



Presidential Ponderings ***with John Talbourdet***

“A Wicked Awesome Lincoln Summer”

The Lincoln season is in full swing. The Palm Springs Western National Meet was outstanding, with many smiling faces, conversations with old friends, and a good turnout on the show field. It felt good as we continue on a “return to normal” path.

The WNM introduced many members to the Palm Springs area, an oasis in the Southern California desert. The team, headed by John Burge and Ron Cressy, outdid themselves with the varied venues, driving tours of the area, and many interesting automobile collections stored in some buildings with their own stories. We want to thank the owners who opened their collections to us. The Concours was held on a fairway, presenting the Lincolns on grass, which was appreciated in the hot weather. Photo opportunities abounded during the meet with a combination of desert, grass, palm trees, and mountains! Photographer John Walcek was in his element, so that we can look forward to many unique photographs.

Next up is the Lincoln Centennial Homecoming in Michigan, starting in Dearborn on Aug. 7 and moving to Hickory Corners later in the week. Details of the meet can be found at lcoc.org/lmcf-centennial-homecoming-2022/. Registrations are coming in fast, so please register as soon as possible as some of the events are almost

full. We will be graced with another grass show field at the Gilmore, making for a spectacular event in sight of the Museum. The online registration continues to work flawlessly in keeping the team updated on attendees, vehicles, and events.

The membership is showed a positive gain in April with 29 new members. If you see a Lincoln during your travels, strike up a conversation with the owner to extol the virtues of LCOC membership. One important benefit is the **X Plan** discount that may appeal to owners looking to buy a new Lincoln. That benefit alone exceeds the cost of annual membership dues. Point out that membership includes the award-winning *Lincoln and Continental Comments*, local and national meets, and the friendships made around our Lincolns. Many Lincoln owners are unaware of our club and the benefits of membership, so create a three-minute “elevator pitch” to encourage more owners to join the LCOC fold. This is the perfect time of the year to see other Lincolns and show off yours. Having a few membership applications in the glove compartment for these chance encounters is always a good idea. If you successfully get even one new member, that will help all the members by increasing awareness of the LCOC and helping maintain the member benefits that we are currently enjoying. You might even make some new friends!

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Summer is here, so let's get those Lincolns out to share our rolling art with others in our community. The New England weather is “wicked awesome,” and we are off for a ride in Jeanne's convertible!

Until next time,
John

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