



# Lake Shore Lincoln Lines

Newsletter - Lake Shore Region - Lincoln & Continental Owners Club

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## The Director's Message



### Happy New Year Lake Shore Members,

This Saturday, we will be kicking-off our 2022 actives with the annual Winter Party at the Makray Memorial Country Club, Barrington, Illinois. We are expecting a good turn out, and Tessa and I are looking forward to visiting with our many friends.

Our next event will be **Saturday, February 19th** at the Volo Auto Museum. First, though, we will be enjoying lunch at a nearby restaurant that Barb has selected - Deacon's. Details are posted elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Also, in this Newsletter is a preview of our **Sunday, April 24th** visit to the world-renowned Anderson Japanese Gardens in Rockford, Illinois. We Will be eating brunch at the Fresco's at the Garden. And, for a change in pace, or perhaps more appropriately, a change in ride, the theme for this even is "**What else is in your garage**". Many of our members enjoy the pleasure of owning other makes. even Cadillacs. Drive anything you choose, but drive, drive, drive to this event.

Remember to save the date! Our Mid-Continent National Meet that had to be postponed in 2021 has been rescheduled for September 20th through 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at the Beautiful Crown Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Illinois.

We are back on track for 2022.

Bill Fletcher - Lake Shore Region Director

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## 'Round and About...

Remember....you heard it here first!!

*Did you hear.....the song...*

“Hot Rod Lincoln,” Charlie Ryan: [The Hot Rod Lincoln](#) in question was a Ford Model A coupe body fitted onto a 1941 Lincoln frame, and it was owned by singer and songwriter Charlie Ryan, who wrote and performed the original song in 1955.



Charlie Ryan was also a car guy. In the late 1940s, he purchased a used 1941 Lincoln Zephyr four-door sedan. After a couple of years, he decided to make a hot rod out of it. He removed the Zephyr body, cut two feet off the frame to shorten the wheelbase and dropped a 1930 Ford Model A coupe body on it. At first, the car was painted black with red wheels. Charlie installed a '48 V-12 engine in it along with the 3-speed with overdrive '48 transmission.

The car has a lot of Lincoln touches on it, including cut-down Zephyr bumpers, a Lincoln emblem on the radiator and the Lincoln greyhound radiator ornament. The interior has a narrowed '41 Zephyr dashboard. In 1960, the car was repainted red. It was repainted again in 1986 in "Datsun Z-car red."

While he was working on the car, Charlie was thinking about the song. By the early 1950s, he had the lyrics worked out and began performing it. Charlie Ryan recorded 'Hot Rod Lincoln' in 1955; it was released as a single by Souvenir Records in 1957. It was the first car song to become a major hit and make the Billboard top ten list. And the *Best Lyric*: "My pappy said, 'Son you gonna drive me to drinkin' if you don't stop drivin' that Hot Rod Lincoln.'"

While traveling to perform, Charlie and his wife Ruthie often took the Hot Rod Lincoln on tour. By 1960, it needed another engine. So Charlie installed a 1939 Lincoln V-12. It's still powering the car today. Charlie also brought his Hot Rod and performed the song at a Lincoln & Continental Owners Club's 1994 National Meet in Silverdale Washington.

**NOTE:** The Hot Rod was at [Barrett-Jackson's 2013 Scottsdale auction](#), Charlie Ryan's one-of-a-kind, recently restored Hot Rod Lincoln went under the auctioneer's gavel for a mere \$97,000. (sources of information from [Joe Sherlock.com](#) and [google](#).)

Lake Shore Lincoln One Liners.....



A Chinaman went to his eye doctor for his annual checkup. The doctor said "why Charlie, you have a cataract" and Charlie said "no, no doctor I have a Rincoln Continental"!!  
- Submitted by Joe Esdale

## Lake Shore Lincoln Lines Editor's Corner



Hi everyone!

*Happy New Year Everyone! Welcome to yet another edition of Lake Shore Lincoln Lines. Hope this newsletter finds everyone well and recovering from the Holiday Season. Hopefully 2022 will prove to be a fantastic year for the club.*

*Not to be a broken record..... but..... Don't forget, now that the Lake Shore Lines Newsletter is back.... lets hear from all of you. Send me via email or mail...your stories along with pictures of your love of the automobile, how you got your first Lincoln, your trips with your car... or anything pertaining to Lincolns or the club. Or just send me a picture of your car or cars with a caption. I would love to hear from you. Below is my contact information:*

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*Until the next issue...  
Laura Cielenski – Editor*

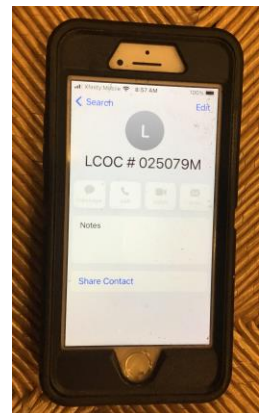
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## **LSR – LCOC MEMBERSHIP NEWS!**

Hi to all of the Lake Shore Region members!

I hear requests all the time from members asking. “What is my LCOC membership number??”

We have not had printed cards for a number of years now, so here's what I did. First off, get your number and if you don't know what it is, call Cornerstone at 763-420-7829 and they will provide it to you. Once obtained, simply put the number in your list of contacts on your phone under “L” like this: Then you will always have it with you! I also put my TSA number and hard to remember numbers on my phone.



If you haven't sent in your dues, please fill out the attached form on page 8 and send it along with your check for \$25 to Terry at the address on the bottom of the form.

Happy New Year to all of our members.

John McCarthy - Lake Shore Region Membership Chairman

# Lake Shore Region Event Schedule

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| January 2022                 |   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup><br>Saturday | <b>WINTER PARTY</b><br>Macray Memorial Golf Club<br>1010 S. Northwest Hwy, Barrington, IL<br><b>RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2022.</b>                     |
| See Page 5 for more details. |   |
| February                     |   |
| <b>NOTE DATE CHANGE!</b>     |   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup><br>Saturday | <b>Volo Auto Museum and Deacon's Restaurant &amp; Bar</b><br>at Golf Farm.  |
| See Page 6 for more details. |   |
| April                        |   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup><br>Sunday   | <b>What else is in your garage?</b><br><b>Brunch @ Fresco at the Garden</b> located at the Anderson<br>Japanese Gardens in Rockford, IL.  |
| See Page 7 for more details. |   |
| May                          |   |
| 29 <sup>th</sup><br>Sunday   | <b>51st Annual Auto Show and Swap Meet</b><br>Sponsored by Silver Springs Chapter of Illinois Region AACA. 8 AM to 3PM.<br>At Sandwich Fair Grounds 1401 Suydam Rd., Sandwich IL 60548. |
| July                         |   |
| Date TBD                     | <b>Lincolns in the Woods</b>  |
| September                    |   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup><br>Saturday | <b>Lincolns by the Lake</b><br>Old Settlers Park - 24100 75th St., Paddock Lake, WI. from 12:00 to 4:00   |
| November                     |   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup><br>Sunday    | <b>Annual Membership Meeting</b>  |
| 2022 LCOC National Events    |   |
| May 4 – 8                    | Western National Meet LCOC Western Region presents the <b>Western National Meet</b> , Palm Springs, California. <b>“A Martini Lifestyle”</b>  |
| August 7 – 14                | <b>Lincoln Homecoming</b> - Hickory Corners, MI   |
| 2023 LCOC National Events    |   |
| September 20 – 24            | <b>2023 LCOC Mid-Continent National Meet</b> – Springfield, IL.   |



# Winter Party



Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 @ 1:00 P.M.

Makray Memorial Golf Club, 1010 S. Northwest Hwy., Barrington, IL



## MENU



**HOUSE SALAD** *with Honey Mustard Dressing*

**Choice of:** - (Fill out the reservation form below.)

**PETITE FILET** – 4 oz. petite filet with cabernet garlic demi, roasted garlic mashed potatoes & grilled seasonal vegetables.

**CHICKEN PICCATA** – Lightly breaded and seared, served with angel hair pasta, lemon caper butter and green beans almonidine.

**GRILLED SALMON** – Smoked tomato butter, wild rice blend and braised spinach.

**DESSERT** – Key Lime Pie



Includes Fresh Rolls & Butter

Coffee Service Included

Cash bar.

**COST PER MEAL \$29.00/person** (Lake Shore will pay the tax and gratuity)

**KIDS MENU** – Includes drink \$10.00 (ages 4-12)

Cheese Pizza    Chicken Tenders with Fries    Hot Dog with Fries    Cheeseburger with Fries



**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 10, 2022.**



Clip the form below and mail along with your check.



NAME

ENTRÉE CHOICE

\$ AMOUNT

Beef, Chicken, Fish or Kids Item

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Barbara Esdale, at 1769 Eastwood Ave., Highland Park, IL. 60035-2111

*Lake Shore Region* **Lincoln & Continental Owners Club**  
**February Event**



**Deacon's Restaurant & Bar**  
**At Golf Farm**  
**2100 US – 12, Wauconda, IL**

**Volo Auto Museum**  
**27582 Volo Village Rd, Volo, IL**

**NOTICE DATE CHANGED TO SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19th.**

We will meet at **NOON** at Deacon's Restaurant & Bar at Golf Farm for lunch (separate checks). Check out their extensive menu of delicious food and drink choices on their website. After lunch we will go to the Volo Auto Museum which is 2.7 miles away. There is so much to see and do at the museum. There really is no set amount of time spent there that will suit every visitor and therefore you can be on your own when we get to the museum, and you can leave whenever you want. You will pay for your ticket at the museum.

**Adults** \$19.95 **Children 5-12** \$12.95 **Seniors 65+** \$17.95  
**Vets & Military with ID card** \$16.95 **Military in uniform & children under 5** free.

**RSVP BY: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14th** to Barb Esdale (847) 831-2544 or ezzy4112@yahoo.com





## "What Else Is In Your Garage?" Sunday, April 24th



The theme for the April 24th, event will be: "What Else Is In Your Garage?" and will be held at the world renowned **ANDERSON JAPANESE GARDENS** in Rockford IL.



The day will start with Sunday Brunch at "Fresco at The Gardens", one of the area's finest restaurants. Following Brunch there will be a guided tour of the Japanese Gardens. Times and prices will be finalized and posted in the March/April Newsletter.



# Lake Shore Region



LINCOLN & CONTINENTAL OWNERS CLUB  
6121 247<sup>th</sup> Ave. Paddock Lake, WI 53168

## 2022 Lake Shore Region Membership Renewal

The Lake Shore Region intends to have a very active 2022! So we start fresh with 100% accurate contact information as we return to a fun filled post pandemic world, please supply all the information requested below. Your email address is especially helpful for activity reminders and it is the only way to receive the newsletter.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Other Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

LCOC Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address for club correspondence, including newsletters: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lincoln Cars Owned (use back of this sheet if more room needed):

Regional membership dues are \$25 annually. Membership runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

To be a member of any region you must also be a current member of the national Lincoln and Continental Owners Club.

**MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO "Lake Shore Region – LCOC" and send it WITH THIS FORM preferably before December 31<sup>st</sup> to:**

Mr. Terry Burns- Treasurer  
Lake Shore Region LCOC  
6121 247<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Salem, WI 53168



## Ford's Forgotten Big Block: The 1958-68 MEL V8



The Ford Motor Company had a plenty on its plate for the 1958 model year. First, there was the rollout of an entire new car division, the ambitious but unfortunate Edsel. Next, there were two distinct new passenger-car V8 engine families heading into production, the FE series and the MEL series. (There was a new SD truck V8, too.) The FE (short for Ford-Edsel) went on to glory at Daytona, Le Mans, and elsewhere, while the MEL V8 (Mercury-Edsel-Lincoln) is largely forgotten today. But that doesn't mean the MEL isn't an interesting engine and worthy of a closer look.

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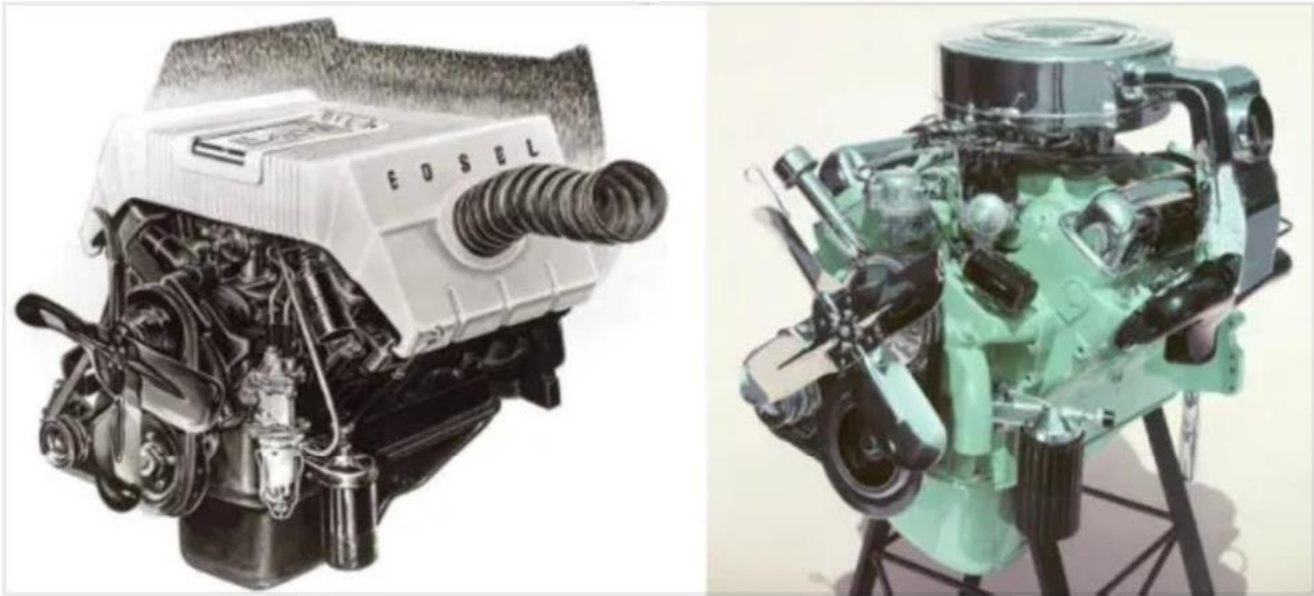
## FORD'S FORGOTTEN BIG BLOCK (CONTINUED...)



Between 1958 and 1968, the MEL V8 was produced in four displacements: 383, 410, 430, and 462 cubic inches. All were built on the same basic architecture with 4.90-inch bore spacing, and they all shared the unusual design feature shown above. There were no combustion chambers in the cylinder head. Instead, the block deck was machined at a 10-degree angle, forming a wedge-shaped combustion space in the top of the cylinder bore. This unusual construction, engineered in part to provide manufacturing flexibility, was a Motor City fad of the late '50s that was also found in the Chevrolet 348/409 V8 (read our feature on the 409 [here](#)) and Ford's SD series large-displacement gasoline truck engines. While the MEL V8 resembles the big SD V8 in some aspects, it shares no major components with the SD, the FE, or any other FoMoCo engines—it's a lone ranger. Applications for the MEL V8s break down as follows:

- + 383 CID: 4.30-in x 3.30-in bore and stroke, used by Mercury in 1958-60
- + 410 CID: 4.20-in x 3.70 bore and stroke, used in 1958 Edsel Corsair and Citation. Marketed as the E-475 V8 in accordance with its 475 lb-ft torque rating.
- + 430 CID: 4.30-in x 3.70-in bore and stroke, used in 1958-60 Mercury, 1959-60 Ford Thunderbird, and 1958-65 Lincoln.
- + 462 CID: 4.38-in x 3.83-in bore and stroke, used by Lincoln from 1966 to 1968, when it was replaced by the 460 CID V8 from the Ford 385 engine family and the MEL series was discontinued for good. The MEL and 385 engine families share 4.90-inch bore centers, suggesting that the 385 was designed to run on the MEL's tooling.

## FORD'S FORGOTTEN BIG BLOCK (CONTINUED...)



As we've seen, Ford wasn't afraid to try new things in this period. For example, check out the elaborate engine shroud with thermostatic air intake shown above left on an Edsel E-400 V8 (361 CID, FE series). While a press photo was released, it doesn't seem the remarkably modern-looking engine cover ever made it into production. (We haven't seen one, anyway.) However, we can see that the production Edsel engines (410 CID E-475, above right) did use thermostatic air control, ducting exhaust heat into the air cleaner housing.

Despite its multiple virtues, the MEL V8 never gained a foothold in the high-performance world. Its exploits in racing were few but noteworthy: Johnny Beauchamp's 430-powered '59 Thunderbird nearly won the 1959 Daytona 500 in the famous photo finish with Lee Petty, while the team of Rodney Singer and Karol Miller took Top Eliminator honors at the NHRA Nationals in Detroit in 1959 with their Lincoln-powered dragster.

Among production MEL V8s, the ultimate in looks and muscle might well be the 1958 Mercury Super Marauder, a special package with three two-barrel Holley carburetors and a fabulously styled cast-aluminum air cleaner assembly (below). With 400 hp at 5200 rpm and 480 lb-ft of torque at 3200 rpm, the 430 CID beast is easily among the most powerful engines offered by the Motor City in the '50s.

# FOR SALE

## For Sale 1979 Lincoln Mark V



Shows under 35,000 miles, two-owner car.

Diamond Blue metallic paint, rare color for 1979. Matching blue leather interior. Has moon roof and all other accessories Lincoln offered in 1979. Always garaged, never driven in winter. A great car for either touring or showing.

No dings, dents or scrapes. Have all maintenance records and factory manuals. Fairly priced at \$14,500/best offer. Call Maxine at 320-269-7547 Minnesota.

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**HAPPY NEW  
YEAR TO  
ALL!**



# Market Place

## Lake Shore Lincoln Lines

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This newsletter is issued bi-monthly to provide information to the Lake Shore Region membership.

Members are encouraged to submit articles and photos of their cars which will be utilized and edited as space will allow.

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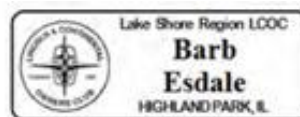
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## FOR SALE

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## ORDER YOUR NAME BADGES TODAY



Did you miss the first order opportunity? You can still order your magnetic backed name badges for only \$12 each. The best part of this club is the friends you meet. *Help them remember you.* PRINT the names you want carefully on a sheet of paper along with your address and send with a check payable to "Lake Shore Region LCOC", to Terry Burns, Treasurer, 6121 247<sup>th</sup> Street., Paddock Lake, WI 53168. Order an extra set of badges to have in your car so that you can be ready for fun any time! Members who have just joined will receive one new name badge if requested along with their application. Each additional name badge will be \$12.

## Notice:

In order to be a member of the Lake Shore Region of LCOC, you must also join the national LCOC organization.

To become a member of the Lincoln & Continental Owners Club (LCOC) call the LCOC Membership Office at (763) 420-7829 or go to <https://lcoc.org/join-lcoc/>