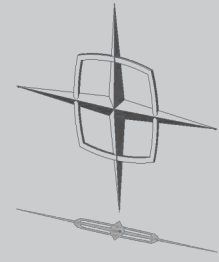


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Fall 2022

Upcoming Events

♦ Looking forward to remaining events in 2022 and hoping that you will join us Mills Oct. 16th

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Director's Message:

Good Day All,

Welcome to Fall!!

It seems like just overnight that the temperatures went from the 80's to the 60's. Fall is now upon us. And as we wind down our great summer season, I would be remiss if I didn't thank everyone for supporting these great summer events.

Let us give a shout out to those who sponsored the MAR events that have already taken place this summer:

1. Owen and Linda Clarke—Rhinebeck Car Show
2. Margaret and Ray Faure—Edison Homestead Tour
3. David Moyer & Alice Schroeder—Oliver Ellsworth Homestead Tour
4. Allan Wilcox—Thimble Island Boat Tour
5. LCOC—Lincoln Homecoming

I wanted to show my appreciation and thanks for those who attended these major events and for those who sponsored them. They are what makes MAR members so terrific.

And don't forget our upcoming events still on the horizon for 2022:

1. October 16th— Gathering of Old Cars at Mills Estate, Staatsburg, NY hosted by Owen and Linda Clarke
2. December 2022 — Neighborhood Light Show in Brooklyn, NY hosted by Pat and Geri Arcieri

MAR continues to focus on its mission of creating friends and family with these and other great events. Even as the Fall and Winter limit our events, still remember that we are both car lovers and friends.

Please feel free to connect anytime. I may be reached at gconvertino@cox.net or on my cell at 401-573-9408. Call anytime... I look forward to hearing from you.

My best.
Cheers,
Gary Convertino, Director



Did you RSVP re: the Mills event on 10/16/22?

Message from your editor, Linda Clarke

There are two events remaining in 2022 that require an RSVP. Please see the calendar on p. 6 and respond to the hosts if you plan to attend. They need to have numbers to plan accordingly. I am sure that you do not want to miss them so write them down now and RSVP.

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Jim Dunn's car in Windsor, CT

Vintage MAR

Continental Slabsides 1961—1967



The 1961 Continental was voted “*Car of the Year*” by Road and Track magazine. In the sixties, it was the only American Four-Door Convertible. Since 1961 was a new body style, Lincoln was cautious with a production of only 25,164 cars. The numbers increased to 45,667 in 1967. What is interesting is that the 1963 convertible was the most expensive at \$6,916.00. One would think that the 1967 would have been more expensive, but it sold for \$6,449.00. The year and model that was the highest production was the 1965 four door sedan. There were 36,824 built in that year and body style. The lowest production was the 1961 convertible in which 2,857 were built. The message is to keep looking.....

Owen Clarke - clarketrustee@msn.com

MAR QUIZ UPDATE

Thank you to Dan Falco for replying to the last MAR quiz. He reported that his Lincoln Zephyr Convertible was not the oldest in our region stating that his Lincoln was actually an early **1941** model-76 produced in November 1940. Paul Willson's is a 1940.

ANSWER on page 7

Lincolns on the Lawn at the Oliver Ellsworth Estate in Windsor, Connecticut



MAR member, David Moyer and his wife Alice Schroeder hosted a superb event at a historic site in Windsor, Connecticut. We parked our Lincolns on the lawn under the trees at the Oliver Ellsworth Estate and in small groups got a special tour of the Homestead led by Alice and other knowledgeable CT DAR members.

Not only was the setting just perfect for our Lincolns, but we also learned about a lesser known, but extremely well-accomplished Connecticut statesman!

Oliver Ellsworth was a Revolutionary War patriot, a signer of the US Constitution, a US Senator and a Supreme Court Justice.

Following our tour, we enjoyed a late lunch at a local restaurant, Tunxis Grill, where we could enjoy more conversation about the Ellsworth estate and thank David and Alice for hosting. It is always more fun to tour interesting historic sites with our Lincoln friends.



Production of Lincoln Hearses and Limousines

Many Lincoln owners often note the make of hearses and limousines seen at weddings and funerals. It seems like Cadillac has taken over the market and we see less Lincolns hearses and limousines today.

Awhile back, Gregg Merksamer sent me pictures of the Nautilus which is built by the ONLY major coachbuilder still offering this very specialized Lincoln vehicle in this small market area. The coachbuilder is Mike Kellerman's MK Coach in the Cincinnati area town of Amelia. The current Nautilus creation is special with unique details fitting a Lincoln created for this very specific market.

Gregg noted that this Lincoln Nautilus Flower car turned many heads when it was on display last year with its stainless steel roof deck and reverse hinged #2 side doors which enhance function (as well as style) by making the passenger side slide out trunk storage tray easier to access. We are glad that Mike Kellerman is still producing specialized Lincolns to admire.



Gregg Merksamer is a member of MAR and the Publicity Chair for the Professional Car Society who generously shares his photos of the many events that he attends.

Thimble Island Boat Cruise by Allan Wilcox

On August 20th, a beautiful Saturday, about ten MAR members braved the high seas for a cruise around the Thimble Islands. The Thimble Islands are an archipelago of islands off Stony Creek Harbor in Branford, CT. They are a series of islands ranging in size from 17 acres to a mere outcropping of rock. They were created by a glacier during the last ice age and consist of pink granite. The largest inhabited island is Money Island which is 12 acres in size and has 32 houses. The smallest inhabited islands are little more than a rock with a house perched on top.

The MAR "Mariners" met around 11:30 at the Dockside Restaurant on the Branford mainland. After fortifying themselves with ample seafood they proceeded to Stony Creek and boarded the Sea Mist for their adventure. The cruise took about one hour and was narrated by the Captain who shared the history of the islands as well as some information about the inhabitants. It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience. All had a great time and no one got seasick.

*—Thank you, Allan, for being a willing host
for this adventure—*

Allan's Capri in Connecticut



Lincoln Highway Tour from New York City to Joliet, Illinois

Some of the cars on this year's June tour:



The next tour will be in 2024 and will travel the middle third of the country. If you have not been on a Lincoln Highway Tour it is terrific fun. You can drive a modern car or a classic. It *doesn't* have to be a Lincoln but the more the better.

CALENDAR

2022 Events Remaining

RSVP
Please



October 16 ***Gathering of Old Cars at Mills Estate on the Hudson River Staatsburg, New York starting at 10:00 AM Followed by dinner at the Clarkes' home.***

We have our own line for classic Lincolns on the lawn
There are some food stands but you may want to bring your own snacks and beverage. Great fall scenery.

Please let Linda know if you are coming to dinner afterwards.
It helps in the food planning to know numbers in advance.
(Last year we had a good turn out at the house—24 for dinner.)
Contacts: Linda and Owen Clarke 845 889-8891

December ***Holiday Get Together in Dyker Heights, Brooklyn, NY***
Date TBA ***for a Spectacular Neighborhood Light Show***
 and Dinner at a local Restaurant.

Hosted by Geri and Pat Arcieri
You have to see these displays in person to believe them.
Will NEED an RSVP to count you in. Don't miss it.
Visitors truly get into the holiday spirit.
Exact date to be decided soon!

IF you have an idea for an event for 2023 or would like to host a MAR event in 2023, please speak with Gary Convertino, MAR Director.

Classified Ads

Please submit classified ads for the next issue of the Observer by 12/31. They are published free of charge for MAR LCOC members.

**SOLD the Beautiful Red and Black 1954 Lincoln Capri
listed in a past Observer
Now owned by Linda Clarke
and happily remaining in the MAR family**



**For Sale 1988 Lincoln Town Cars
Starting at \$4000.00**

Two to Chose From
A **Cartier** or a **Signature Series**
Both have rebuilt transmissions
No mechanical problems

Also a 1990 Lincoln Mark VII LSC

Not running but a solid car
Selling for \$675.00

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THANK YOU Dan for your update and for reading and responding to the Observer. It is good to hear from you and get feedback!

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Hoping that you have time to enjoy
some Fall travels with your Lincoln



A view along the Lincoln Highway
near Princeton, New Jersey