



Presidential Ponderings ***with John Talbourdet***

“Onward to Summertime”

As I write this, the Western National Meet (WNM), being held in Palm Springs, is on the horizon. It will kick off the car-club season, and what a season is in store for our members! Later in the year, the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum Centennial Homecoming will be held in Michigan, from Aug. 7-14, a once-in-a-lifetime event for Lincoln enthusiasts (or, as some say, fanatics and zealots). We will start in Dearborn on Aug. 7 and then proceed to Hickory Corners on the 10th. Registrations are coming in at a good clip, especially this far ahead of the event. If you are planning on attending, make your reservations soon, as you won't want to miss out on the unique events the committee has planned.

Our meet registration process has been improved with the help of our membership office, Cornerstone Registration, Ltd., to make it easier to sign up online for judging and events scheduled for both the WNM and the Centennial Homecoming. This software keeps track of all the attendees, cars, and events. This new process has many benefits for the meet hosts, with automatic reports that the team can review as deadlines approach. This provides consistency

within the reporting system to assist the Chief Judge and his team in reviewing vehicles and classes in preparation for printing the judging forms. A logic subroutine is included in the software to minimize input errors, as it reviews classes versus vehicle year and limits attendees once an event has reached capacity. This may become the standard for national meet registration for consistency and will help regions focus on the actual planning and running of the meet and not be consumed by the “back office” details.

The supply chain issues have a minor impact on the LCOC. The trophy house that we have been using for many years advised Paul Temple that certain items were not currently available. This resulted in a scramble to find suitable alternatives for both the WNM and the Centennial Homecoming. While many trophy houses offer identical items, they all come from a single domestic source that is currently experiencing significant production challenges. This has prompted Paul and the trophy house to review the availability of the entire suite of trophies needed for the remainder of 2022 and into 2023. This emphasizes the need to purchase items when they are available.

Policy on Editing Articles for Continental Comments.

The submission of articles and letters to the Editor of *Lincoln and Continental Comments* is encouraged; however, it is the policy of the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club that material submitted to be part of any publication sponsored by LCOC will be rejected if, in the opinion of the Editor or other persons designated by the Board of Directors, such submissions contain statements that are inflammatory, contain personal opinions that could promote dissension among members, are pejorative or disparaging to a member or member's cars, and/or contain derogatory or uncomplimentary comparisons of one or more types of Lincolns. Submissions to *Lincoln and Continental Comments* are subject to unrestricted review and editing. Longer articles may be returned for revision and all submissions will be edited for grammar, accuracy, clarity, and length. The opinions expressed in *Lincoln and Continental Comments* by members and others are not necessarily those of The Lincoln and Continental Owners Club, its officers, directors, and staff.

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



Photo courtesy of Ford Motor Co.

With summer coming up, here's hoping you have plenty of opportunities to get out for rides or shows and let the public see your beautiful car. Now's the time to be out and about enjoying your Lincoln friends and driving those beautiful Lincolns!

Until next time,
John

John Talbourdet, *Lincoln & Continental Owners Club* president, lives in Danvers, Massachusetts.