



## ***Presidential Ponderings*** ***with John Talbourdet***

### **“Coming Home to Michigan”**

**T**his is the year national meets returned in full force, beginning with the Western National Meet in Palm Springs, California, and most recently the Lincoln Centennial Homecoming in Dearborn and Hickory Corners, Michigan. It is encouraging to have our Lincoln family back together again. Member response to both events was excellent, not only in the number of Lincolns and members attending, but in the number of smiling faces seen.

The Homecoming, held in Dearborn and Hickory Corners, Michigan, was over the top on all fronts, with 318 attendees and 123 Lincolns on the show field. The meet experienced the fickle whims of Mother Nature, from the hot, sticky weather early in the week, followed by moderate warmth and sunshine in the middle of the week, and, unfortunately, culminated in a cool, rainy show day. Of course, it had to rain on our parade! The Homecoming team put together a stunning series of events for the entire week that were executed flawlessly. They pulled out all the stops for this event from the tour of Henry Ford's home, Fair Lane, a tour of Edsel Ford's home, a show of our Lincolns at Ford World Headquarters in Dearborn, then the Kellogg Manor House and Marshall, Michigan, tours and viewing the Bill Parfet collection at Hickory Corners. Many of these events happened due to the hard work of the LCOC and Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Foundation trustees. A multitude of thanks to Jim Muller for organizing the Ford Motor Co. World Headquarters display and tours to Marshall, allowing attendees to enjoy many wonderful Michigan back roads. Vaughn Koshkarian was instrumental in gaining access to Fair Lane so we could savor a world-class restoration of Henry Ford's home. Dennis Garrett orchestrated the hotels and events in both locations, and if there were any issues, Dennis resolved them quickly. Lincoln Owners Club President David Schultz arranged several delicious meals for us in Dearborn. Some events were held at the Gilmore under a large tent, although the banquet was moved inside to the museum's Heritage Center event space due to the heavy rains.

The team was up to the challenge, and it was a seamless change.

Ford Motor Co. provided outstanding support for our event with an informal presentation by Edsel Ford II at Fair Lane. Michael Sprague, Lincoln Motor Co. director of North American Operations, attended many of the events and presented the trophies at the banquet to the proud winners. Joy Falotico, president of Lincoln Motor Co., attended the dinner at The Henry Ford and presented the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Foundation with a generous donation of \$100,000. This shows the company's dedication to the preservation of its heritage and is a testament to the quality and hard work of the trustees to tell the Lincoln story.

The Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum was very fortunate to have a generous donation of a burgundy 1941 Lincoln-Zephyr Convertible Coupe from Ed and Pamela Avedisian, which arrived just before the meet. Other recent vehicle donations include a 1942 Lincoln Limousine, a 1931 Lincoln Model K Touring, and a 1990 Lincoln Town Car, the *Motor Trend* Car of the Year. The Museum itself continues to evolve, with new Lincolns and displays highlighting the wide variety of Lincolns produced since its inception.

Attendees of the Homecoming owe a special debt of gratitude to Paul Temple and what I refer to as “Team Temple,” consisting of three generations of Temples. Paul was assisted by his son-in-law, Jeff Owen, the computer wiz, son Ryan, and grandson, Rhett Silbaugh. This team worked tirelessly before, during, and after the meet making sure Paul had all the support needed throughout the week. This dynamic team could be seen behind the registration desk, judging and moving trophies. Thank you!

Until next time,  
John

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

#### **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**

