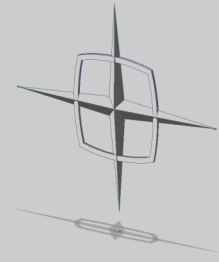


# Continental OBSERVER



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## Upcoming Events

- ♦ Gathering of Old Cars in Staatsburg, NY
- ♦ October 17

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## Director's Message:

Dear MAR Members,  
I hope all is well and that your summer was safe and eventful.

On behalf of MAR, we had our first successful event since the COVID Pandemic began almost two years ago. Many MAR members attended an event in New Britain, CT at the New Britain Museum of American Art on July 31, 2021. It was hosted by Jonathan Bruzas and coordinated by Linda Clarke. It was very exciting to have our members join us for what I consider an outstanding museum, and an authentic German dinner afterwards. And to see all the Lincolns lined up in front of the museum created a heavenly picture.

Our next event will take place from September 30-October 3, 2021—the Audrain's Newport Concours & Motor Week in Newport, RI.

<https://www.audrainconcours.com/>  
Call me for more information.

We are excited to see this event take place. We have other events taking place throughout New England, and would love to see as many of you attend if you feel comfortable.

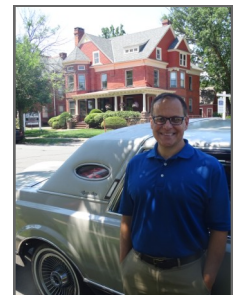
Safety is an important factor as we continue with the events we have lined up.

Please check the calendar for more information on the other events we have lined up for the fall and winter of 2021.

MAR will continue to hold many events in 2022 as well. We want to always focus on bringing our community of Lincoln owners together to enjoy the comradery of the love of our cars while enjoying each other's company and conversation. Please feel free to connect anytime. I may be reached at [gconvertino@cox.net](mailto:gconvertino@cox.net) or on my cell at 401-573-9408. Call anytime...it would be great to catch up.

My best,  
Cheers.

Gary Convertino  
MAR Director



*"To a friend's house, the road is never long" – Anonymous*

## Message from your editor, Linda Clarke

It is a pleasure to include photos from our New Britain event in which we were able to join in person for the first time in many, many months. *Regretfully Allan Wilcox, his guest Linda, and the Merksamers are missing from the group photo.*

*Linda Clarke, Editor*

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At the New Britain Art Museum

## Vintage MAR The "Pullman of the Highway"

The Lincoln Capri (1952-1955) was designed to be Lincoln's reset to improve losing sales. It was available as a sedan, a hardtop coupe and a convertible. About 95,000 were produced but only around 7000 convertibles. In addition, only 560 were built with the rare Continental kit that extended the rear fenders and enabled the mounting of the spare tire on the back between the trunk and bumper. One appealing feature was the power three-person front bench seat! However the reputation of the Capri as a powerful *driver* became known with the Capris legendary, spectacular wins in the Carrera Panamericana. They are still a powerful driving car today. Some of our MAR members have sold their Capris and we miss them in our line ups but we are always glad to see a Capri out on the road as the "Pullman of the Highway."

Owen Clarke - [clarketrustee@msn.com](mailto:clarketrustee@msn.com)

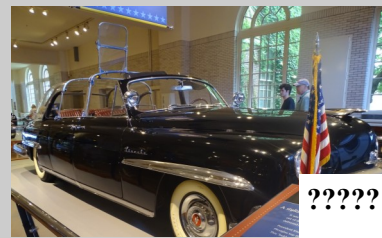
*Editor's note...The next issue will contain some Capri photos from ENM RRLR.*



## MAR QUIZ

Which Presidential limousine is pictured?

ANSWER on page 7



## Fall Gathering of Old Cars—October 17

We invite you to come to the “Gathering of Old Cars” at the Mills estate known as “Staatsburgh” on Old Post Road in Staatsburg, NY. It is traditionally held each year on the third Sunday of October. This year it is October 17th.

The classic cars arrive between 9:00 to 10:00 and are parked on the spacious green lawn of the estate overlooking the Hudson River. We have a line earmarked for our Lincolns. Because of Covid, the organizers of the show will not be charging the clubs a line fee due to the lack of the ability of the clubs to fundraise over the past year. Spectators are never charged an entrance fee.

It is a non-judged show, held for the pure enjoyment of viewing a huge variety of cars and conversing with friends and other car enthusiasts on an October fall day before we have to garage our automobiles for the winter. Sometimes there are a couple food vendors but most bring their own snacks. Don't forget to pack a folding chair and dress for the weather. It can be hot or cool in October. One year we had a little snow!



Prior years at  
the Mills Estate

### ***The Buffet is back .....***

We, Linda and Owen Clarke, have decided to host our buffet after the show in our home this year now that so many are vaccinated against Covid and are beginning to travel. Since the buffet will be held inside our home, we ask that only those vaccinated plan to attend the inside dinner portion of this event for the safety of all our members. We also ask for an **RSVP in order to plan for the food**. It is hard to plan for the number of folks attending without an RSVP. For any additional questions and to RSVP please call 845 889 8891 for Linda or Owen's cell at 914-474-7055. (E mail is [principallinda@msn.com](mailto:principallinda@msn.com).) We live just a couple miles from the Mills estate. Our address is 68 North Cross Road, Staatsburg, NY.

## ***MAR Happily Meets in Connecticut***

After so many months of canceled car events, we were happy to celebrate the opportunity to get together on July 31<sup>st</sup> at the New Britain Museum of American Art in New Britain, CT. For this event members came from New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. Jonathan Bruzas of Burlington, Connecticut organized our event. The idea for this gathering was "hatched" while at the Eastern National Meet in the Hudson Valley and we finally got to be together in person. Judging by the gorgeous weather, it was meant to be, a perfect day to bring out a classic!

Jonathan Bruzas and his wife Donna were excellent hosts..... Besides arranging for a guided tour of the Art Museum, they selected a favorite New Britain German Restaurant called the Eastside for our dinner afterwards. It was a delightful day all around.



Upon arrival at the museum we parked on the street which is adjacent to a beautiful park known as Walnut Hill. This gave us time to chat, catch up, and find out if anyone had purchased any additional Lincolns during the pandemic. Two new members, Dennis Fox and Dorena Wasik were able to join us at this event.

Ray and Eileen Mastronunzio brought their Mark VI and Jonathan Bruzas drove his 1967 Continental Convertible which we had not had the pleasure of seeing before. Many people driving by enjoyed seeing our lineup of Lincolns in front of the museum and stopped to take a closer look. Our Lincolns were wonderfully photogenic in front of an art museum. Biased that we are, we feel that classic Lincolns are a work of art in themselves.

Other classics that made the trip were Gary Convertino's Mark VI, Allan Wilcox's Mark II, Owen Clarke's 1988 Town Car and Jim Dunn's 1955 Capri.





**New Britain continued .....**

If you are in the area, we can highly recommend a visit to the New Britain Museum of American Art because it has an excellent collection of well-known American artists' work, a very welcoming staff, and you can leisurely take in the entire collection and see all the exhibits without rushing. There were paintings on display by Sargent, Bierstadt, Cassatt, Hassam, Benton, Homer, Durand, and an impressive one by Daniel Ridgeway Knight (1839-1934), to name just a few of the prominent artists. It is always a bonus to closely view a portrait done by John Singer Sargent! Our private tour guide, (a long-time docent and friend of Jonathan's) was able to point out just a few of the highlighted works in each of the rooms. There was much more to see on our own.



Besides the museum, we also highly recommend the Eastside Restaurant for its delicious German specialties and great atmosphere. This restaurant has been continuously family-owned and operated on this site for over 70 years. It was on the site when trolleys ran on Dwight Street. The present chef and owner attended the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY the very first year that it moved its campus to the Hyde Park location from New Haven, CT. He said he has been at home in the kitchen since he was 8 years of age, learning from his father. His experience is evident judging by the food, his enthusiasm and his pride in his profession. Thank you Jonathan for selecting the Eastside restaurant to enhance our visit to New Britain.

As you can see , MAR members enjoyed their time together after over a year of "distancing."



Here's to better days and more travels with our friends and fellow Lincoln enthusiasts.

*Linda Clarke*

### 2021 Event Dates

- Sept. 30-Oct. 3** Audrain's Newport Concours & Motor Week Newport, RI  
Website: <https://www.audrainconcours.com/>  
Contact Gary Convertino for details  
at 401-573-9408 (cell)
- October 17** Gathering of Old Cars at Mills Estate on the Hudson River  
Staatsburg, New York Contacts—Owen & Linda Clarke  
RSVP for dinner at the Clarks home (845-889-8891)  
Vaccinated guests, please, for dinner indoors  
Car show is outdoors at the estate
- October 20-24** LCOC Eastern National Meet hosted by the Philadelphia  
Region
- October 22-24** Greenwich Concours d'Elegance - Greenwich, CT
- December 11** Special Holiday Gathering in Edison, New Jersey  
Holiday Festival and Dinner  
Contact person Gary Convertino

Our MAR Facebook contact info is:

<https://www.facebook.com/LCOCMAR/posts/773747362828191:0>

It is positive to see members' car photos posted on our facebook page to encourage interest in our club by new members.

Margaret Faure can be contacted at [mfaure47@gmail.com](mailto:mfaure47@gmail.com) if you need help.

Please include your name and the location of the photo you submit.

It is a good way to "see" some of our MAR members out and about and learn more about our Mid Atlantic Region.

# Classified Ads

Please submit classified ads for the next issue of the Observer by 12/20. They are published free of charge for MAR LCOC members.

## WANTED New Members for MAR

We are happy to welcome **Dennis Fox** and **Dorena Wasik** as new members for MAR. Please encourage new members to join our region!

**Dennis** is from Cheshire, CT. We met Dennis on the museum trip.

**Dorena** is from Wallingford, CT. She recently submitted an article about one of her family's Lincoln.

## MAR PROJECT Reminder: Decals for Lincolns V 12's to 1970's

Projects are the way that clubs can sell Lincoln-related merchandise to benefit their own region. Our last surviving MAR Project is our **decal sales project**. Paul Wilson chairs this project and has decals for engine compartments to help LCOC owners complete their authenticity of their cars. This **decal sales** is the only LCOC source for the decals. We do not make a lot of money but it makes collectors happy to find the decals and reduces our inventory. So please pass the word and help someone find what they are looking for.

Paul's e mail is [PBW295@verizon.net](mailto:PBW295@verizon.net)

His address is 29760 Oliver Wolcott Drive, Millsboro, Delaware 19966

(Request information sheet with your SASE & indicate Lincoln year when ordering)

### Answer to MAR QUIZ:

This Bubble Top Presidential Limo was used by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and is on display at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan.

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*Only a few members have not paid their dues  
for 2021.*

*Thank you to those members who have paid  
for supporting our Region.*

## Mid Atlantic Region



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*If you have a suggestion to host an event for  
MAR please contact Gary. We seek to host  
activities in different geographic locations in  
our region to be more accessible for all.*