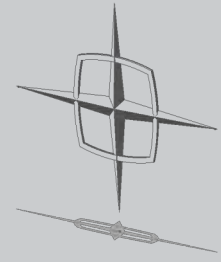


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## Upcoming Events

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## Director's Message:

Hello MAR Members,

I have never wanted to say "Happy New Year" more so than this year.... It has been two years now since the COVID Pandemic has stymied our love for showing off our Lincolns, and hindered our coming together for strong events and friendship. I believe that 2022 will be the turning point in which we can be "happy" that it is a "new year".

MAR has a lot of plans for 2022, including continuing with the events that are steadfast to MAR, such as the Rhinebeck Show and the Staatsburg, NY shows.

We also are trying to add new and innovative events to our schedule this year, including a cruise and museum tour in CT, some holiday lights in NY, an encore visit to another Edison Museum in NJ, the Mecum Auction in PA, and a great car show in RI.

This year, let's try to get together at as many of these events as possible. Remember MAR is not just about our love for Lincolns, but also our desire to continue the great friendships we have created through our love for Lincolns. Lincolns and Friendships go together, like a great dinner and vino!

Our goal at MAR is to always focus on bringing our community of Lincoln owners together to enjoy the comradery of the love of our cars, while enjoying each other's company and conversation.

Please feel free to connect anytime. I may be reached at [gconvertino@cox.net](mailto:gconvertino@cox.net) or on my cell at 401-573-9408. Call anytime, it would be great to hear how you are doing. My best. Cheers,  
Gary Convertino, Director



*Do you ever wonder why there are Interstates in Hawaii?*

## Message from your editor, Linda Clarke

It has been enjoyable to have several events in person. I hope that you enjoy reading about these events in this newsletter. Thank you to Gary Convertino and Gregg Merksamer for their contributions. We look forward to seeing you in 2022.

*Linda Clarke, Editor*

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Dan Bush's 1953 Oxford Gray Capri at RRLR. Its notable horsepower with its four-barrel carburetor enabled a good trip up from NJ.

## Vintage MAR

It is always a pleasure to see Bruce and Muriel Anderson's 1946 Lincoln Continental on the show field. It received a lot of attention at our 2019 Eastern National Meet and it has been pleasing visitors to the Rhinebeck and Mills Mansion events. This 4,125 lb. car stands out as a sophisticated automobile especially with the two-tone paint that Bruce applied. It was a true labor of love seeing this car brought back from the day that Bruce pulled it out of a barn. His photos, that I have seen, are proof of the extraordinary transformation. Sadly, I think the days of such time-consuming, careful restoration of these beauties is almost over. Enjoy the ones that you do see because seeing them has become rare. Thank you Bruce and Muriel for sharing your 1946 Lincoln Continental for others to see and admire.

*Owen Clarke - clarketrustee@msn.com*



## MAR QUIZ

MAR visited Edison's Menlo Park in NJ in December. Thomas Edison was an incredible inventor. Henry Ford knew and admired him. Can you estimate how many patents Edison obtained in his lifetime? 250? 500? 1000?

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## Whirlwind Auto Show at the Audrain Concours and the Newport Car Show—Newport RI

A couple of members of MAR celebrated in style in October at the Audrain Concours Auto Show and Newport Car & Food Truck Festival in Newport RI. Over the weekend of October 1st to the 3rd, 2021, Gary Convertino, David Moyer, Daniel Falco and Ray Mastronunzio visited different aspects of the two shows. On Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, Gary and David enjoyed a very lavish night on the ocean at Rough Point Estate, one of Doris Duke's "Summer Cottages" in Newport, RI. Sponsored by the Audrain Concours and Museum, the night included exotic cars, music, great food and resounding views. On Saturday, Gary visited the Cars and Coffee expo at Fort Adams, with special guest Jay Leno. There were over 300 cars, and the day was perfectly sunny and the variety of cars outstanding. It was a great day on Newport Bay. On Sunday, Gary, David and Ray visited the Audrain Concours for another day on the ocean, only this time at the famous Breakers Mansion. This day included an exclusive judging contest of perfectly minted antique cars, all while surrounded by a beautiful mansion and ocean views. After the Audrain Concours ended, Gary and Ray headed to the Newport Car and Food Truck Show to meet up with Daniel Falco. This show had a great variety of antique, custom and classic cars, with a diverse food truck festival that made everyone's palette excited for some great food. This show was a great conclusion to a very exciting weekend. And...to top off a great weekend, Dan Falco's Lincoln Capri won an award. What a great way to spend one of the last weekends before we put our Lincolns away for the summer, and with great members of MAR. It truly was a memorable and entertaining weekend not to be forgotten for a long time.

Cheers – Gary Convertino

Director, MAR



*Photos by  
Gary Convertino*



(Please note that this is an event in the fall of 2022 so you may want to plan now to attend)

## Mills Mansion—Gathering of Old Cars in October

It was a full field of cars at the Mills estate this year and the **largest** turn out of classic cars ever in the history of this gathering....**1050** cars!

As one Corvette attendee said, if he was parked any further in the field (down near the river) I would have needed a life preserver. Some spectators had to park outside the estate on the road to the village. We had a solid representation of Lincolns in the Lincoln line and a great turn out (**24** vaccinated members and guests) for the buffet that followed at the Clarkes. It gave us a special chance to recognize Edwin Burnett in person as the MAR member of the year and catch up with good conversation and good food. You could see that everyone was glad to be out and glad to be able to get together after so many prior events had been cancelled or rescheduled.

Here's the Lincoln line-up at the show:



Dave Coppelino with  
model cars on the dash



House tours were available at the show



The car show continues at the Clarkes

*Photos Contributed by Gregg and Linda*



## Road Race Lincolns Meet in Hartford

Photos and story by Gregg D. Merksamer (merks62@warwick.net)

**Connecticut's Capital City OF HARTFORD** was certainly a fitting place for the Road Race Lincoln Register to stage its 36th Eastern National Meet from September 9th -11th, 2021, since Lincoln's future founder Henry Martin Leland learned much of what he knew about precision machine tools and interchangeable parts while working there at Samuel Colt's firearms factory in the 1860s. Though this year's "ENM" was hardly destined to be the RRLR's biggest-ever between COVID concerns and scheduling that coincided with 9/11's 20th anniversary, there was no doubting the attendees' enthusiasm when so many of them hailed from far-off states like Virginia, Maine and Maryland.

Meet organizer Allan Wilcox - having previously hosted the RRLR's 2012 & 2015 Eastern Nationals in his Milford, CT home town - was certainly pre-qualified to show his charges a good time, kicking off the itinerary with a Thursday afternoon trip to the New England Air Museum and a Friday morning tour of Mark Twain's mansion that was generously sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Region Chapter of the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club.



These memorable stops were superlatively topped by Friday afternoon's trip to Wayne Carini's home for a truly rare and privileged look at his private car collection. Though the *CHASING CLASSIC CARS* host didn't permit photography on the property, he did approve a detailing of the diverse delights we got to admire in his driveway and garage. These included a 1937 Lincoln Series K LeBaron Coupe whose deep blue paint, blackwall tires and black leather top gave it a lovely "businessman's hot rod" vibe; a Carrozzeria Touring-bodied 1954 Hudson Italia coupe that Wayne first fell in love with as a 16-year-old and finally got to buy when he was 52; and a 1959 Alfa Romeo Giulietta Spider Veloce his autistic daughter Kimberly is especially fond of. A share of everyone's meet registration fees, appropriately, went to Autism Families Connecticut to benefit the programs detailed at [www.autismfamiliesct.org](http://www.autismfamiliesct.org). RRLR donated a total of \$735.00 to this important group.



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RRLR in Hartford continued.....

Saturday morning's bonus tour of Wayne Carini's F40 Motorsports dealership and restoration shop outside Portland, CT was followed, naturally, by the afternoon display of Road Race Lincolns at the Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport host hotel.

A spontaneous decision to line up the show cars end-to-end on a rise adjoining Day Hill Road attracted quite a few drive-by spectators who enthusiastically took part in the "trunk lid election" that ultimately awarded Best-In-Show to the Ambassador Blue 1954 Capri convertible that's been owned by Walter Blankenship of Farmington, CT since 1976 (he paid just \$1,700 to acquire it in northern New Jersey before driving it home across the George Washington Bridge in a snowstorm!).

Saturday evening's banquet in the Marriott concluded with Allan Wilcox's musings about possible venues for the 2022 edition of the RRLR's Eastern National Meet: "I had thought about Newport, Rhode Island as Jay Leno just bought a house there and I'm sure he would invite us over for a picnic" - - - perhaps Wayne Carini will put in a good word for the group!"

*With an abundance of great photos from Gregg, who covered this meet, more photos will be included in the next issue of the Observer in the Spring. Stay tuned.*



### Preview of 2022 Events

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| <b>May 6-8</b>    | <b>Opening Show in Rhinebeck, New York</b>  |
| <b>June</b>       | <b>Edison Homestead, West Orange, New Jersey</b><br><b>Contacts—Margaret and Ray Faure</b>  |
| <b>June</b>       | <b>Lincoln Highway Tour</b> sponsored by the <b>Lincoln Highway Assoc.</b><br><b>From NY/NJ to Joliet, Illinois; Drive your Lincoln on the Lincoln Highway—</b> (Linda and Owen Clarke participated in 2013 & 2015) |
| <b>July</b>       | <b>Oliver Ellsworth Homestead and Dinner in Windsor, CT</b><br><b>Contact— David Moyer</b>  |
| <b>July 27-30</b> | <b>Mecum Auction - Harrisburg, PA</b>   |
| <b>August</b>     | <b>Boat Cruise and Dinner in CT</b> <b>Contact—Allan Wilcox</b>   |
| <b>Aug./Sept.</b> | <b>Audrain Newport Concours or Autofest at Newport Car Museum in RI</b> <b>Contact—Gary Convertino</b>  |
| <b>October 16</b> | <b>Gathering of Old Cars at Mills Estate on the Hudson River Staatsburg, New York</b> <b>Contacts—Owen &amp; Linda Clarke</b>   |
| <b>December</b>   | <b>Holiday Get Together in NY for Neighborhood Light Show &amp; Dinner</b>  |

# Classified Ads

Please submit classified ads for the next issue of the Observer by 3/15. They are published free of charge for MAR LCOC members.

## For Sale a Beautiful Red and Black Lincoln Capri *Excellent Condition*

Well Maintained.....Stunning Interior in Great Condition

New Brakes.....New Tires ..... \$15,000

Owen Clarke 914 474 7055 can put you in touch with the owner



Member Tony Riese attended several local car shows this past year in his home state of Rhode Island and his Lincoln was chosen as the Best in his Class.

I asked Tony for a photo of his Lincoln to share with our members.  
Congratulations Tony.



Answer to MAR QUIZ:

Thomas Edison acquired **1093** patents  
You will read more about our MAR December  
event to Menlo Park in the next issue.

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## FIRST CLASS MAIL

*It is that time of year once again.*

**Please return your enclosed ballot and your dues.**

*If you have already paid your dues for 2022 it is so noted  
on the dues notice and we thank you for paying in advance.*

## Mid Atlantic Region



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View of the Hudson River from Mills