



Presidential Ponderings ***with John Talbourdet***

“Staying on Track in 2022”

Many of us are ready to start the engines of our Lincolns, getting them back on the road after a winter that has seen weather like never before. You name it, and it seems the whole country experienced it in one form or another. Positivity numbers of the virus are on the wane, and hopefully, we can soon return to "normal." The Western National Meet being held in Palm Springs, California, is rapidly approaching (May 4-8) and is followed by the Grand National in Dearborn and Hickory Corners, Michigan (Aug. 7-13). I hope to see you at one or both of these offerings of the LCOC.

For the second time in as many years, the LCOC Board of Directors meeting was held virtually. Committee meetings were held on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022, with the entire board convening and approving many items important to the club on Sunday. The Board decided to publish a new directory again, something that fell by the wayside in 2013. This will provide our members with a quick reference guide for governance documents, award winners, national meet history, as well as a compilation of members and their Lincolns. Most of this information, less member and vehicle data, will also be updated on the website, so we receive this benefit in two places. The Western Region is trying out online meet registration, hosted by Cornerstone, our membership servicer. This takes advantage of Cornerstone's talent, allowing the region to focus on other tasks to improve the meet. I have registered, and it works very well, directing you through the options, preventing incorrect inputs, and sending out an electronic summary when complete.

Membership dues have remained the same since 2015. However, with increased costs, it was necessary to raise them and simplify the options. This decision was not taken lightly. With regard to membership, whenever you see a Lincoln and its' owner, I encourage everyone to reach out, tell them about the club, and ask if they would be interested in joining the LCOC, thus taking advantage of the benefits of membership in our fine organization. We are in a

good position to increase membership as Lincoln is a vibrant automobile manufacturer offering new and exciting models. Stress that we have ongoing events and provide the *Comments* bi-monthly. If your copy is at hand, show it to them. Remember, Lincolns ten years old or older can be judged at national meets, so we can attract members with their daily drivers. Every new member you sign up aids in covering operating costs and keeps increases in the dues at bay.

The Grand National held at the Lincoln Homecoming, Aug. 7-13, is a week-long event celebrating the Lincoln Centennial. The Homecoming has the full support of Lincoln Motor Company. We look forward to seeing and socializing with company executives who will be attending the Tuesday and Saturday night dinners. The event will start on Sunday evening with a reception at Fairlane Estate, home of Henry and Eleanor Ford. This property is not open to the public while undergoing a major renovation. Edsel B. Ford II was instrumental in offering this location to start our celebration. Please check the website for more information on this event.

Let's continue to 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 Lincoln(s).

Until next time,
John

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