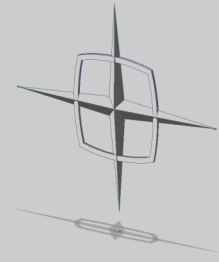


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Upcoming Events

- ♦ Spring Show in Rhinebeck, New York Classics on May 8
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Director's Message:

Good Day MAR Members,

Happy Spring Everyone!
And a safe one at that.....

In early March, I had the pleasure of taking out my convertible for a tour of Ocean Drive in Newport, RI to enjoy the 70 degree weather. It was a great feeling to be able to enjoy the classic car experience as we get ready for the summer car shows ahead.

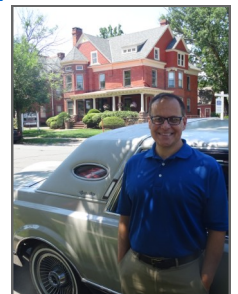
As we hopefully put COVID behind us, I am looking forward to the events MAR has planned for the coming months. I must say, we would in no way have such a great listing of upcoming events if it weren't for the dedicated and appreciated MAR members who have graciously offered their support and advice on creating such popular experiences for our members and their vintage Lincolns! Please note the upcoming events in the "Observer" calendar on p.4. Let's give a shout out and a big thank you to those who are hosting the events, which will take place in every state that MAR represents.

As previously noted, MAR has many offerings for 2022, including, continuing with the events that are steadfast to MAR, such as the Rhinebeck Show and Staatsburg NY show. We have added some new and exciting events as well, including a cruise, a couple museum tours, the renowned Brooklyn holiday lights tour in NY, the Mecum Auction in PA and the Audrain Newport Concours in RI.

Remember, MAR is an organization that continues to create friends and family throughout our region. Let's enjoy each other's Lincolns, experiences, and comradery as we meet each other over the coming months at these and other events. Please feel free to connect anytime. I may be reached at gconvertino@cox.net or on my cell at 401-573-9408.

Call anytime. I look forward to hearing from you.
My best.

Cheers.
Gary Convertino
Director MAR



*"To invent you need a great imagination and a pile of junk."
—Thomas Edison Have you checked your garage lately?*

Message from your editor, Linda Clarke

I appreciate and am happy to receive contributions to our newsletter. So, if you have a story or photo to add, please contact me.

While we have received interest in our club and new members, we are very sad to announce the loss of two long time members, Rocco Baldino Sr. and Joseph Santoro. We send our most sincere condolences to their families.

Linda Clarke, Editor

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It is the 50th Anniversary of the Godfather movies. As MAR member Bill White says, —Sonny would have made it through the toll booth if he had EZ pass. (Pictured here is Owen with his '41)

Vintage MAR

Our Mid Atlantic Region has a long history as a club and continues in its **Sixty-Third** year. We are always grateful to those who had the foresight to begin the region in 1959.

Over the years there has been several dedicated MAR directors and members who serve as managers at large as well as those who take on the positions of Treasurer, Secretary and newsletter editor. It takes membership support and participation to keep the club going.

At our most recent election, Joe Armstrong, Gary Convertino, and Allan Wilcox were elected for a three year term. 46 Ballots were returned. 41 of the ballots unanimously elected all three with a few ballots left blank.

Since January, \$720.00 was received in dues and two contributions were received for an additional \$120.00. Thank you to all those who returned their dues promptly and to those who made an additional contribution to our Treasury.

Let's keep our "vintage" club strong!



MAR QUIZ

What was the working relationship between Henry Ford and Thomas Edison?

ANSWER on page 7

Holiday Gathering in Edison, New Jersey

MAR members had the pleasure of getting together for our December holiday gathering in a new location in Edison, NJ. We try to schedule our events in different states of our region to allow opportunity for membership participation while seeking different sites of interest, along with good restaurants, in these varied locations.

This year, Gary Convertino selected Edison, NJ for our Holiday event and we visited Menlo Park, the site of Thomas Edison's laboratory. We had a short guided tour and saw the inside of the famous Edison tower that is not always open to the public.

It was truly inspiring to see some of Edison's inventions on display as well as to learn about his early life, how he began as an inventor and all his amazing achievements. It is hard to even grasp that he obtained 1093 US patents and 2,332 patents worldwide. His first patent was an automatic vote recorder but he is probably best known for the phonograph, movie camera and light bulb. Edison was revered by Henry Ford. Ford even moved Edison's actual Lab from NJ to Greenfield Village in Dearborn in order to share it with the people of Michigan. The saying goes that Edison did not want his lab to be moved from Jersey soil, so Henry Ford brought a truckload of Jersey soil to Michigan.

Inside the tower is a plaque dated 1879 that states,
"The light once lit shall never dim but through all time shall honor him."



The highlight of the evening was a delicious Italian feast at Villa Gennaro. If you are ever in the area, we can recommend this restaurant. It is located at #75 Lincoln Highway. Yes, the original Lincoln Highway goes through Edison! Please note that the Menlo Park tour sparked our interest to visit Edison's Homestead on a future tour which Margaret and Ray Faure will arrange and host for us on June 11, 2022. Please mark your calendars.

NEXT event First weekend in May

The annual show at the fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, NY is back in full force this May after prior postponements due to Covid. It is traditionally an excellent show with plenty of cars, vendors, displays and a car corral. This year they are celebrating its **50 year** history so it promises to be an especially good show, well worth the trip. It runs from May 6 to May 8 but the antiques & classics with our designated Lincoln line is on **Sunday the 8th** (and yes, unfortunately it does fall on Mother's Day). You may register by finding more information at Rhinebeckcarshow.com It is hosted by five local car clubs, The Hudson Valley Antique Auto Association.

If you are going to be in town the night before, give Owen and Linda a call. They will be glad to host a pizza party at their home for MAR members on Saturday night May 7th. Please give a few days RSVP notice. 845-889-8891

2022 MAR Event Dates

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| May 6-8 | Car Show in Rhinebeck, NY at the DC Fairgrounds
Classics are SUNDAY MAY 8th - Owen and Linda Clarke |
| June 11 | Edison Homestead—West Orange , NJ
- Margaret and Ray Faure (e mail is northwood47@msn.com) |
| July 27-30 | Mecum Auction Harrisburg, PA |
| July 30 | Oliver Ellsworth Homestead and Dinner in Windsor, CT
- David Moyer |
| August TBA | Boat Tour and Dinner CT - Allan Wilcox |
| Sept. 29-Oct. 2 | Audrain Newport Concours Newport, RI or
Autofest at Newport Car Museum - Gary Convertino |
| October 16 | Gathering of Old Cars at Mills Estate on the Hudson River
Staatsburg, NY - Owen and Linda Clarke |
| December TBA | Special Holiday Lights Display and Dinner in Brooklyn, NY
- Pat and Geri Arcieri |

Welcome New Member Rocco "Rocky" Baldino Jr.

We were very sad to learn of the passing of longtime MAR member Rocco Baldino from Syracuse, New York this past year.

However, at the same time we were happy to learn that his son Rocco Baldino Jr. will be keeping his Dad's beautiful 1988 Mark VII Lincoln and he will be following in the footsteps of his Dad by joining as a new member of MAR/LCOC.

For many of us that have special memories of Lincolns and other classic automobiles as we grew up in our families, I know that you will appreciate Rocco's story and photographs.



*Rocco and
Rocky*

Rocco Baldino Senior loved classic cars and among his collection besides his 1988 Mark VII was his 1971 Corvette and his 1953 DeSoto. Rocco often attended the large car show at the Fairgrounds in Syracuse, New York where he was well-known.

Rocky Jr. was only 10 years old when his dad purchased the 1988. When his Dad got the Lincoln, the dealer added its soft top. Today this Lincoln is in excellent condition with less than 20,000 miles and 95% original. It has only needed tires, a battery, new front brake calipers and an upgrade to the AC. It won a Junior National AACA award in Lancaster in 2015. Rocky even got to drive it to his high school prom in 1996. Its most meaningful drive was when the family drove it at Rocco's funeral service for one last ride to honor and remember his Dad and his love of classic cars.

This is one very special Lincoln for you to keep and treasure, Rocky. We hope to see you at a MAR event in the future and wish you good luck building even more memories with your treasured Lincoln.



What did you do on St. Patrick's Day?

Celebrating in Mystic, CT

It was a cold, windy and cloudy day in Mystic, CT on Sunday March 27th, 2022. But it was the warm heart and that ever so friendly smile that MAR member Ray Mastronunzio and his wife Eileen brought to the St. Patrick's Day Parade that day that brought out the sun, if only in spirit. Ray and I were ever too eager to accept the invitation of the Irish Coastal Club to show off our antique cars at this very prestigious and iconic parade.

I brought my "new to me" 1982 Lincoln Mark VI Pucci.

Only 300 Puccis were ever made and I have one that is in remarkably good condition. It certainly turned heads at the parade .. AND what a parade it was.



There were thousands of people lined the Streets, all excited that COVID was only an after thought, and life was back on track.

There were a lot of shout-outs toward the Lincoln, mostly asking what year was it and what kind of Lincoln was it! But the grandest shouts came from so many people that wanted one glorious thing, the horn to be blown! It was like the horn on this Lincoln was something that they had never heard before. Needless to say I gave them a blast full of music that only a Lincoln Pucci horn can make. It was like being in a band on stage, but instead of playing the drums, I was playing the horn on my Lincoln. And that horn brought smiles to everyone who heard it from toddlers, to little kids, to adults of all ages. It certainly was not the day I would have expected, that a horn could carry a tune that would make the world smile and clap in harmony. Thank you Ray for making this a memorable day, for myself my Lincoln, my friends who accompanied me, and most importantly my horn!

Let's remember that as we enjoy our Lincolns with the Freedoms and rights to enjoy life, there are many others in the world who are fighting for their freedom and their right to live, including those in Ukraine, and elsewhere. Let's pause and reflect on how we may make a difference in their lives and support their cause.

My best always, Gary Convertino

Classified Ads

Please submit classified ads for the next issue of the Observer by 6/10. They are published free of charge for MAR LCOC members.

Beautiful Restored 1956 Continental MARK II for Sale

With AC, C5601429

Virtually everything has been done on this car including new paint, weather stripping/seals, NOS wheel covers, all body mounts, suspension, cooling and air conditioning systems, chrome, leather, wheels and tires, complete brake rebuild/replace, etc. The complete list, which is several pages long, as well as numerous photos and compression readings, are available by e-mail. Contact Larry by phone (203 263 3720) or e-mail at lldurocherhome@gmail.com.

All body and paint work were done by Automotive Restorations in Stratford, CT and totaled in excess of \$100K. I drove the car to the 2019 Eastern National LCOC meet and it took a first class as well as Best in Class in the Mark II Primary Division. It scored 100% in mechanical judging and had a few points deducted for a non-etched windshield, etc. I have well over \$200K invested in this car, asking price is \$135K.



Answer to MAR QUIZ:

In 1891 Henry Ford began working for Edison Illuminating Co. in Detroit. He was eventually promoted to chief engineer. Thomas Edison remained a friend and mentor to Henry Ford throughout his lifetime. Ford left the Edison Co. to work on his automobile production.

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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.

Paul's e mail is PBW395@verizon.net

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