



Presidential Ponderings ***with John Talbourdet***

“Welcome to 2022”

Happy New Year, and welcome to 2022! Let us all hope the current virus upward trend is short-lived so that we can enjoy the year. The 2022 LCOC calendar includes the rescheduled Western National Meet in Palm Springs, California, and the Grand National at the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum near Hickory Corners, Michigan. The board will hold the second virtual meeting in mid-January to kick off the year and continue refining the club operations and member services.

The board is completing preparations for the virtual Winter Board meeting to be held on Jan. 15-16, 2022. While not as productive as in-person meetings, it provides the club a way to conduct business at a significantly reduced cost for both the board members and the club.

With the return to hosting National Meets in October 2021, the need for updates in judging rules, meetings, publications, and governance became clear. These updates will take further advantage of electronic media to get more member involvement. Fortunately, our finances are stable due to the efforts of outgoing treasurer Jack Shea. Editor Jeff Shively and the Publications team continue to generate a Golden Quill-awarded magazine with new and varied articles for member enjoyment.

As of this writing, COVID's direction is deteriorating in most of the country, and restrictions are not as severe as in 2021. Hopefully, this surge will be history long before the WNM is held May 4-8 in warm Palm Springs, California. This is followed by the Grand National held in conjunction

with the Lincoln Homecoming in Michigan, Aug. 8-14, celebrating the centennial of Ford Motor Company's acquisition of the Lincoln Motor Co. This will be a weeklong event starting in Dearborn and continuing in Hickory Corners to celebrate this milestone in grand fashion. Please check the website for more information on both meets as it becomes available.

Jack Shea retired as treasurer at the end of 2021. The LCOC has been very fortunate to have Jack holding the purse strings for the past 27 years. During his tenure, our finances have been maintained in perfect order. The record-keeping and reports have clearly presented the club's financial condition, allowing the board to make prudent decisions. Over that period, there have been many changes from both member expectations and outside forces. In all cases, Jack rose to the challenge and financially steered us in the right direction for a solid future. Jack embraced the improvement in electronic financing and communications to streamline turnaround times and financial transfers to reduce the time needed to approve expenditures and pay our suppliers. Jack served as treasurer of the Foundation from its inception through the critical phase of the construction of our world-class museum on the Gilmore campus. We all owe Jack a debt of gratitude for his exemplary service. I wish Jack continued good health and travel after relinquishing the treasurer's position. A big thanks goes to his wife, Ginny, for supporting Jack and the LCOC throughout the years. Tony Blaine of Lebanon, Ohio, is the new treasurer starting on Jan. 1, 2022. The transition

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Deadlines:

Lincoln and Continental Comments

Nov. 1 for the Jan-Feb. Issue

Jan. 1 for the March-April Issue

March 1 for the May-June Issue

May 1 for the July-August Issue

July 1 for the Sept.-Oct. Issue

Sept. 1 for the Nov-Dec. Issue



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has been very smooth, and I look forward to working with Tony. The challenges of the virus continue, so please heed the recommendations of your local authorities for the health and welfare of you and your neighbors. We want to see everyone out this summer driving their Lincolns.

Until next time, John

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