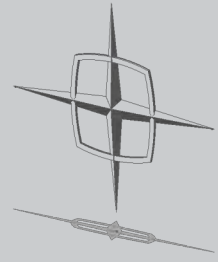


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Upcoming Events

- ♦ Looking forward to 2023 events; Calendar on p. 6

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Director's Message:

Happy 2023 Everyone,

As 2022 comes to a close, we look forward to healthy, car-filled events for 2023.

I think that 2022 was a great year for MAR. We had some great events, in which sponsors were our own members.... that is truly something to be thankful for.

For 2023, we will be starting our get-togethers early this year, so get your cars out of storage as we start some time in April at an event in New York....a very special event that will bring out the artist in all of us. More to come soon.

Please see some other proposed MAR events for 2023 in our calendar in this edition of the Observer.

In the meantime, please enjoy your time with family and friends. And be safe and healthy.

MAR continues to focus on creating friends and family through the events we offer, that focus not only on our great Lincolns and Continentals, but also on building community and friendships.

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 always,

Cheers,
Gary Convertino, Director MAR



Ray, Steve, Gary and Bob
at the Gathering of Old Cars



Happy New Year 2023! Time to vote and to return annual dues.

Message from your editor, Linda Clarke

As we begin the new year, it is time to vote for our managers at large for our region and to pay your MAR 2023 annual dues. A dues notice and ballot are enclosed.

Wishing you a positive new year with time to attend one or more of our upcoming events and time to enjoy great travels in your Lincoln ...

Linda Clarke, Editor

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David Smith enjoys the Mills Mansion Show and drives from Hartford, CT often traveling with other classic car owners

Vintage MAR

Continental Mark III



The official years were 1969-1971, however, some say 1968 was the first year in that the car came out in April 1968 as a 1969 model. The 1970 Mark III was the first American car with radial tires as standard equipment. The 1970 also had genuine walnut trim whereas the 1969 used wood appliques.

In all, 79,381 Mark IIIs were built. In 1971, 44% of all Lincolns built that year were Mark IIIs, up from 37% the prior year. The 1971 had tinted windows and an automatic climate control as new features.

It was a luxury car that owners were proud to drive. Today, they are much sought after by classic car enthusiasts.

Owen Clarke - clarketrustee@msn.com

MAR QUIZ

What is the rarest and shortest produced Lincoln model?

ANSWER on page 7

A few short months ago,
Our Fall Gathering of Old Cars at “Staatsburgh”

Some of our beautiful Lincolns on display



Why travel to the Gathering of Old Cars?



The Mills Show is the third Sunday in October and is a great gathering for many reasons. It remains a fall favorite. Some of the top reasons to attend are:

1. The setting by the Hudson River is beautiful
2. The fall foliage in October is gorgeous (see the back cover photo)
3. There is a great diversity of cars and no judging. A true appreciation of classic cars is evident with camaraderie of the owners and the spectators
4. You can take a tour of the mansion if you choose
5. It is a chance to get out for one more show before winter
6. If it is a year that the Clarkes put on their buffet at their home for MAR members, you are in for a delectable dinner feast with time to socialize. (This past year we had around 28 folks enjoy dinner together after the show.)
7. It is fun to enjoy our hobby together and maintain our friendships



Dyker Heights Brooklyn

Our Dyker Heights gathering to meet for dinner and to see the extraordinary neighborhood light display was postponed from December to January 7th. If you have not seen these decorations you should **definitely** put it on your **to do list** for next year!

Dyker Heights is a mostly residential area of Brooklyn which originated as a housing development around 1895. It is famous for its tradition of lighting decorations which began in the 1980's. It is credited to have begun by Lucy Spata who continued the tradition of decorating her house because of her mother. Today most of the residents use decorating companies to install the lights at a personal cost. Over the years it has been referred to jokingly as "Con Ed's warmest heart throb." If you visit the area at the holiday season you will see why.

Pat and Geri Arcieri live in Dyker Heights and we thank them for being our MAR tour guides. It is not easy to be a resident and endure all the traffic and all the onlookers, but for those of us that get to see the lights, it is a treat that we all enjoy, remember and love to experience. Thank you to all Dyker Heights residents for your annual displays!



*At Annabelle's restaurant:
Standing, Veronica Thomas, Stephen Healey
Seated, Geralyn and Pat Arcieri, MaryEtta and
Michael Downing, Martha and Bill Downing,
Allan Wilcox and Lynn, Gary Convertino*



Photos by Gary Convertino

Preview of 2023 Events

April **Malcolm Pray Achievement Center, Bedford, NY**
Photography Class and Malcolm Pray Car Museum
and Car Show

May **Opening Show in Rhinebeck, New York**
First Weekend in May; Classics are on Sunday

June

July 26-29 **Mecum Auction - Harrisburg, PA**
(With perhaps a stop at Lincoln Farm in Calvin, PA)

August **LCOC Homecoming in Michigan**

August **Captain Cove Seaport Car Show Bridgeport, CT**

October **Gathering of Old Cars at Estate on the Hudson River**
Staatsburg, New York Contacts—Owen & Linda

December **Holiday Get Together - Place TBD**

Please continue to follow the calendar as exact dates and information are updated. If you have a suggestion for an event, wish to host an event, or have any questions, please call Gary Convertino at 401 573 9403

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.

No classifies were submitted

Managers at Large

Pat Arcieri and Owen Clarke are running for another term as Managers at Large. George Caswell has decided not to run but we sincerely thank him for his years of serving. George and Diane have been dedicated MAR members for many years and regularly participate and travel to MAR events all the way from Rhode Island.

David Moyer will be running for the third seat as Manager. David and his wife Alice recently arranged for the outing to Windsor, CT. He is a great resource for information about Lincolns and has published articles in LCOC Comments, our national Lincoln and Continental magazine.

Please return you ballot and cast your vote for Pat, Owen and David. You can vote for three people, each to serve a three year term. There is a space for write-in candidate(s) if you so choose.

MAR Dues are 15.00 per year and due in January 2023. If you are already paid up for 2023, it is so noted on your dues notice enclosed.

Please return to Membership Secretary, Linda Clarke

Answer to MAR QUIZ:

The Lincoln Blackwood.

In total only 3,356 units were produced. Production ended after just one model year in the United States.

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Peter Mann	'23
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Joe Armstrong	'24
Gary Convertino	'24
Allan Wilcox	'24

Directors serve for a
3 year term.

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are \$15.00 per year.
(National membership is
required). DUES need to
remain current to receive
the Observer.



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It is that time of year once again.

Please return your enclosed ballot and your dues.

*If you have already paid your dues for 2023 it is so noted
on the dues notice and we thank you for paying in advance.*

Mid Atlantic Region



64th Year

