seat, with no seatbelts, for the quarter mile ride between school and home, a welcome break from our usual walk.

On Saturdays, mom went shopping and my sister and I would take up our usual spots in the backseat. I was always behind the driver and my sister behind the passenger for the ride to the store. Sometimes we went to the mall in New Haven with my mom maneuvering the rather long Lincoln into the parking garage. The side walls of the parking garage entrance were filled with scratches of the cars that did not make the turn, but no "blue car" paint ever appeared on those walls. The best shopping trips were to stores with large outdoor parking lots. It was a game to see how many parking spaces the car would fill - - - usually four.

Each July fourth, our family along with some cousins, aunts and uncles, would make our way to the Barnum Festival parade in Bridgeport, CT. I still remember one trip where my family, four of my cousins, an aunt and my grandmother all piled into the 1960 Lincoln to watch the parade...AND the even longer trek back home with traffic all the way. The car is a convertible and we had it filled past capacity with ten people in it, but no one complained.

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In 1971, we drove to Florida in the 1960 Lincoln. It was a two-day drive with two small children and no air conditioning. The back-car window went all the way down, providing some air circulation, but it was a long, hot ride. Unlike modern cars, the back seat of the “blue car” is huge, and my sister and I had more than enough space to play or sleep during the trip.

With the convertible roof down and tucked away under the trunk lid, and the back window all the way down, the “blue car” made a great playground, much to my dad’s dismay. We would climb over the back of the car to get in and jump over the doors to get out. I am sure my dad still cringes when he thinks about it.

The car also provided learning experiences. In the winter when I was twelve, my dad wanted to take the car through the automatic car wash, but the little side window on the passenger side would not close. He wanted me to hold a towel in the open window so water would not come into the car. That day, I learned the lesson not to take a convertible to an automatic car wash. Not only did the water come in through the towel, it came in all around where the convertible top met the windows. I came home soaked, as did the interior of the car.

A few years after the Florida trip, it was time to retire the 1960 Lincoln from everyday life. Mom went to work and needed a car that did not require four parking spaces. My sister and I headed off to college and the “blue car” took up residence in the garage. Occasionally, it would return for a family adventure. One July fourth, the family once again piled in, not to the parade this time but to a family picnic. The “blue car” was parked in the driveway when an aunt arrived and commented that the big blue car in the driveway looked like the one that my dad had in the 1960’s. “Well,” dad responded, “it is the same car.” From time to time the 1960 Lincoln would come out for a ride to get a hotdog at Chick’s drive in or just a joyride around town. According to dad, it is never too cold to put the top down, and we would bundle up in hats and mittens in the backseat. One day there was an emergency ride with dad driving alone. The car was at a welding shop near the beach in West Haven where my parents lived. A hurricane was heading right for us and the car needed to be moved back to the safety of our garage, with the repairs only partially done. Dad and the car made it home safe.

Other newer Lincolns came and went over the years, and then the 1946 Lincoln arrived. My dad had always wanted a 1946 and now he had one. After a few years of restoration of both the 1946 and the 1960, it was time for a new generation of memories at car shows and car cruises, with *me* behind the wheel.



## 2020-2021 Calendar of Events

July 31st **Special Event New Britain CT Museum of American Art, Tour and Dinner:** Meet at 11:00 AM at the New Britain Art Museum parking lot; Tour to follow with a late lunch/early dinner at Eastside Restaurant. **RSVP** is needed to plan reservations. **RSVP** to Linda Clarke or Gary Convertino. Hosted by MAR member Jonathan Bruzas from Connecticut. Thank you Jonathan.  
Art Museum website is [WWW.NBMAA.ORG](http://WWW.NBMAA.ORG)

September 9-11 **RRLR ENM:** specialty tours, dinners, car show in the Hartford, CT area. Contact Allan Wilcox. All Lincoln clubs welcome. (see p. 3)

September 30-October 3, 2021 **Audrain's Newport Concourse & Motor Week** in Newport, Rhode Island. More information on special accommodations for MAR members to come soon. Website: <https://www.audrainconcours.com>

October 17—**Gathering of Old Cars** at Mills Estate in Staatsburg, NY

October 20-24 The **LCOC Eastern National Meet** in Philadelphia, PA  
(Postponed from Spring) Hosted by the Philadelphia Region

October 22-24 **Greenwich, CT Concours d'Elegance** (Postponed from June)

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

***IF you have not yet responded to the Special Art Museum Tour and Dinner in New Britain, Connecticut, on July 31st please do so today as you read this reminder.***

***Call or e mail Linda Clarke at 845-889-8891   principallinda@msn.com***

***Call or e mail Gary Convertino at 401-573- 9408   gconvertino@cox.net***

***We need a count for reservations.***

***The address of the museum is 56 Lexington Street, New Britain, CT  
Meet around 11:00 in the parking lot. There is a café in the museum.***

***The address of the restaurant is Eastside Restaurant at 131 Dwight St. A well-known German restaurant in the area.***

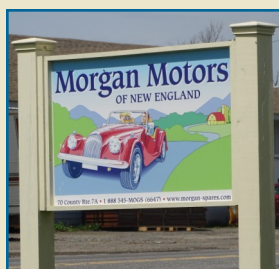
***(More details were in the last issue of the Observer.)***

# Classified Ads

Please submit classified ads for the next issue of the Observer by 9/30. They are published free of charge for MAR LCOC members.

## What did you do when your car event (like Rhinebeck in May) was canceled?

I had fun planning a fabulous Spring driving tour on back country roads. It was designed to end at a quaint “diner” in Copake, NY with lunch served outside. We were joined by a few friends from our AACA. The weather was ideal and we even saw some other classic cars out for a drive as well. Besides the gorgeous scenery, a unique bonus stop was to check out the New England Morgan Motors Dealership/Restoration Shop.



I was able to learn some new information about the manufacture of the Morgan automobile produced today from a friend and retired teacher. He has worked at the Morgan shop one day a week for years. He does this for enjoyment and continues because the owner is such a terrific person. Oh, yes, he does drive a classic Morgan himself and would have been at the Rhinebeck Show if it had been held this year. I decided that Morgans would take up much less garage space than Owen's Lincolns.

—Linda Clarke

## Answer to MAR Quiz

Lowest production was the 1940 Cabriolet: 54 built

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event on July 31st, please RSVP to  
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noteworthy.....  
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