

The Lincoln Log



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About the Covers Front Cover The 1929 Lincoln AeroPhaeton by LeBaron, owned by Stan Lucas, on display at the Centennial Homecoming.

Back Cover The surviving 1939 Lincoln Continental prototype being moved into place during the Homecoming.

Photos courtesy of John Walcek.

From the Director By Joe Columbe

Dear Members of the Hoosier Region:

Fall is upon us. The leaves are changing, and the evenings are cool. I suppose a few of our members have had fall cookouts, complete with roasted hotdogs and s'mores to finish the night out right. At least, I hope a few of you have been enjoying these beautiful fall days.

Two members have agreed to take charge of our 2023 event calendar. Thanks to Becky Griffith and Eleanor Columbe. Becky and Eleanor would like a third member on the Events Committee. Contact Joe if you would like to join in the fun and camaraderie, and he will introduce you to the committee. All members are welcome and encouraged to take a month and plan an outing or suggest to the committee what they would like to have the Hoosier Region experience.

Another goal for 2023 will be to put together a Hoosier Region Directory of all

members, complete with addresses, phone numbers, emails, and their Lincolns and Continentals. Allan Tharp has agreed to head up this job. Allan would also like a couple of Hoosier Region members to join in putting this Hoosier Region Directory together for 2023. Please volunteer.

Our Annual Membership and Election Meeting will be held at the Tharp's Car Barn at **Noon on Saturday, November 12, 2022**. Members have been sent two notices, so please get in touch with Allan and let him know how many will be in attendance. Dinner will be provided for Hoosier Region Members. Guests will pay \$12 for the meal. **VERY IMPORTANT-** RSVP to Allan so the caterer will have an accurate number for food preparation. Guests who decide to join LCOC & the Hoosier Region will have the cost of the dinner applied to the new membership. Such a great deal! See you all on Saturday.

Continently Yours,

Joe S. Columbe



Oktoberfest at John Rust's Home

By Joe Columbe

A BIG THANK YOU once again goes out to John Rust for inviting our Hoosier Region to his annual church and theatre organ concert at his home and organ barn.

On the morning of October 1, we all gathered at John's home to listen to the various pipe organs installed in his house. One of the theatre organs is a Compton (the only Compton organ in the United States), which came from the Paramount Theater that was built in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1934. Two artists performed in the morning. One of the musicians who performed a tremendous program at the keyboards of the Compton was Hoosier Region LCOC member Matt Gerhard from Kokomo.

At noon, John served all in attendance a delicious lunch of beef brisket, pulled pork with all the trimmings, and RC (Royal Crown) Cola to top off the wonderful lunch. Guests were asked to bring a dessert; the selections were all homemade.

The afternoon provided performances by four additional artists, and what a program! It is impossible to describe the day of music. The only thing that can be said is it truly is an experience.



John Rust has offered this program on the first Saturday of October for several years, and plans have already been underway for next year's day of a wonderful experience.

Joe Columbe is an LCOC member from Milroy, Indiana.



Local Lincoln Owners Make a Splash at the Centennial Homecoming Photos by John Walcek & Jeff Shively

LEFT Charlie Mullen
1938 Lincoln K Convertible Sedan.
Class 204, 1st Place.



ABOVE Bob Thomas
*1959 Lincoln Continental Mark IV
Convertible*
Class 216, 2nd Place

RIGHT Charles Griffith
1966 Lincoln Continental Coupe.
Class 222, 1st Place.





ABOVE Joe Columbe
1969 Lincoln Continental Sedan



RIGHT Nickolaus Cripe
1971 Lincoln Continental Mark III.
Class 223, 2nd Place.



RIGHT Bob Thomas
1971 Lincoln
Continental Mark III
Class 105, 1st Place



ABOVE Bob Thomas
1972 Lincoln
Continental Mark IV
Class 201, 1st Place



RIGHT Darren Klingler
1974 Lincoln
Continental Sedan
Senior Emeritus



LEFT Bob Thomas
1979 Lincoln
Continental Mark V
Class 107, 1st Place

Bob Thomas
1987 Lincoln Continental
Class 108, 1st Place



Paul Temple
1989 Lincoln Mark VII
Bill Blass Edition
Senior Emeritus



Ryan Beatrice
1989 Lincoln Town Car
Class 308, 1st Place
Robert H. Davis Trophy





**Ted Hilton, Joe
Columbe, Ryan
Beatrice**
*1999 Lincoln Town Car
Hearse*
Senior Emeritus



Paul Temple
*2003 Lincoln Town Car
Cartier L*
Senior Emeritus



Ryan Beatrice
2004 Lincoln LS
Senior Emeritus

Tony Blaine, Ted Hilton
*2004 Lincoln Town Car
Limousine*
Class 236, 1st Place



John Hannon
*2006 Lincoln Town Car
25th Anniversary Edition*



Ryan Beatrice
*2011 Lincoln Town Car
Continental Edition*
Class 309, 1st Place
Douglas W. Mattix
Trophy



Derby City Mustang Club's 33rd Fordfest Annual Mustang and Open Car Show

By Joe Columbe

Southern Ohio Region LCOC members Mike & Ann Marie Smith of Louisville, Kentucky, arranged this event for both clubs. We thank the Smiths for volunteering to put this fun day together.

Mike Smith and Joe S. Columbe attended the show to represent both LCOC Regions. The \$20 fee paid by each entrant went to three great causes, Active Heroes, JDRC, & Bill Collins Parkinson's Center.

Over 200 vehicles had registered, and Bill Collins Ford-Lincoln lot was full. The dealership is located at a shopping mall that went out of business. These two dealerships take up the entire mall.

Mike ordered up the most perfect weather for the entire day. A food truck was on the lot to offer grilled sandwiches and cold drinks. Mike displayed his 2005 Lincoln Town Car while Joe showed off his 1969 Lincoln Continental Sedan. Being the only two Lincolns at the show was unique. Many attendees stopped to look at the cars and ask questions. Several young people had questions, too!

The Bill Collins Ford Lincoln showroom was full of the owner's personal collection of vehicles. There was plenty of room for both new Fords and Lincolns for sale and the Collins Collections at this former mall.

The host club was selling 50/50 tickets; one for \$1, six for \$5, and the length of your show car for \$20. With Joe having the biggest car on the show field, he could not resist and put \$20 in for the good causes. He ended up with 129 tickets, so he felt sure he would win. He DID NOT win!



ABOVE Mike Smith's 2005 Lincoln Town Car (l) and Joe Columbe's 1969 Lincoln Continental Sedan (r) under blue skies in Louisville, Kentucky.



The Hoosier Region is going to recruit Mike Smith for membership. He was quite the PR man for Lincoln. He extolled the benefits of membership to all who would listen (and some who didn't), and he received several emails to send out information on LCOC.

Bill Collins owner Kevin Collins made a point to stop by to see our Lincolns. He talked with us for about a half hour. Mike even got Kevin to say that he would be glad to help host a Mid-America Meet at his dealership. The dealership has banquet space for 400.

LEFT Lots 'o luck, Joe! The Hoosier Region's fearless leader got 129 tickets for only \$20 as part of the 50-50 drawing, but not a winner in the bunch.



ABOVE Dinner is served! Fordfest attendees enjoy a delicious dinner during the awards ceremony. **BELOW** Here come the Marines! Local "leathernecks" loved Joe's Lincoln.



ABOVE Awards time. Joe Columbe receives a trophy for his fine '69 sedan.



Bill Collins Ford Lincoln served all in attendance a full meal, with three types of meat, during the awards ceremony. Joe's 1969 Lincoln received an award. That is pretty good for a Lincoln to be noticed at a Mustang Club event. They gave out more trophies than at a Lincoln meet!

After the event, Mike invited Joe to his country club, Wildwood Country Club, for an afternoon drink. The club was just a few blocks south of the car show.

This was a fun day for car lovers, with beautiful cars, a great Collins car collection, and many car people with whom to talk. This show will be on the 2023 list of events for the Southern Ohio and Hoosier Regions.

Joe Columbe is an LCOC member from Milroy, Indiana. Photos courtesy of the author.

