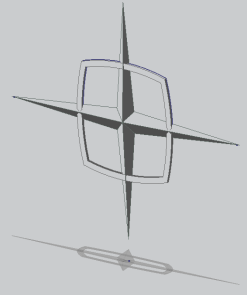


# Continental OBSERVER



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## Director's Message:

### *Upcoming Events*

Spring Opener  
May 9th  
Rhinebeck, NY  
Hudson River Valley  
Antique Auto Association

### M.A.R. Officers

**Director:** Gary Convertino  
**Vice Dir.:** Pat Arcieri  
**Secretary:** Linda Clarke  
**Treasurer:** Owen Clarke

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Dear Fellow MAR Members,

This past year, Gary Convertino and I served as Co Directors of the Mid Atlantic Region of LCOC.

This year Gary has now fully assumed the sole position as our Director. Passing the torch to a younger successor is important to me to keep our Club/Region strong.

As you will note in the Treasurer's Report on p. 6., we are indeed financially strong,

Now, in our **62nd** year I ask that you continue to help keep our region proud and stay involved.

Perhaps, 2020 is a year that we all want to forget but we have many members whose friendship and support helped one another. For those who have had the virus or have had a family member, friend, colleague, or extended family impacted by the pandemic, I send wishes for better times ahead. For those who have lost a loved one I send our caring thoughts for brighter days on behalf of all MAR members.

As we begin 2021, please support Gary in his Director's role to help build membership and increase participation in the events that we hope to hold in the coming year. There is a good calendar of events planned.

Thank you for giving me the honor to serve as your Director. Until I see you at the next Lincoln outing or see you on the road in my rear view mirror,

Peace and Good Health  
Owen T. Clarke



## Message from your editor, Linda Clarke

As we begin the new year, 2021, I will continue as editor for the MAR Observer. I welcome input from all members for stories about your particular vehicle or Lincoln, an idea for a MAR quiz, or other items for our newsletter. ( As an example, please see Ray 's story on p. 5). I will also be taking on the role as Secretary for the coming year. You can reach me at:  
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## Vintage MAR



Over the years, Lincoln Continental advertising had something to say that made you stop and think. It is now up to you whether you still feel the same:

*1960's Ads ..... "Drive a Blue Chip"*

*1980's "Continental for 1981...a remarkable merging of esthetics and engineering"*

*1990's "A luxury car that appeals to the passionate and the practical minded"*

What would your caption be for the 2020-2021?

Mine would be, "Lincoln has said farewell to the Continental"

*Owen T. Clarke*

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## MAR QUIZ

What year was the last Continental convertible?

What year was the lowest Continental production?

***LCOC Mid Atlantic Region***  
***2020 Outstanding Member of the Year***  
***Edwin Barnett, MD***



There has never been a year like 2020 in all of our lives and without pause, I am using my judgment as past Director and Co-Director of our region to name member, Dr. Edwin Barnett as our 2020 MAR Member of the Year.

Some may recall in an earlier Continental Observer that I mentioned Edwin and his services as an Emergency Room Doctor in New York City. He has tirelessly worked hours upon hours as a true hero in helping those affected by the Covid virus. I thought of him every day when I banged my pots and pans along with my neighbors every night at 7:00 PM. After the article in the Continental Observer, I learned that one of our members added Edwin to his church prayer list. To me, that is true friendship and I am proud of that MAR member in Connecticut that did this. Others may have said a private prayer of thanks and support. If so, thank you.

Organizations such as the Mid-Atlantic Region are built on friendships and also on people that we can be proud of. This is why I am honored to call Edwin Barnett, MD a true friend.

*Owen T. Clarke, Jr.*



*Photos taken at the Eastern National Meet, September 2019 by Gregg Merksamer*

### *On hold until October 2021*

The *Gathering of Old Cars* normally takes place annually at the Mills estate on the third Sunday in October on their beautiful lawn extending down to the Hudson River. It is a special, "bonus" fall event which many of you have attended. However, this year it was cancelled like most car events of 2020.

The two local organizers of this event (Joe Doyle and Dan Kilpatrick) saved the day for a few of us "locals" and organized a short historic driving tour past several beautiful estates in our area including Mills and Vanderbilt Mansion. It was open to a few local clubs. There were around 16 cars of different makes, models and years. The oldest was a 1940 Plymouth followed by a 1941 Ford Woody/Woodie.

We all wore our masks and socially distanced. The mini caravan also drove by Wilderstein, Montgomery Place and ended at Clermont (home of Robert Livingston) for a picnic lunch on your own. We are lucky to have so many historic sites and scenic country roads in our area.

It was an exceptionally pretty fall day and we thought of all the past years we have gathered in our Lincoln line at Mills. We will hope for a great day on October 17 '21.



*Mills Estate Exit*



*Save the date 10/17/21*



*Barbara & Peter Mann*

### **Welcome New Members**

We welcome new members, Jim and Judy Glass from Middletown, NJ

Invited to join by Owen Clarke

and

New member, Michael McCabe from Brackney, PA

Invited to join MAR by Ray Mastronunzio

*Our membership can grow if we all encourage new members to join and participate.*

## AACA Gettysburg

*MAR Member Ray Mastronunzio reported that he was one of our lucky members to have had the opportunity to attend the Gettysburg Car show in November in spite of the pandemic.*

*Here is Ray's story:*

My brother Joe and I traveled down from Connecticut to Gettysburg, PA in my 1965 Dark Green Lincoln Continental on a beautiful Autumn weekend to participate in the last remnant of the Hershey Region's 2020 season.

We headed out at 5:00 AM Friday morning and arrived upon the sprawling site of the event in mid-afternoon. What excitement to cruise in along the avenue past acres of car trailers and campers, and be warmly greeted by several AACA volunteers stationed along the way! AACA President, Jim Elliott, personally welcomed every new arrival and set the tone for a most memorable event.

For many of us, this would be the first, last, and only Big Car Happening for the 2020 season. And did we make the most of it! The spirit of excitement and camaraderie was like a mini Hershey, inspiring Joe (who is not yet a "car guy") exclaim, "WOW, this is great! We have to invite the rest of our brothers to experience this next year."

All the ingredients were there: wide-open, manicured areas for the 650 cars displayed, flanked by two top-notch hotels hosting the 1200 plus enthusiasts attending and lots of locals attracted by the sudden influx of classic cars driving around their town. The many volunteers from the Hershey Region worked together so well to give us all a trouble-free, picture perfect experience!

For me, the novelty was entering a car to be judged for the first time, and coming home with a grill badge and plaque granting her official status as a top-quality Historical Preservation of Original Factor Condition. ....But the best part was introducing my brother to the people and the passion of our classic car pursuit.



See y'all down the road!

Ray Mastronunzio, New London, CT



## 2021 Mid Atlantic Region Calendar of Events

**May 7-9** Spring Opener in Rhinebeck NY at the Rhinebeck Fairgrounds  
Saturday-Rods/Customs; Sunday-Classics; Good Swap Meet, Vendors, Car Corral

**June 4-6** Carlisle Ford Nationals—Features Ford, Lincoln, Mercury and Euro Fords; Tickets and Registrations required; See all Carlisle Events on their website  
Member Ray Faure has attended and recommends this event.

LCOC ENM hosted by the Philadelphia Region      **Date Changed to**  
See Continental Comments for details of all National Meet Events      **Oct. 20-24**

**Late July or August** MAR Gathering in New Britain, CT with a visit to the New Britain Art Museum and dinner to follow at a restaurant. Hosted by Jonathan Bruzas

**September 9-12** RRLR ENM in Hartford, CT area hosted by Allan Wilcox; Details were given in past issues of the Observer and all events that were scheduled in the original announcements will be offered as previously arranged in 2021

**Early October** Audrain's Newport Concourse & Motor Week in Newport, RI hosted by Gary Convertino

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

## *Treasurer's Report*

Regional dues were waived for existing members for one year in 2020 on account of the hard work done by many and the generous contributions donated by many of our members for the 2019 ENM. Some DVD's were sold for \$15.00 each and some dues were paid which we will carry over. We will collect Mid Atlantic Region dues of \$15.00 for 2021. (No increase) National LCOC Membership Dues were and are still required for all regional members.

Please return your MAR dues and the enclosed ballot to Linda, MAR Secretary, by return mail. It is much easier if you send your dues promptly so that future reminders are unnecessary. If you are paid ahead, it is so noted on your notice.

The expenses included printing costs, postage, UPS charges, and the annual meeting stipend for the Director. The total expenses were \$765.65. In addition all members should feel good that we contributed \$500.00 to Feeding America. This is particularly important during the Covid 19 Pandemic. The balance in our account is \$12,813.37 at year end.

# Classified Ads

Please submit classified ads for the next issue of the Observer by 3/1. They are published free of charge for MAR LCOC members.

No Classifies Submitted This Issue

*We have shared stories about members' 'one' car event that they have felt fortunate to attend this year! Here is a note from Gregg Merksamer who appreciated his opportunity to attend the **26th Catskill Conquest Rally** in September.*

....Against the odds, I got to participate in ONE of the few 2020 old car events in our region that DIDN'T get cancelled. The Catskill Conquest Rally followed NY state's scenic highway 28 and 357 corridors to honor an arduously rainy and muddy NYC to Pittsburgh Endurance Run that included this route when it was staged by the National Association of Automobile Manufacturers back in 1903.....

*Gregg included three photos. 1. His 1997 Town car stopped at the Delaware & Ulster RR Depot in Arkville, NY 2. Oldest entrant, a 1917 Ford Motel T. Roadster Pickup co-piloted by Daniel & Kristin Bawlick of CT and 3. A 1940 Ford V-8 Cabriolet entered by Staten Island son-and-father team Chris and*



*Sounded like fun, Gregg. If you have a story, please submit. LBC, Editor*

Thank you to Owen T. Clarke and Bob Yurick for serving as officers of MAR.

We appreciate your commitment to our region.

Remember, Managers and Officers volunteer their time for MAR

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**Region Managers**

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Allan Wilcox '21  
George Caswell '22  
Owen T. Clarke '22  
Pat Arcieri '22

See ballot for '23  
this term...

Directors serve for a 3 yr. term

Membership Secretary  
position is voluntary.  
Please note Linda's address:

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ship required). DUES need  
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**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

**Congratulations to Allan Wilcox**

**New Director of**

**Road Race Lincoln Club**

Remember the RRLR ENM is in Connecticut in  
September. Great events planned.

Answer to MAR Quiz

1967; 1957

**Mid Atlantic Region**



**62nd Year**

***Don't forget to return your ballot/dues....***